

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, May 3, 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:** Griffith Avenue Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Wegman, Members: Cortez, Hively, Reyna

Absent: Member Espitia and Finance Director Sanchez

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

David Wolf introduced himself and informed those present he is running for Judge in Kern County.

Resident Bob Reeves addressed Council regarding trash being dumped around the city, people dumpster diving, and residents not keeping up with their property and palm trees.

Mayor Wegman directed staff to look into an ordinance regarding palm trees.

Luis with the Orange Hearts Foundation gave an update on the father/daughter dance event they just had and informed Council that they are planning on having a trash pickup day around town.

City Manager Paris informed him that Code Enforcement does this on a quarterly basis and would like for Code Enforcement and Orange Hearts Foundation to possibly coordinate this together.

Tracy Clendenen, involved with the Orange Hearts Foundation and the Downtown Business Association, gave an update on the funding for the annual fireworks show and asked Council to make a personal donation towards the show. They are planning on doing events and fundraising throughout the year for next year's fireworks show. She also reported they participated in the Kern County Museum 100th Birthday Bash and it was a great event.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$3,200.00

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the Successor Agency department payments totaling \$3,200.00, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

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 April 19, 2016 Joint Budget Workshop/Study Session and the Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,521,542.64

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' FY 2015-2016 CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS FILING WITH THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 2016-1 FOR LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING FOR TENTATIVE TRACT 7127.

- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES DISTRICT 2016-1 FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.
- g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Emergency Repair of a Trickle Filter Pumps at the City of Wasco Wastewater Treatment Plant by Farm Pump & Irrigation.
- h) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement between the City of Wasco and Cintas Corporation to provide uniform services to City field personnel.
- i) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Non-Disclosure Agreement by and between Pacific Gas & Electric Company and the City of Wasco.
- j) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- k) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Reyna asked to pull item 8g for further discussion.
 Resident Joe Martinez asked to pull items 8f and 8i for further discussion.

Member Cortez made a motion to pull items 8f, 8g and 8i and approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
 AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Espitia

Member Reyna asked, regarding item 8g, are pumps going to be put on a maintenance schedule. City Manager Paris replied that they will be.
 Member Reyna made a motion to approve item 8g, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
 AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Espitia

Resident Joe Martinez asked, regarding item 8f, what this entails and if there would be an increase for all residents or who. City Manager Paris replied that it would be for Tract 7127 only.

Resident Joe Martinez asked, regarding item 8i, why a non-disclosure agreement is necessary. City Manager Paris replied that staff requests facilities mapping from PG&E as part of project planning and the agreement is to establish that the information provided to the City by PG&E is proprietary and may not be shared.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve items 8f and 8i, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
 AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Espitia

- 9) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: A Proposal to Replace the Clock Tower at 7th & E Streets with the Mini-Water Tower. (Mobley)
 Director Mobley gave report and asked Council for direction.
 There was some discussion on where to place the clock tower and how to limit accessibility and graffiti on the mini-water tower, if put in place of the clock tower on 7th Street.
 Resident John Pallares had a few suggestions; to use the mini-water tower as a mobile display and use it for parades, place it on 7th and D Street or even at the new park.
 Member Reyna made a motion to replace the clock tower at 7th Street with the mini-water tower, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
 AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Espitia
- 10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO INCREASING THE SALARY RANGES FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT POSITIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE SALARY RANGES AS INDICATED. (Paris)
 City Manager Paris gave report and informed Council that he has contact the SEIU 521 Union and they agreed with the proposed increase.
 There was some discussion on what other cities are currently paying for these positions.

Resident Joe Martinez discussed the Wastewater Grade process, his position with SunnyGem and recommended to check with the City of Delano to see if they can provide any services.

Director Wren reported that he has contacted the City of Delano and the services wouldn't work for the City of Wasco.

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

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement between the City of Wasco and JLR Environmental Consultants, LLC for assistance in the daily operation of the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Paris)

Director Wren gave report and reported that JLR will get the City into compliance and educate staff.

There was some discussion on the cost, the services being provided, and the current agreement with the current consultants.

Resident Joe Martinez commended Director Wren for finding another company.

Member Hively made a motion approve the agreement with JLR Environmental Consultants, LLC, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

12) Report, Continued Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO MAKING FINDINGS INCLUDING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND ADDING CHAPTER 8.56 TO THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING HOOKAH BARS AND LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TOBACCO SHOPS. (Paris)

Mayor Wegman continued the public hearing at 7:05p.m.

City Manager Paris asked Council to drop this matter and have staff re-advertise the hearing and move forward with this item at a later meeting.

Without any further discussion or comments, Mayor Wegman closed the public hearing at 7:06p.m.

Resident Joe Martinez asked to address Council.

Mayor Wegman re-opened the public hearing at 7:06p.m.

Resident Joe Martinez had a comment on the square footage.

Mayor Wegman re-closed the public hearing at 7:08p.m.

Member Cortez made a motion to withdraw item 12 and bring back to a later meeting, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler reported on the DUI checkpoints conducted recently and gave an activity report.

Fire Chief reported on a small fire at Certis.

Director Mobley reported that they had a 2nd meeting with the Housing Authority residents and there were no issues.

Director Wren reported on the following projects: adding 26 solar street lights on Hwy 43 and improving the landscape, starting the TJ School and Clemens handicap project, Palm Avenue project has been advertised and should be in construction this summer. He reported and showed pictures of the new dial-a-ride bus and sanitation truck.

Member Cortez asked staff to look into upgrading the lighting at Southgate (13th Street).

14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris gave an update on the High Speed Rail meetings he's attended and the upcoming meetings.

He reported that staff has been receiving calls from residents regarding their utility bill. He informed Council that he will be out of the office Thursday and Friday but can be reached by cell phone if needed.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Reyna asked staff if they electronic signs can be placed around town with information on the new water rates.

Member Hively informed Council and staff that the High School steel drum band is having a concert in a couple of weeks if anyone would like to attend. He asked if staff could look into adding a 4-way stop sign by the Veterans Hall and the baseball park. He reported that some stop signs are starting to be covered by trees and if employees see that when they are driving around they should reported so that the trees can be trimmed.

Member Cortez appreciates the Orange Hearts Foundation for all that they are doing. He challenged Council and Directors to make a donation to the fireworks show. He encouraged everyone to download the Wasco App on their cell phone and use it to reporting things they see around town.

Mayor Wegman asked Sgt. Chandler to patrol Wal-Mart for reckless drivers.

Mayor Wegman adjourned to closed session at 7:37p.m.
Mayor Wegman reconvened from closed session at 7:39p.m.

16) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on April 19, 2016.
City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Hively made a motion to approve the closed session minutes, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1, Member Espitia absent.

17) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wegman adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Cherylee Wegman, Mayor