

MINUTES
Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, November 07, 2017 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Espitia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Espitia led the flag salute.

3) **INVOCATION:** Griffith Avenue Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Members: Espitia, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

Absent: Mayor Cortez

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Paris, Deputy City Clerk Martinez, Finance Director Ruiz, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, Sergeant Moreno, and Fire Chief

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Jerry Schumacher with SunnyGem asked Council not to approve the Property Purchase Agreement on item 15a. SunnyGem would like to purchase property and utilize it for employee parking.

Rachel Gonzalez ,resident, addressed Council regarding Portable Carport issues.

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 October 17, 2017, Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of October 20, 2017, Special City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.
- c. Receive and file department payments totaling \$3,407,797.63.
- d. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Purchase of a new emergency generator at the City Hall Annex for \$45,016.00 from Cummins Pacific, LLC.
- e. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Awarding of the Roadway Fiber-Seal of Various Street Projects (9th Place, Sycamore Drive, etc.).
- f. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Consider Letter of Commitment from the City Council of the City of Wasco regarding an update to the Kern County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- g. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (California Society of Municipal Finance Officers - 2017 Annual Weekend Training Seminar).
- h. Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- i. Approve the Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances in Summary Form.

Member Wegman and Reyna asked to pull item 7e for further discussion.

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item 7e, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

Mayor Cortez arrived at the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Member Reyna asked staff where does the City advertise for projects due to 1 returning bid on the Fiber-Seal project.

Director Wren answered the Bakersfield Californian, Wasco Tribune, and Kern County Builder's Exchange.

Member Wegman asked the staff if the type of material being used for the Fiber-Seal project is fiber?

Director Wren responded, "no."

Member Reyna made a motion to approve item 7e, 2nd by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Minute Action, RE: The City Council of the City of Wasco to Conduct Public Hearing #2 regarding the transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections.

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

City Manager Paris gave a report.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Member Espitia made a motion to conduct public hearing number two, 2nd by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY (BOTH MEDICAL AND ADULT-USE), PROHIBITING OUTDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION, AND ALLOWING INDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, AND MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

City Manager Paris introduced Ms. Marroquin, Senior Attorney from Richards, Watson & Gershon, who presented the report.

Public against cannabis cultivation in the City:

Rachel Gonzalez

Danny Scott

Joseph Graf

Manuel Gonzalez

Member Garcia expressed his disagreement with prohibiting cannabis cultivation in the City.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Member Reyna made a motion to introduce the Ordinance, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-1-0-0. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: Garcia

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 10) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING TABLE 17-1, PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONES, TO PERMIT FARMER'S MARKETS IN THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (C-O) ZONE, SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT A.

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Director Mobley gave a report.

Member Wegman expressed her concerns about how it will affect the local markets when the city allows farmers markets in the professional office zones.

Member Reyna explained to those present that Omni Clinic intends to provide healthy alternatives to families.

Member Espitia stated to designate certain areas only for the market areas.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Member Reyna made a motion to introduce an Ordinance, 2nd by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 3-2-0-0. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the votes:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna,
NOES: Espitia, Wegman
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

11) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADDING AN ADDITIONAL KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY UTILIZING FUNDING FROM MEASURE X FUNDS.

City Manager Paris gave a report.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve a Resolution, 2nd by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the votes.

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mayor Cortez opens public comments for closed session item 15a.

Jerry Schumacher with SunnyGem asked Council not to approve the Property Purchase Agreement and give SunnyGem an opportunity to purchase the property and utilize it for employee parking.

12) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Sgt. Moreno gave an activity report and an event update.

Fire Chief gave an activity report.

Director Mobley provided Council with slideshow presentation regarding new developments projects for November 2017.

Director Ruiz informed Council the water bills have dropped due to heat reduction.

Director Wren informed Council the exercise equipment at Westside Park is completed.

13) **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Paris informed Council that Arroyo and Associates will be conducting interviews for the Police Services Analysis and would like City Council participation and if so, would need to give Arroyo and Associates Council contact information. Council members agreed. He also mentioned to Council the Wasco Downtown Business Association would be organizing the Christmas Parade, which will be held December 11th.

14) **REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

Member Garcia commended Sergeant Moreno regarding the Sheriff's social media.

Member Reyna reported on his attendance on a ride along with the Sheriffs and commended them for their hard work. He also mentioned his participation in Trunk or Treat, and the event was very successful.

Member Espitia mentioned people are riding bikes without headlights and it could be a safety issue and asked if it could be monitored.

Mayor Cortez informed of his participation on an interview panel for the Independent High school interviews.

Mayor Cortez commences the closed session at 7:52 p.m.

15) **CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Conference with real property negotiator (City Manager) regarding price and terms of payment for the real property described as APN 487-250-32 per Government Code Section 54956.8.

City Attorney Schroeter reported there was no reportable action.

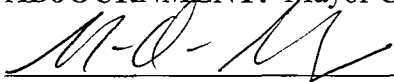
- b. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on October 20, 2017.

City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Garcia made a motion to approve closed session minutes, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 3-0-2-0 (Espitia and Wegman abstained).


- c. Conference with City Manager as City's designated representative regarding labor negotiations with SEIU per Government Code Section 54957.6.

City Attorney Schroeter reported there was no reportable action.

16) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 8:54p.m.



Maria O. Martinez, Deputy City Clerk



Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor