

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 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:** Bill Lewis with Griffith Avenue Baptist offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman  
Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Rodriguez, Public Works Director Wren, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Sgt. Chandler.

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None  
Mayor Espitia would like to acknowledge the Wasco High School Tennis Team for the Championship. At a future meeting he would like the team and coach to be presented with a certificate.
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**  
Resident Muriel McGuire addressed council regarding an aggressive dog.  
Resident Wanda Eskew addressed council regarding an aggressive dog.  
Resident Patty Mehlberg addressed council regarding an aggressive dog.

Mayor Espitia asked staff to add this item to a future agenda for discussion.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

- 7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$ 105.00  
Member Wegman made a motion to approve the Successor Agency department payments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**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 following minutes:
    1. October 20, 2015 Wasco City Council Workshop
    2. November 3, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Minutes.
  - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$151,958.14
  - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip. (MFI)
  - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip. (HSRA)
  - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WASCO AND ST. NICK'S COMMERCIAL DESIGN AND DÉCOR TO INSTALL LED WALL WASHERS TO THE CITY OF WASCO WATER TANK.
  - f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

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

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wasco Amending Title 5, Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations of the City of Wasco Municipal Code, Amending Chapter 5.40, Business Use of Sidewalks. (Mobley)  
Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing at 6:12p.m.

Director Mobley gave the report.

There was some discussion on the number of days for sidewalk sales and if the city or the business owner should choose what days for the sales.

There was also discussion on restrictions. City Manager Paris suggested that the permit itself can have the restrictions printed on it.

Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 6:44p.m.

Member Cortez made a motion to introduce the ordinance and have three (3) fixed days and two (2) chosen days, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. Motion carried as follows 4-1-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Wegman

NOES: Reyna

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services Amending and/or Drafting an Agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority for the Proposed Relocation of Public Housing Development Owned and Operated by the Wasco Housing Authority. (Paris)**

City Manager Paris gave the report.

Member Reyna brought up some errors and corrections needed on the proposed agreement between the City and HSR. City Manager Paris made a note and informed Council that it was a draft and corrections will be made in the final agreement.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve the legal services agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**11) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Wasco Recreation and Parks District Board Appointment. (Mayor Espitia and Council Member Cortez).**

Mayor Espitia reported that only one letter of interest was received and it was from Mr. Gilbert Garland who currently serves on the board. Without any discussion Member Reyna made a motion to appoint Mr. Garland to the Wasco Recreation and Parks District Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report. He also mentioned that Deputy Venable will be retiring and his last day is January 8, 2016. He informed Council that he would be out of the office next week. Member Reyna asked if Sgt. Chandler could look into a plan on how to decrease the numbers on the sheriff's monthly report, some of the offenses reported increased from the previous year.

Director Wren reported that the paving on the D Street project has been finished and the striping of the street would be next week.

**13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Paris informed council that he would be attending a High Speed Rail meeting in Sacramento on Friday. He asked for council direction on the date for the employee luncheon, either December 10<sup>th</sup> or December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Cortez thanked Sgt. Chandler for his work.

Member Hively has received compliments on the D Street project and hopes Griffith is next. He would like to have the Wasco Tribune have an article to encourage residents to assist the Sheriff's office when they see anything unusual and report it or take a picture.

Member Wegman asked if anyone was attending the Library meeting on Wednesday. City Manager Paris informed council he would be attending.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to close session at 7:19p.m.

Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 7:33p.m.

**15) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Conference with legal counsel re claim filed by Southern Cal Gas per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Cortez made a motion to reject the claim filed by Southern Cal Gas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

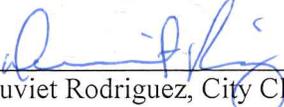
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

b) Conference with legal counsel re potential litigation with Bright House Networks per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

City Attorney Schroeter reported that there was no reportable action.

**16) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:33p.m.

  
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Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
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Danny Espitia, Mayor