

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wegman called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Wegman led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Resident John Pallares gave the Invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Wegman, Members; Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

Absent: Member Hively and Director Wren

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Rodriguez, City Manager Paris, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Sgt. Chandler, and Deputy Vasquez.

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

- a) Community Beautification Recognition Program Award: Yard of the Quarter.
Mayor Wegman presented the award to residents Desmond and Candy Wilson.
- b) Community Beautification Recognition Program Award: Commercial Property of the Quarter.
Mayor Wegman presented the award to Portwood Farms.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Luis with the Orange Heart Foundation informed Council that he was involved with the High School Reunion Event and is now involved with the Downtown Business Association. They are planning to have a taco festival and have it be an annual event. He will provide more information on the event at another Council meeting.

John Kim, business owner, informed Council that he is looking forward in working with the City Council and changing downtown. He asked for their help and support. He reported that tomorrow is the next Downtown Business Association meeting at 5:30p.m.

Tracy Clendenen, involved with the Orange Heart Foundation and the Downtown Business Association, informed Council that they are planning on having a daughter/father dance at the Veterans Hall on April 29th from 6-8pm. They will be inviting K-8th grade students. They will be asking for donations and hopes this will be an annual event and affordable.

Dundee Kelbel, with Sweetwater Resources, addressed Council and gave an update on the facility.

Joe Barker, owner of the building located 591 J Street which Sweetwater Resources will use, addressed Council and gave an update on the facility.

Mike Popichak, with Sweetwater Resources, gave an update on the project and encouraged the City Council to visit the site.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

- 7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,200.00
Member Reyna made a motion to approve the department payments totaling \$1,200.00, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hively

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 March 1, 2016 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$130,797.64
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorization to purchase one Dial-a-Ride transit bus shelter to be installed in front of Wal-Mart.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of two security cameras and recording system through the State Office of Emergency Services Transit Security Grant Program.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

COMMERCIAL FAÇADE REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND A TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF THE FAÇADE REHABILITATION PORTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR THE PARCELS CREATED FROM THE DIVISION OF LOT 10 OF LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. 08-04 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.
- g) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- h) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Espitia asked staff if item 8c was the same grant funding as the others. City Manager Paris explained that it was.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BUXTON COMPANY FOR MARKETING CONSULTING SERVICES. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report and introduced Lisa McCay with the Buxton Company.

Ms. McCay gave a presentation and addressed Council.

There was some discussion on the timeframe, land owners and demographics.

Without any further discussion Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Cortez.

All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 10) 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 Wegman opened the public hearing at 6:56p.m.

Director Sanchez gave report and no one present had any comments.

Mayor Wegman closed the public hearing at 6:59p.m.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 11) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADDING CHAPTER 8.48 TO THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report and introduced Matt Constantine, the Director of Kern County Public Health. Mr. Constantine addressed Council and informed them that the Kern County Board of Supervisors has also adopted the three ordinances being presented tonight.

Bren Carrigan, Deputy Director of Kern County Public Health, addressed Council and informed them this ordinance will provide safety food training to those who handle food.

Resident Joe Martinez asked why the County was asking the City to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Carrigan informed Council that this will require businesses that are closed, due to violations, to attend training.

Member Reyna asked if repeated violations and closed business have to attend the training. Ms. Carrigan replied that both would have to attend the training.

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

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 12) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO REPEALING CHAPTER 5.60 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING CHAPTER 8.52 RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAILERS PERMIT. (Paris)

City Manager Paris informed Council that Ms. Carrigan will report on the ordinance.

Bren Carrigan, Deputy Director of Kern County Public Health, gave report and informed Council that a letter was mailed to all tobacco retailers regarding this ordinance.

Resident Joe Martinez suggested an alternative to take away the right to sell tobacco and what happened if there was a change of ownership.

Ms. Carrigan replied that the program does take into account change of ownership.

Member Reyna asked once a sale to a minor occurs and there's a citation, how often will they be checked again.

Ms. Carrigan replied that penalties vary on the amount of violations they have. Inspections can be done two to three times a year depending on the amount of violations.

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. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

13) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADDING CHAPTER 9.36 TO THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF PSYCHOACTIVE BATH SALTS, PSYCHOACTIVE HERBAL INCENSE (SPICE) AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Bren Carrigan, Deputy Director of Kern County Public Health, addressed Council.

Resident Joe Martinez asked who will confiscate drugs and how will they be destroyed. Sgt. Chandler answered Mr. Martinez questions.

Director Mobley asked Council to amend the Chapter, it should be Chapter 9.40 and not 9.36.

Without any further discussion Member Espitia made a motion to introduce the ordinance and change the Chapter to 9.40, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

14) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Finance Department operations and overtime expense. (Sanchez)

City Manager Paris and Director Sanchez both gave the report.

Member Espitia informed Director Sanchez if the Finance Department needed more staff that he needs to inform Council.

There was some discussion on automatic and website payments for the utility bill.

No action was made.

City Attorney Schroeter informed Council that a closed session item came up after the agenda was posted and the need to be discuss the matter immediately.

Member Cortez made a motion to add an item to closed session regarding litigation, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Member Hively absent. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

15) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler introduced Deputy Vasquez. He reported that the radar guns are being recalibrated and they are planning on doing a bike patrol.

16) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris reported on the recent High Speed Rail meeting he attended and that he would be attending another meeting in April. He also informed Council that he has jury duty the last week of March.

17) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Reyna reported that he was glad to see the groups that were present at tonight's meeting.

Member Espitia would like staff to look into the goals and see where the City stands. City Manager Paris informed Council that this will coincide with the budget workshops.

Mayor Wegman asked staff to look into an ordinance to limit smoke shops. City Manager Paris informed Council that staff is working on this.

Mayor Wegman adjourned to closed session at 8:13p.m.

Mayor Wegman reconvened from closed session at 8:50p.m.

18) CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Schroeter reported that there was no reportable action.

19) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wegman adjourned the meeting at 8:51p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Cherylee Wegman, Mayor