

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, May 5, 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:** Jeff Wallace with New Day Church offered the Invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, and Wegman

Absent: Member Hively

Mayor Espitia announced one vacant council seat.

Also Present: City Manager Paris, Deputy City Clerk Juan, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, City Attorney Schroeter and Sgt. Chandler

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

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

Joe Gonzalez, resident, addressed council regarding an ordinance, section 13.08.040(c). He believes a landlord should not be liable for previous tenant utility fees. He requested this item be added on the next meeting.

City manager Paris stated it will be on June 2nd agenda.

City Attorney Schroeter asked to add an emergency item to the Agenda's closed session regarding Maria Benavidez.

Member Cortez made a motion to add an emergency item to the closed session, 2nd by member Wegman. Motion carried all in favor 3-0-1 Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

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 following minutes:
 - April 21, 2015 Joint Budget Workshop/Study Session.
 - April 21, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$185,641.20
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses exceeding \$500.00 per trip.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Deputy Public Works Director Employment Agreement.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorization to purchase a 2015 GMC 2500HD Sierra pickup truck from Motor City Buick GMC.
 - f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - g) 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 Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO PURCHASE SUCH BONDS. (Attorney Schroeter)
City Attorney Schroeter recommends Council adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of limited obligation improvement bonds and authorizing the City Treasurer to purchase such bonds in connection with financing certain public improvements in City of Wasco Assessment District No. 2015-01.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve and adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 3-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Professional Services Agreement for Amending and/or Drafting Ordinances to Conform with Requirements of the California Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006. City Manager Paris reported we currently have an ordinance which provides a Cable System Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Entertainment – Advance/Newhouse Partnership dba Time Warner Cable Bakersfield (TWC), Inc. (Charter). This will allow the City of Wasco for purposes of amending and/or drafting ordinances to implement funding and regulatory provisions of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA); The request to hire Best Best and Krieger in this endeavor will allow the City to amend or draft ordinances allowing for the possible funding of providing Council meetings live to the community and/or providing the equipment necessary to allow citizens the ability to watch past Council meetings.

Member Wegman made a motion to Approve A Professional Services Agreement for Amending and/or Drafting Ordinances to Conform with Requirements of the California Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006. 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

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

- 10) Report and Possible Direction, RE: Allowing Wasco Union High School to block traffic on Palm Avenue during the beginning and end of school for student safety. (Wren)
Public Works Director Wren addressed council on guidance to close Palm from 7th to 5th.
Kevin Tallon High School principal stated they have 12 P.E. classes that cross Palm during school hours and over 100 kids, just want to safety for students because people drive too fast down Palm.
Public Works Director Wren is not in favor of closing Palm due to safety risks. The side streets surrounding the school were not made wide enough, and also creates an opportunity for other schools wanting to close streets.
Public Works Director Wren doesn't want it to be a liability for the City.
City Manager Paris asked school officials what hours were proposed for having Palm Ave closed.
Kevin Tallon stated they were looking for direction from council and staff, is willing to get a proposal drafted and provide to council and staff.
Mayor Espitia stated public safety is the main concern.
City Manager Paris said he spoke with Law Enforcement and Fire Department to see how it would affect them because it is one of the main streets used daily by them.
Member Cortez mentioned they addressed this situation several times in the past, and is willing to look at what is proposed to them from the High School.
Member Wegman is totally opposed on this and feels Poplar & 5th is a bad intersection.
Sgt. Chandler stated he is looking for a positive situation for everyone. Asked how how many kids cross a day, and stated the City spent Federal money to put in the bike paths they wouldn't be used if the streets was closed.
School Rep Martin Lonza stated the High School made a lot of changes in the past 2 years. Feels if the street was closed he thinks people will become accustomed to the change.
Member Wegman said she is proud of the High School.

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: City Council Appointment of a Voting Delegate and an Alternate to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's City Selection Committee. (Deputy Clerk Juan)
Deputy Clerk Juan reported that staff recommends that City Council appoint a Voting Delegate and an Alternate to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control City Selection Committee. Council Member Martin was the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Wegman was the Alternate. With the resignation of Council Member Martin, council needs to either appoint Mayor Pro Tem Wegman as the new Voting Delegate and appoint an alternate or appoint another Council Member as the new Voting Delegate and keep Mayor Pro Tem Wegman as the Alternate.

Member Cortez made a motion to appoint Member Hively as the Primary Voting Delegate and Member Wegman as the alternate, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 3-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Sgt. Chandler reported that they will be having a meeting with the Fire Department to discuss the 4th of July to prevent illegal fireworks. They are 45 days into the body worn cameras and gave an activity report.
Director Mobley reported that he is working with the contractor with the Downtown Overlay zoning code revision, would like to have a joint Planning and Council meeting.
Member Wegman mentioned that in the past they had always had 2 council members on board before moving forward with it. Thinks they need to have a group (one from Chambers, Council and Historical be a part of it.
Director Mobley stated he will get is done.
Director Wren thanked Council for approving 7D the agreement contract with Jeremy Bowman as the Deputy Public Works Director and introduced Jeremy to Council.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager reported that the applications for the vacant council seat will be due May 14, 2015 at 4:30p.m. to City Hall. Appointment of the new Council Member is scheduled for June 2, 2015 during a regularly scheduled Council meeting..

City Manager Paris asked council if they'd like to cancel or change the meeting date for the second council meeting in May because Member Cortez, Director Mobley and himself will be at an ICSC Conference. Mayor Espitia asked to see how many agenda items would be on the agenda to know if the meeting should be cancelled or rescheduled.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Member Cortez stated that it would be good to get High School and Communities input for the Downtown Overlay, and reported that the graffiti off of Poplar and Bay Meadows in the El Dorado Estates is getting worse. Welcomed Jeremy aboard and thanked everyone.

Mayor Espitia reported parking in the alleys behind the Catholic Church. Thanked Director Sanchez on the Budget Workshop, and thanked High School.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

15) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel Re Claim filed by Maria Benavidez per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

City Attorney Schroeter reported there was no reportable action.

16) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.


Sarina Juan, Deputy City Clerk


Danny Espitia, Mayor