

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Espitia called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Espitia led the flag salute
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Danny Arellano with Primera Iglesia Bautista offered the Invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez and Hively

Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, Fire Chief, Lt. Posey, and Sgt. Chandler

Absent: Members Martin and Wegman

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Jose Lona, wanted to know the process for having a food truck. Mayor Espitia asked him to make an appointment with the Planning Director for more information. Mr. Lona also wanted to know the status on the speed limit on Hwy. 43 between Filburn and Poso Ave. Mayor Espitia asked staff to add this to the next agenda.

Gabriela Gomez asked if Griffith Avenue could be repaired as there are too many potholes. Mayor Espitia informed her that it is in the process and to speak with Public Works Director Wren on the timeframe.

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 17, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$501,204.92 and \$3,430.21
 - c) Report, RE: General Plan Annual Report for the 2014 Planning Year.
 - d) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - e) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Council Member Hively made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO. (Sanchez)
Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing 6:10p.m.
Finance Director Sanchez gave report.
There were no comments from the audience or council.
Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing 6:12p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

City Manager Paris asked council if they could move to item 11 before item 9.

Member Hively made a motion to move to item 11, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

- 11) Report, Discussion and Possible Approval, RE: The Audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2014 for the City of Wasco. (Sanchez)
Finance Director Sanchez gave report and went over a presentation on the audited financial statements. Auditor Mark Albert addressed council regarding the audit.
After some discussion on some findings, Member Cortez made a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2014 for the City of Wasco, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH CITY OF WASCO ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2015-01, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DISTRICT, ORDERING PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE, AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS. (Paris)

Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing 6:32p.m.

City Manager Paris informed council that they are not prepared to move forward and asked to continue the public hearing to March 17th.

Member Cortez made a motion to continue the public hearing to March 17th at 6:00p.m., 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

- 10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Award of the Central Avenue, Margalo Street and Hwy. 46 Improvements. (Wren).

Public Works Director Wren gave report.

City Attorney Schroeter recommended that this item be continued to March 17th. Director Wren informed council that if this is continued to the next council meeting the project will fall behind and if the awarding of the project was not approved at the next meeting the project would have to be re-bid and be more behind. After some discussion on the risks, Council Member Cortez made a motion to approve the awarding of the project and approve the City Manager to approve an additional \$300,000 if needed for the project, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

Member Cortez made a motion to reopen item 9, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2.
Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

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Without any discussion, Member Cortez made a new motion on item 9, new motion is to continue the public hearing to March 11th at 6:00p.m., 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Martin, Wegman

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Item 11 was discussed before item 9, see above.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Lt. Posey informed council that the body worn cameras will be shipped this month and should be operating by March 20th.

Sgt. Chandler reported that the ad hoc committee, City Manager and staff from the Sheriff's office met, bike patrol officers need training and it's being scheduled. He also reported that he is working on adding crime reporting on the city website by citizens for any concerns they have. He and Lt. Posey are going to meet with Jaime from the Tribune in regards to having certain Sheriff reports/stats published.

Fire Chief reported that there was a fire in the Carl's Jr. restroom and its being investigated by the arson unit. He also reminded council that they will be having an open house on April 11th.

Director Mobley reported on the high speed rail and housing authority and the draft housing element meeting will be next week at the Planning Commission meeting.

Director Sanchez gave a report on the water expenses.

Director Wren informed council that the street sweeper has been returned and there have been no issues yet.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris reported that he and the ad hoc committee met with the Sheriff, the Undersheriff, and another member of command staff and are in the process of renewing the contract for law enforcement services. They also discussed the issue of patrol around town.

He attended the City Managers and Mayors meeting in Shafter and received a copy of an ordinance from Ridgecrest and has provided the copy to the City Attorney regarding criminal behavior and fines.

He also reported that they are working on getting public input on the city website and mailings, for the repainting of the water tower.

He informed council that he will be visiting Palm Avenue School and reading a Dr. Seuss book to a classroom of students for Dr. Seuss week.

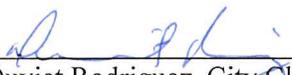
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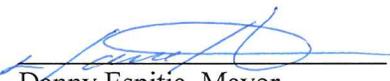
Council Member Hively also reported on the meeting with the Sheriff and Undersheriff. Regarding the issue of Arrowhead water, he would like to see what the cost would be to have a central location with clean water for employees. He shared some student drawings that were submitted for the water tower. He asked if there could be some lighting on the crosswalk on Poso Avenue across from the new market.

Mayor Espitia asked staff to bring back on the next agenda an item regarding crosswalks at schools, Poso Avenue by the new market and Hwy. 43 between Poso and Filburn.

15) CLOSED SESSION: None

16) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Danny Espitia, Mayor