

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

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

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hively led the flag salute.

3) **INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro Tem Hively asked for a moment of silence.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Hively, Members; Espitia, Reyna

Absent: Mayor Wegman and Member Cortez

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Rodriguez, City Manager Paris, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, Sgt. Chandler, and Fire Captain Steers.

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident Joe Martinez commended the City and Council on Student Government Day. He also addressed his concern with the fire hydrants around town and the electronic readout on Poso & Palm Avenue.

Member Cortez arrived at 6:03p.m.

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 February 16, 2016 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.
- b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,216,722.36
- c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expense Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (High Speed Rail).
- d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expense Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (Public Works Institute).
- e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (Natural Gas Vehicle Institute).
- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (Grant Training).
- g) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- h) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Resident Joe Martinez had a question on item 7b. Mayor Pro Tem Hively asked to pull item 7b.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar with the exception of item 7b, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

Resident Joe Martinez asked if item 7b was money received or paid out. City Manager Paris explained that item 7b are pay outs.

Without any further discussion Member Espitia made a motion to approve item 7b, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

8) Report, Continued Public Hearing, and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.14.020C, SAID AMENDMENTS PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE FEE CALCULATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS. (Wren)

Mayor Pro Tem Hively continued the public hearing at 6:05pm

Director Wren gave report.

Bill Doak, representative from Certis addressed Council.

Bob Crowback, representative with Kennedy Jenkins, addressed Council and informed them that they are not objecting to the ordinance as proposed. He handed out a letter and discussed the five bullet points in the letter.

Mayor Pro Tem Hively closed the public hearing at 6:14pm

Member Reyna made a motion to approve and adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

- 9) Report, Continued Public Hearing, and Possible Approval, RE: CDBG / DRI Program Planning and Technical Assistance Grant 11-DRI-7735 Review and Acceptance of Final Product, Discussion of Performance and Grant Closeout. (Mobley)

Mayor Pro Tem Hively continued the public hearing at 6:15pm

A sign-in sheet was passed out to those present.

Director Mobley gave report and informed those present that a translator was present if anyone needed translation

Mayor Pro Tem Hively asked Director Mobley to discuss some of the projects that were completed with this grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Hively closed the public hearing at 6:18pm

Without any further discussion Member Reyna made a motion to approve the CDBG / DRI Program Planning and Technical Assistance Grant 11-DRI-7735 Review and Acceptance of Final Product, Discussion of Performance and Grant Closeout, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

- 10) Report, Public Hearing, and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO, CALIFORNIA REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-451 AND ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 5.58 TO TITLE 5 RELATING TO STATE VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISES. (Paris)

Mayor Pro Tem Hively opened the public hearing at 6:19pm

City Manager Paris gave report.

Mayor Pro Tem Hively closed the public hearing at 6:21pm

Without any discussion, Member Cortez made a motion to approve and adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE LEW EDWARDS GROUP FOR THE INITIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT FOR BEST PRACTICES UTILIZED TO ENHANCE AND PROTECT LOCAL REVENUES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TO STUDY PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

There was some discussion on the cost for the survey.

Finance Director went over a PowerPoint.

Resident Joe Martinez addressed Council regarding the increase of sales tax.

Members Cortez and Espitia would like the money from the sales tax to be used for public safety.

Member Reyna mentioned that the increase on sales tax would be up to the voters.

City Manager Paris informed Council that the consultant would suggest to the city where the money from the sales tax should go. The actual ballot would show what the money would be used for.

Without any further discussion, Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

- 12) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING AND MODIFYING CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.08, SAID AMENDMENTS RELATING TO WATER RATES. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Member Espitia asked staff to publish in the local newspaper, in detail, the changes.

City Manager Paris informed Council that he had met with the Editor from the Wasco Tribune and was going to write an article.

Without any further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Wegman

13) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: A Cooperative Agreement between California High Speed Rail Authority and the City of Wasco. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Resident Joe Martinez asked if High Speed Rail was going to pay for all the upgrades or was the City going to pay. City Manager Paris informed Mr. Martinez that High Speed Rail would pay.

Without any further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to approve the agreement, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Hively, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman

14) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.

Fire Captain Steers gave an activity report.

Director Sanchez encouraged Council to review the sales tax page he handed out.

Director Wren mentioned that Member Reyna reported at the last meeting about shoes on wires. Director Wren discussed and showed a map with locations that had shoes hanging from wires and reported that staff is working on this.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris showed a video from the earthquake.

He informed Council that he and Mayor Wegman will be attending a High Speed Rail Meeting.

He reminded Council that there would be a community breakfast tomorrow at the school and thanked the school for their participation on Student Government Day.

He reported that he would be out of the office on Thursday and Friday next week.

16) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Member Reyna reported a couch on the north side of Central.

Member Cortez thanked Mr. Ante and students present for attending the council meeting.

Member Espitia asked Director Sanchez for an update of the Finance Department and any deficiencies.

Mayor Pro Tem Hively adjourned to closed session at 7:11p.m.

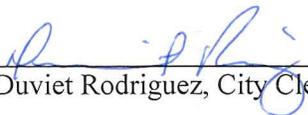
Mayor Pro Tem Hively reconvened from closed session at 7:54p.m.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Public Employee Appointment (Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator) Per Government Code Section 54957.

City Attorney Schroeter reported that there was no reportable action.

18) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Hively adjourned the meeting at 7:54p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Carl Joe Hively, Mayor Pro Tem