

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, May 13, 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:** Bill Lewis with Griffith Ave Baptist offered the invocation

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia, Martin, Wegman and West

Absent: Public Works Director Paris

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

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

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 Bill Paying List total amount of \$ 117,749.52
 - b) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - c) 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 Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Mayor Cortez announced that vote was unanimous:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 8) 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 Allen reported that the vote taken at the May 15th council meeting regarding this ordinance was found to be insufficient by a 2 to 1 vote. All ordinances need at least 3 affirmative votes, with 2 council members absent and one council member not supporting the ordinance, the ordinance failed.

Member Espitia believes it's an effective tool and approves of the ordinance, Member Wegman agrees.

Member West asked if this was brought up because of corn being grown in front yards and if so why not just limit the height.

Member Martin mentioned that the owner of the property with corn in the front yard has resolved the issue and this ordinance should be tabled for a year.

There was some discussion on requiring grass in the front yards. Member Espitia would like for staff to talk to residents with gardens in the front yard and make them aware of this ordinance.

Mayor Cortez directed staff to bring the ordinance back for vote and public hearing.

9) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler informed council that on June 17th they will be having a bike rodeo. He also gave an activity report. Director Foltz reported that he received a letter from the Department of Finance and the RDA property can now be legally sold.

Director Mobley reported that the Wal-Mart plans have been picked up and things are moving forward.

10) **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:** None

11) **REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

Member Martin asked if Hall Ambulance had a franchise agreement with the City. Manager Allen stated that one wasn't needed. Member Martin thanked Sgt. Chandler for their quick response on a car stolen from his house and how quickly it was found.

Council Members Cortez, Espitia, Wegman and West had nothing to report.

Mayor Cortez adjourned to close session at 6:26p.m.

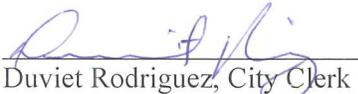
Mayor Cortez reconvened the meeting at 8:14p.m.

12) CLOSED SESSION:

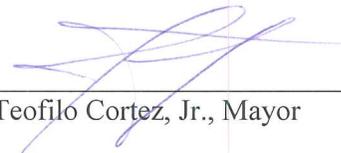
- a) Performance Evaluation – City Manager, Government Code Section 54957
Attorney Schroeter stated that there was no reportable action.
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel Re: claim filed by Shakir Fakhruddin per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Attorney Schroeter stated that Member Martin made a motion to deny the claim, 2nd by Member Espitia. Unanimously adopted to deny claim filed by Shakir Fakhruddin.

13) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 8:14p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor