

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 17, 2014 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.

3) **INVOCATION:** Resident John Pallares offered the invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Member: Espitia, Martin, Wegman

Absent: Member West and City Attorney Schroeter

Also Present: City Manager Allen, City Clerk Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk Juan, Finance Director Foltz, Interim City Manager Paris, Planning Director Mobley, and Sgt. Chandler

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** Proclamation presented to outgoing City Manager Dan Allen for his years of service with the City of Wasco.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Jose Lona, resident asked if the park on 7th Street and F Street could be cleaned up, have a drinking fountain that works, have restrooms available and the fountain water is dirty and should be cleaned out.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

7) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The Consent Calendar consists of items that in staff's opinion are routine and non-controversial. These items are approved in one motion unless a Councilmember or member of the public removes a particular item.

- a) Approval of the June 3, 2014 regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
- b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$475,618.65.
- c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A contract with the Kern County Sheriff's Department regarding participation in the County Work Release Program.
- d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Payment of one-third of City Attorney's expenses for registration fee and hotel room at League of California Cities Annual Meeting on September 4-5, not to exceed \$233.00.
- e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING THE TITLE VI COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR WASCO DIAL-A-RIDE.
- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR WASCO MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, WASCO LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS NO. 01-01, NO. 01-02, AND NO. 06-1 FOR TAX YEAR 2014/15 AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- g) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- h) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Member West absent), Mayor Cortez announced the vote.

8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: Proposed City Charter. (Allen)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:08p.m.

City Manager Allen gave report.

Attorney Trisha Ortiz was available through the conference phone speaker to answer any questions anyone had.

Member West arrived at 6:11p.m.

There was some discussion from those that were in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the Proposed City Charter.

The following were in favor of the Proposed City Charter:

Russell Johnson with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. was heard. (he handed out a power point presentation to council)

Socorro Martinez, Wasco resident was heard.

The following were in opposition of the Proposed City Charter:

John Spaulding with Building and Construction Trades Council was heard.
Helen Medrano, Wasco resident was heard
Jose Lona, Wasco resident was heard (he handed out a flyer to council)
Lupe Martinez with Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment was heard.
Elizabeth Camarena, with SEIU was heard.
Delia Serano, with SEIU was heard.
Lori Deleon, with the Dolores Huerta Foundation was heard
Yesenia, Wasco resident was heard
Veronica Tova, Wasco resident was heard

The following were also present:

Angelica Vargas, city employee was heard.
Biridiana Rios, Wasco resident was heard.
Juan Flores with Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment was heard.
Tim Holterman, Wasco resident was heard
John Pallares, Wasco resident was heard
Abril, Riverside resident was heard
Eric, Wasco resident was heard

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:46p.m.

Mayor Cortez would like to possibly have another town hall meeting at a neutral place. Mr. Redding with the school mentioned that it could be held at the Thomas Jefferson Recreational Building. Mayor Cortez would like to have a big turn out and asked if those present could inform others when and if another town hall meeting is held.

Mayor Cortez motioned for a recess at 7:49p.m.
Mayor Cortez reconvened the meeting at 7:57pm

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.04, ADDING SECTIONS 5.04.245, 5.04.246, AND 5.04.247, SAID AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES. (Mobley)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 7:59p.m.

Director Mobley gave report.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 8:00p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced that vote was unanimous:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 10) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NO. 552 AND WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.50 RELATING TO RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS. (Allen)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 8:02p.m.

City Manager Allen gave report.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 8:10p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member West made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced that vote was unanimous:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Clerk Rodriguez informed council of the ribbon cutting on Thursday at 5pm for Pretty & Pink Salon on E Street. Sgt. Chandler had nothing to report but thanked City Manager Allen for all his help.

Director Foltz had nothing to report but thanked City Manager Allen for all his help.

Director Mobley reported that 99 cent store is coming in to the old Fresh and Easy building. He also reported that there was a company interested in coming in adjacent to the old Fresh and Easy building.

Interim City Manager Paris informed council that a water conservation item will be brought to council by the end of the summer, the street sweeper should arrive by mid-October. He also thanked City Manager Allen for all his help.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Allen thanked council and staff for all their help throughout the years. He enjoyed working here and learned a lot.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

All council members thanked City Manager Allen for his years of service.


Mayor Cortez adjourned to close session at 8:12p.m.

Mayor Cortez reconvened the meeting at 8:27p.m.


14) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on June 3, 2014.
Interim City Manager Paris reported that Member Wegman made a motion to approve the closed session minutes, 2nd by Mayor Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0
- b) Public Employment (Position of Finance Director) per Government Code Section 54957.
Interim City Manager Paris reported that there was no reportable action.

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 8:28p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor