

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 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 6:54p.m.

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

3) **INVOCATION:** Resident Rob Cobb offered the invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Member West

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Deputy Public Works Director Wren, Interim Finance Director Blazenski, Planning Director Mobley, and Sgt. Chandler.

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Kevin Tallon, Wasco High School Principal, thanked staff, local businesses and council for all their help with the downtown rally. Everything went well and has received great compliments.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,400.00

Member Wegman made a motion to approve and file the department payments for the Successor Agency, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: West

**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 October 7, 2014 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency and Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes.
- b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$ 409,463.83
- c) Report and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 13.26, ESTABLISHING PARKLAND DEDICATION AND IN-LIEU FEE AND COMMUNITY PARK IMPACT FEE REQUIREMENTS, AND AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 16.46, PARKLAND DEDICATION.
- d) Report and Possible Approval RE: Agreement for Landscape Maintenance within the State Highway Right of Way on Route 46 within the City of Wasco.
- e) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- f) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Espitia asked to pull item 8c for further discussion.

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: West

Member Espitia asked staff if there would be a joint meeting with the Park & Recreation Board. City Manager Paris informed council that there would be a joint meeting in the near future.

Without further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to approve item 8c, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING. (Mobley)  
Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 7:01p.m.  
Director Mobley gave the report.  
Member Martin asked what the reason was for having this ordinance. Director Mobley informed council that many residents are parking on their lawns or unpaved surfaces.  
Rocio Mosqueda, resident, asked how many violations are there and will current residents who have two strips of cement with grass in between be in violation.  
Attorney Schroeter informed council that this was not a legal nonconforming issue.  
Jose Rios, resident, informed council that he had received a citation from the sheriff's department for parking on the sidewalk. Other residents do the same thing and they don't get cited.  
Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:26p.m.  
Mayor Cortez asked that this be continued to the next meeting and it should address residential and commercial property.

- 10) Report, and Possible Discussion to staff, RE: Off-site Tract Directional Signage Amendment to Sign Ordinance. (Mobley)  
Director Mobley gave the report.  
There was some discussion on the signs and having a sign company take care of the kiosk signs.  
Council directed staff to move forward with information provided.

- 11) Report and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 528 AND WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.60.010 WHICH ADOPTED BY REFERENCE KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. G-7455 AND CHAPTER 8.60 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF KERN COUNTY RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAILER PERMITS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND PARAPHERNALIA. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave the report.  
City Attorney Schroeter informed council that this is incorporating the county code.  
Without any further discussion, Member Wegman made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West

- 12) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Adoption of the Updated City Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave the report.  
Without any discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to adopt the updated city drug and alcohol testing program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West

- 13) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO RELATING TO HEALTH BENEFITS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. ( Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave the report.  
Rocio Mosqueda, resident, wanted to know why is this an issue now. Is Wasco the only city eliminating health benefits and stated this is a budgeted item.  
Kathy Nunez, resident, wanted to know why is this being eliminated now. It is too soon to make a change and council should think about it.  
Member Martin made a motion to table this until the first meeting in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Cortez. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West

- 14) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Appointment to the Kern EDC Board of Directors. (Clerk Rodriguez)  
Clerk Rodriguez gave report.  
Member Espitia made a motion to appoint Mayor Cortez to the Kern EDC Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor, motion carried 4-0-0-1 (West absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman  
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West

**15) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report. He also thanked City Manager Paris and staff for their help with the rally. The Sheriff's office is setting up for the Wasco/Shafter game. He informed council that he has been interviewed by the media regarding the clown and there have been no issues. There was also a successful narcotic bust.

Director Mobley reported that Bethlehem on J Street purchased more land. He also reminded council of the two workshops being conducted by CalPoly on Friday and Tuesday of next week.

Director Wren handed out a map to council and explained that staff would be striping the road on the intersection of Poso and Hwy. 43 and should be done within the next month.

**16) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Paris thanked Deputy Director Wren for this help with the striping project. He also informed council that the Wal-Mart project is moving forward.

**17) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Martin informed staff that a sanitation truck was driving with no lights, drove home to pick up lunch and parked incorrectly on the opposite side of the street.

Member Wegman informed Sgt. Chandler that it has come to her attention that there's been drag racing on 7<sup>th</sup> and Central.

Mayor Cortez asked Sgt. Chandler if they can patrol Teresa Burke School because of illegal U-turns. Sgt. Chandler informed council that they are also patrolling John L. Pruiett School.

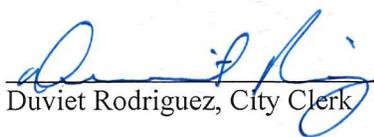
Mayor Cortez adjourned to closed session at 8:09p.m.

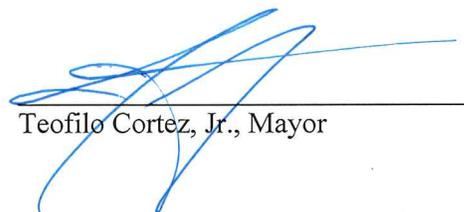
Mayor Cortez reconvened from closed session at 8:25p.m.

**18) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Public Employee Appointment – Finance Director per Government Section 54957.  
Attorney Schroeter reported that there was no reportable action.

**19) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 8:25p.m.

  
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Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
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Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor