

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Meeting of December 4, 2018
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – 5:00 pm

- Mayor Reyna welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged Council Member Garcia and Cortez present. Council Member Espitia and Wegman were absent.
- The Invocation was provided by Father Raul A. Sanchez-Flores of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.
- The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Reyna
- Mayor Reyna acknowledged the Special Guests in the audience which included Supervisor David Couch,
- Mayor Reyna recognized Council Member Wegman for her 20 years of service to the community.
- Deputy City Clerk McCarthy issued the Oath of Office to City Clerk Maria O. Martinez.
- City Clerk Martinez issued the Oath of Office to City Treasurer Lamar Rodriguez, City Council Member John Pallares and City Council Member Gilberto Reyna.
- Mayor Reyna recessed the meeting for a brief reception at 5:20 p.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Reyna at 5:00 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Members Cortez, Pallares

Absent: Espitia

INVOCATION: Matt Maldonado gave the Invocation

3) PRESENTATIONS: NONE

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Rochelle Howard requested the Council assist in having staff inspect her water meter. She had an extremely high bill, \$600.00, and has complained in the past but nothing has been done. She also stated that she has Life Line rating with her other utilities.

5) NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

- a. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor

A Nomination was made by Member Reyna, seconded by Member Cortez to Nominate Council Member Garcia for Mayor.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to appoint Council Member Garcia as Mayor was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

b. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore

A Nomination was made by Member Reyna, seconded by Member Garcia to Nominate Council Member Cortez as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to appoint Council Member Cortez as Mayor Pro-Tempore was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

c. Nomination and Appointment of Chairman of Successor Agency

A Nomination was made by Member Reyna, seconded by Member Cortez to Nominate Council Member Garcia for Chairman of the Successor Agency.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to appoint Council Member Garcia as Chairman of the Successor Agency was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

d. Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chairman of Successor Agency

A Nomination was made by Member Reyna, seconded by Member Garcia to Nominate Council Member Cortez as Vice Chairman of the Successor Agency.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to appoint Council Member Cortez as Vice Chairman of the Successor Agency was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

6) **WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: None**

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

7) **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

a. Receive and file department payments totaling \$ 1,278,508.34

Agreements: None

Resolutions:

- b. Adopt Resolution approving the reduction of the sewer plant fee for James Forrest Elementary School. **RES #2018-3312**

Miscellaneous:

- c. Approve Final Change Orders totaling \$4,103.00 accept Notice of Completion and Notice of Acceptance of the Barker Park Pedestrian Improvement Project HSIPL-5287(051)

AGMT #018-041 CCO
AGMT #018-041 NOC

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to approve Consent Calendar Items 7. a. through 7.c. by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Public Hearing regarding Business Use of Sidewalks and implementing SB 946 to allow sidewalk vending on public sidewalks.

1. Waive the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 5.40 as it relates to Business Use of Sidewalks and implementing SB 946 to allow sidewalk vending on public sidewalks. **ORD #018-699**

2. Adopt a Resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule as identified in Attachment A to add a Sidewalk Vendor Permit application fee.

RES #2018-3313

Staff comments were made by Planning Director Mobley.

Mayor Garcia opened the hearing at 6:15 p.m.

1. Camilo Vasquez made comments regarding Public Notification of this Ordinance.

Mayor Garcia closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Council Member Reyna expressed his concerns about enforcement, health permits and the impact on the Farmers Market.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to approve Hearing Items 8.a.1. and 8.a.2. by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

- b. FY 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fair Share Project.

1. Conduct Public Hearing to receive testimony on possible activities to be included in an application for funding in the amount of approximately \$109,305.

2. Adopt a Resolution approving the application for funding and approve a Grant Agreement with the County of Kern. **RES #2018-3314**

Staff comments were made by Interim Public Works Director Bowman.

Mayor Garcia opened the hearing at 6:40 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Garcia closed the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Cortez, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna to approve Hearing Items 8.b.1. and 8.b.2. by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

9) DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle). (Bowman) **RES #2018-3315**

Staff comments were made by Interim Public Works Director Bowman.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to adopt the Resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

- b. Approve Staffing Services Agreement with Muni Temps for temporary Interim Finance Director Services. (Ortiz-Hernandez) **AGMT #018-048**

Staff comments were made by City Manager Hernandez.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to approve the Agreement by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, PALLARES, REYNA,
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ESPITIA

11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Sgt. Moreno reported:

1. On the monthly stats.
2. There is an ongoing active Parole search.
3. Update on the recent Probation Sweep.

Planning Director provided an update on the construction of the DaVita Clinic.

Interim Finance Director Viramonte reported on the status of the Assessment Districts payments and the penalty and interest being assessed due to late payments.

Interim Public Works Director Bowman provided an updated on a flashing light for the crosswalk at Barker Park.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hernandez advised the need to restart the hearing process on the Sewer and Sanitation rate increase. He will provide a plan for the process that will be utilized at the next meeting.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Reyna congratulated the new Elected Officials, and the selection of Mayor Garcia; thanked Sgt. Moreno for the Probations Sweep and traffic stops.

Council Member Cortez congratulated the new Elected Officials and thanked staff for their efforts in the Swearing-in Ceremony and Reception.

Council Member Pallares thanked the Community for his election and staff for the Reception.

Mayor Garcia Congratulated all new Members and stated that he is encouraged by the attendance of many Community members.

14) CLOSED SESSION

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on November 20, 2018.
- b. Conference with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) (1 case).

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Council adjourned from Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

15) CLOSED SESSION ACTION

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on November 20, 2018.

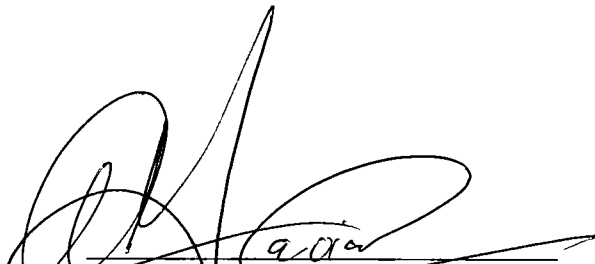
Motion was made by Council Member Reyna **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to approve the Minutes from November 20, 2018, approved with Councilmember Pallares abstaining and Councilmember Espitia absent.

- b. Conference with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) (1 case).

No Reportable Action

16) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Alexandro Garcia, Mayor
City of Wasco



Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
City of Wasco