

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, September 15, 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, Reyna, Wegman
Absent: Member Hively
Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Rodriguez, Public Works Director Wren, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Sgt. Chandler, and Fire Chief.
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

- 7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$453.50
Member Reyna made a motion to receive and file department payments totaling \$453.50, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hively

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 September 1, 2015 Water Workshop and Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,364,578.34
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Awarding of the "D" Street (7th St. to Filburn Ave.) Road Reconstruction Project to Bowman Asphalt, Inc.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorization of Transfer from Sanitation Reserve to Sanitation Capital Outlay Account for use in meeting CMAQ Obligation for purchase of CNG Refuse Truck, and Award of Contract to Central Valley Truck Center to Supply CNG Refuse Truck, subject to City Manager and City Attorney approval of the agreement.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorizing the purchase of two Toshiba G3-B426 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for Well #8 & Well #11 from Kern Electric Distributors for \$36,109.25.
 - f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorization to Approve the Contract between the City of Wasco and Frost Company to Refurbish Clarifier #2 for a not to exceed amount of \$35,520.
 - g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Land Lease Agreement of City Owned Property for Agricultural use by Paul Farms.
 - h) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - i) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Mayor Espitia asked to pull item 8g for further discussion.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hively

Mayor Espitia asked about the water use from the farm lease and if the water could be used to water the parks. City Manager Paris and Public Works Director Wren advised the water is not allowable to be used in the parks as it is not suitable for contact for humans. It is, however, appropriate and legal to use on non-edible crops. Without any further discussion, Mayor Espitia made a motion to approve item 8g, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 9) Presentation by Mr. Alan Christensen, Chief Deputy CAO for Water Resources of the County of Kern, regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act & the Groundwater Sustainable Agency Formation.

Mr. Christensen was not in attendance. Mayor Espitia moved on to item 10 and advised if Mr. Christensen arrived before the meeting was adjourned he would be given an opportunity to do his presentation.

- 10) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 15.36, ESTABLISHING AN EXPEDITED PERMIT PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. (Mobley)

Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing at 6:07p.m.

Director Mobley gave report.

Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 6:08p.m.

Without any discussion, Member Cortez made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Cost Report for Abatement of Weeds, Trash, Rubbish, and Debris, Assessing the Cost Thereof, and Imposing Liens Pursuant to City of Wasco Municipal Code Chapters 8.24 and 17.79. (Mobley)

Director Mobley gave report and no action was taken.

- 9) Presentation by Mr. Alan Christensen, Chief Deputy CAO for Water Resources of the County of Kern, regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act & the Groundwater Sustainable Agency Formation.

Mr. Christensen arrived and gave his presentation on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act & the Groundwater Sustainable Agency Formation.

City Attorney Schroeter asked Council to authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to hire special council with cost of up to \$225 per hour.

Member Cortez made a motion to authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to hire Special Council with cost of up to \$225 per hour and form a committee consisting of Members Reyna and Hively. The committee will meet with the City Manager and City Attorney regarding this, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.

Fire Chief gave an activity report.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris reported that he, Director Mobley and Member Cortez will be attending the ICSC Conference in San Diego the rest of the week.

He informed Council that he will be attending a seminar regarding three new bills on marijuana at the League of Cities Conference in October.

He also informed Council that the high school requested the closure of 7th Street for Homecoming Week on October 2nd.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

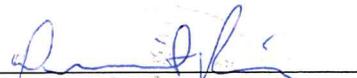
Member Cortez informed City Manager Paris that he would also like to attend the seminar regarding the three new bills on marijuana.

Member Reyna reported on the meeting with the Wonderful Company. He downloaded the city app and was unable to register, asked if someone could look into this. He asked how many deputies patrolled during the day and how many citizen volunteers the city has. Sgt. Chandler answered his questions and informed Member Reyna that he would promote this in the Sheriff's column in the Wasco Tribune. Member Reyna also asked if the Citizen Volunteer Application could be uploaded to the website for anyone who is interested in volunteering.

Member Wegman would like to have a neighborhood watch program.

15) **CLOSED SESSION:** None

16) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:03p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

Danny Espitia, Mayor