

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, October 20, 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 Church offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members; Cortez, Hively, Reyna and Wegman

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

- a) Proclamation declaring October 2015 to be Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in the City of Wasco.
- b) Proclamation presented to the Kern Energy Festival being held on November 7, 2015.

City Manager Paris indicated the rep for the Kern Energy Festival proclamation was running late. Mayor Espitia moved on to item 6 and advised when he showed up they would go back to item 5b and present Proclamation to him.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident John Pallares 323 Sagebrush Ct Wasco, CA 93280 voiced his concerns.

City Attorney Schroeter requested that an item (11a) be added as an Emergency item and that council take emergency action approving an Agreement with the Gas Company on the Gas line leak on D Street. Member Hively made a motion to add the agreement to the agenda as item 11a) 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 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 the October 06, 2015 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency and Wasco Public Finance Authority Minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,149,978.55
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OF THE WONDERFUL COMPANY.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING THE REVISED CITY OF WASCO SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RENEWAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.
 - f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Reyna asked to pull item 7a for further clarification.

City Manager Paris asked to pull item 7b for further discussion.

Member Hively asked to pull item 7b for further discussion.

Member Wegman asked to pull item 7d for further discussion.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the remainder consent calendar, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

Item 7a: Member Reyna asked to amend the minutes from 10/06/2015 to reflect his conversation saying Council is working on an Ordinance that will elaborate on mobile marijuana deliveries.

Item 7b: City Manager Paris pulled the first page of the bill pay stating the amounts on it were correct however the agency name was wrong. Member Hively asked about the AT&T phone bill if they had looked into it getting it reduced. City Manger Paris stated yes we were paying \$900 on average per month. The bill previously was \$2,100 per month.

Item 7d: Member Wegman asked what the Cafeteria Plan was; City Manager informed her the plan enables the City to offer employees pretax payroll deductions for dependent daycare and other supplemental and qualifying insurance coverage's such as those offered by Aflac and 457 Plans.

Without any further discussion Member Reyna made a motion to approve item 7a, 7b and 7d, 2nd by Member Hively, All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

Member Reyna made a motion to go back to item 5b, 2nd by Member Hively, All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

Member Wegman presented the Proclamation to Blair from Kern Energy Festival.

8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE:

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE 2015 DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT POLICY AND DESIGN PLAN.
- b) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 17.51.030, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.55, SAID AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING A NEW ZONING CODE CHAPTER FOR THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN H-D COMBINING DISTRICT.

Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing opened at 6:22p.m.

Director Mobley presented power point and information regarding the resolution and ordinance.

Member Reyna asked what Business owners had to say about sidewalk sale.

Member Wegman stated she thinks the City is fair with the Business Owners in what we have in place already.

Director Mobley stated we can help Business Owners get organized.

Mayor Espitia stated we can approach Business Owners about limiting sidewalk sales, drop the price and compromise.

Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 7:00p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member Wegman made a motion to approve item 8a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE 2015 DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT POLICY AND DESIGN PLAN. 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

8b) Member Wegman made a motion to introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 17.51.030, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.55, SAID AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING A NEW ZONING CODE CHAPTER FOR THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN H-D COMBINING DISTRICT. 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

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

9) Report and 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 17-4, "RESIDENTIAL ZONE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS" AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT A.

Member Reyna made a motion to Introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING TABLE 17-4, "RESIDENTIAL ZONE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS" AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT A. 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 10) Report and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 17.19.010 AND SECTION 17.51.020, SAID AMENDMENTS REVISING LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS AND ADOPTING THE STATE MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE.

Member Wegman made a motion to Introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 17.19.010 AND SECTION 17.51.020, SAID AMENDMENTS REVISING LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS AND ADOPTING THE STATE MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan 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.

City Manager Paris reported that staff recommends that Council Reappoint Mr. Garland for another 4 year term, or Authorize the City Clerk to post and advertise for letters of interest to be brought back to Council for interviews. He also stated Mr. Garland is interested in sitting on the board again. Member Cortez mentioned he feels we should open and advertise for 2 weeks just in case there are other interested candidates. Member Wegman asked who was on the committee. Mayor Espitia appointed himself to take Member Wegman's place. The committee now consists of Mayor Espitia and Member Cortez.

EMERGENCY ADDITION TO AGENDA BY EARLIER VOTE:

- 11a) An Agreement by the City Council of the City of Wasco approving an agreement with The Gas Company on the D Street gas line leak.

Member Hively made a motion to approve an Emergency Agreement with The Gas Company on the D Street gas line leak, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Sgt. Chandler reported that he will have weekly meeting with his staff to discuss daily routine. There will be patrol checks in parks and bike patrol 2 to 3 times a week, and he is working on getting service calls to be under 5 minutes.

Director Mobley mentioned that the Wonderful Community Grants are due Friday October 23, 2015.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paris reported he had attended a Medical Marijuana Workshop earlier in the day. Also, the Trunk or Treat will be October 29, 2015 from 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm and that he will be handing out flashlights to the first 250 residents. On October 28 at 9:00 am the Sheriff's Department and Business Owners will be meeting to see if they can work together to discuss and fix issues.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Member Reyna asked Sgt. Chandler where is he with the Citizen Volunteers? Sgt Chandler answered it is hard to get potentials because of background clearance.

Member Hively stated he missed the Sheriff's Log in the Tribune for the past couple of weeks and reported yard sales along Hwy 46.

Member Cortez suggested to schedule a trip in December to our sister city Tolleson, Arizona to look at their downtown.

Member Wegman asked how much service we are outsourcing, also that she would like to see Council, City Employees and the community to get together and work on a City Pride Project.

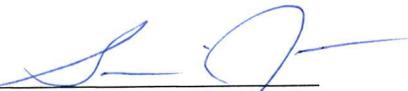
Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 7:50p.m.

Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 8:05p.m.

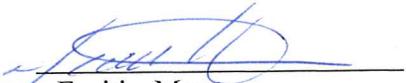
15) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation--City Manager, per Government Code Section 54957.
City Attorney Schroeter reported there is no reportable action.

16) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 8:06p.m.



Sarina Juan, Deputy City Clerk



Danny Espitia, Mayor