

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, March 4, 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:** Danny Arellano with Primera Iglesia Bautista offered the invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia and Wegman

Absent: Members Martin and West

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Allen, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Foltz, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Paris, and Sgt. Chandler

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

Member Martin arrived at 6:04p.m.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Jose Lona addressed council and asked if the speed limit on Hwy. 43 from Filburn to Poso Avenue could be decreased from 55mph to 40mph. He would also like to see the council meeting recording uploaded on-line so those that cannot attend the meeting could view them and be informed.

Mayor Cortez asked that an agenda item regarding the speed limit on Hwy. 43 be on the next agenda for discussion. City Manager informed council that a few years back the city contacted CalTrans regarding reducing the speed and CalTrans refused to lower the limit.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

- 7) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$39,425.00

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the bill paying list, 2nd by Member Espitia. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous to approve the bill paying list. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Member West absent)

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- 8) **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 18, 2014 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
- b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$642,706.46
- c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of two (2) Irrevocable Offers of Dedication of Easement, the first along the existing northerly portion of State Highway 46 west of Central Avenue, and the second along the south portion of the extension of Margalo Avenue west of Central Avenue.
- d) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- e) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances

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

Member Espitia requested to move up item #11 for discussion due to Member Wegman having to leave for a conference, 2nd by Member Wegman.

- 11) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: An Ordinance Amending Table 17-3 of Title 17 of the Wasco Municipal Code Section Domestic Crops for use of the resident/Occupant Under Category Entitled "Agricultural Uses" (Allen)

City Manager gave report and informed council that this item is not the 1st reading but for discussion only. Member Martin asked that this item be tabled for a future meeting. After some discussion, council directed staff to bring this item back for 1st reading.

Member Wegman left at 6:16p.m.

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO SUPPORTING RE-DESIGNATION OF THE KERN COUNTY/LANCASTER RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE (RMDZ) PROGRAM APPLICATION (Paris)

Director Paris gave report. With no further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Martin. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous to approve the resolution. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. (Member Wegman and West absent)

- 10) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: Proposed Wasco Municipal Code Amendments to Chapter 1.20 - Administrative Citations, Chapter 5.04 – Business License Provisions, Chapter 13.14 – Sewer Service Charges, and Chapter 13.22 – Water Conservation Measures. (Mobley)

Director Mobley gave report and discussed the amendments. Council directed staff to bring back item for 1st reading.

- 11) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: An Ordinance Amending Table 17-3 of Title 17 of the Wasco Municipal Code Section Domestic Crops for use of the resident/Occupant Under Category Entitled “Agricultural Uses” (Allen)

This item was discussed prior to item #9, see above.

- 12) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: City Charter and Charter Document (Allen)

City Manager Allen gave report. Attorney Klima was available to answer questions. City Manager informed council that Member West had a concern regarding the independent audit described on the charter language. Mayor Cortez reported that the Charter Committee wanted transparency and wants the independent audit language as is.

Attorney Klima discussed the timeline.

Mayor Cortez asked that this item be brought back for discussion so that Member West can address his concern with the audit language. There was some discussion on having the City Clerk and City Treasurer as appointed or elected positions. After some discussion the council directed staff not to add this to the charter language and add to the ballot in 2 years so that the residents can vote on whether to have the positions elected or appointed.

- 13) Discussion and Possible Minutes Action, RE: Local Appointment for the Wasco Planning Commission. (Mayor Cortez and Council Member Wegman)

Mayor Cortez reported that he and Member Wegman met with two applicants and recommend appointing Jenny Holtermann to fill the remainder of the term for the Commissioner who resigned. Member Espitia made a motion to appoint Jenny Holtermann to the Planning Commission, 2nd by Member Martin. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous to appoint Ms. Holtermann. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. (Member Wegman and West absent)

14) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Clerk Rodriguez reported the date of the next Wasco Housing Authority Meeting, the Community Breakfast and the Mayors and City Managers Meeting (City of Wasco hosting)

Sgt. Chandler gave a current activity report.

Fire Chief gave a current activity report.

Director Mobley informed council that an RFP went out for Grant Administration for CDBG and last Friday staff submitted an application for the planning grant.

Director Paris reported that water conservation flyers had been mailed out, radar trailers with information are located around town, and a notice was sent to the newspaper for monthly publishing. He also reported that the Animal Control Officer was going to be in training for 2 weeks.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER: None

16) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

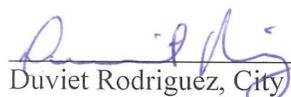
Member Espitia thanked staff for sending information on water conservation.

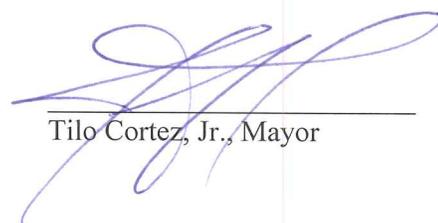
Mayor Cortez reported that residents are happy with the water conservation.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 6:57p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Tilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor