

**MINUTES**  
**Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – 6:00p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280**

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

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.

3) **INVOCATION:** First Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez Members: Garcia, Reyna

Absent: Members: Espitia, Wegman

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

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

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident Robert Anderson addressed Council regarding the traffic issues in the alley of 1<sup>st</sup> street behind Burger King and is concerned how it will be with Starbucks coming in.

**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. Receive and file department payments totaling \$273,432.18.

b. Report and Possible Adoption 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.

c. Report and Possible Adoption 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 IN 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.

d. Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT NO. 6334 PHASE 2, ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC USE ALL DEDICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE OFFERED, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENDORSE THE FINAL MAP.

e. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (League Elections Seminar).

f. Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to provide bid plans and specifications for centrifuge installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, subject to City Manager and City Attorney's approval.

g. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Review and Accept the Notice of Completion and Notice of Acceptance for the Westside Park Solar Lighting and Outdoor Fitness Project, and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

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.

City Manager Paris asked to remove item 7d.  
Member Garcia asked to pull item 7b for further discussion

Member Reyna made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item 7b and 7d, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman

Mayor Cortez asked for a motion on item 7b. Member Reyna made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Cortez and a NO vote from Member Garcia.

Before the Deputy City Clerk announced the vote, City Attorney asked if this was an adoption or introduction. City Attorney reported that a majority was needed. Staff informed attorney that it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

City Manager suggested to postpone to the December 5th meeting. City Attorney informed Council that he believes the law requires a majority of the members, not just those in attendance, and would be best to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

Mayor Cortez continued the hearing until the December 5th meeting. Mayor Cortez asked if they needed to rescind their original vote and City Attorney said there was no need.

Member Reyna made a motion to move into closed session for item 12c, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Garcia all in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2.

Mayor Cortez adjourned to closed session at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Cortez reconvened from closed session at 6:43 p.m.

- 8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RENEWAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave the report.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve the Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Garcia all in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman

**9) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Sgt. Moreno gave an activity report and an event update and informed Council regarding Coffee with the Cop is scheduled for December 2, 2017, at Perko's Café.

Director Mobley provided Council with an update on the City Mural.

Deputy Public Works Director Bowman informed Council the bulk item collection day was a success.

**10) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Paris informed Council regarding the Downtown Business Association Christmas Parade scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., and their first annual Christmas tree lighting. He also informed Council regarding the Employee Appreciation Luncheon scheduled December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. He also indicated the maps for district elections are posted on the City website.

**11) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

Member Garcia expressed his excitement moving forward with the district elections.

Member Reyna informed those present regarding a health fair at the Westside Park sponsored by Omni Health Care.

Mayor Cortez expressed how the community and the City are more involved and the City is moving forward.

Mayor Cortez adjourned to closed session at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Cortez reconvened from closed session at 7:16 p.m.

**12) CLOSED SESSION:**

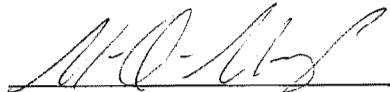
- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on November 7, 2017.

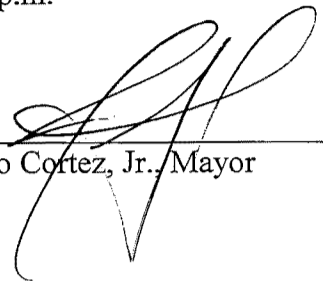
City Attorney Schroeter reported

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna all in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2.

- b. Conference with legal counsel regarding Merjan Financial Corporation v. City of Wasco per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).  
City Attorney Schroeter reported no action taken.
- 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 no action taken.

13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:17p.m.

  
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Maria O. Martinez, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor