

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

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Reyna at 6:00 p.m.

**2) FLAG SALUTE:** Was led by Ryan Nored Bengal rookie football player, son of Stephen and Kishan Nored

**3) INVOCATION:** Mayor Reyna requested a Moment of Silence instead of Invocation.

**4) ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Members Cortez, Espitia Wegman

**5) PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation by Mayor Reyna to Danny Rueda, Commander of VFW Post 6742, in recognition of Veterans Day, November 12, 2018.

2. Recognition by Mayor Reyna to the Orange Heart Foundation.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

a. Laurie Hernandez requested to update the City website regarding the continuation of the Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer and Sanitation Rate Adjustments.

b. Mr. Jagbir brought up an issue regarding an abatement lien applied to his property in 2006.

**7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

a. Receive and file department payments totaling \$137,700.00

**Motion** was made by Council Member Espitia, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to approve department payments by the following roll call vote:

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

**8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:**

a. Receive and file department payments totaling \$3,820.86

**Motion** was made by Council Member Cortez, **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to approve department payments by the following roll call vote:

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

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**9) 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 Council Member or member of the public requests removal of a particular item.

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.
  - 1. Minutes of October 2, 2018
  - 2. Minutes of October 16, 2018
- b. Receive and file department payments totaling \$ 577,259.93
- c. Receive and file August 13, 2018, Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
- d. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the City Clerk to the New Law & Elections Seminar Annual Conference on December 12-14, 2018 in San Francisco.
- e. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for Acting Finance Director to the Municipal Finance Institute Conference on December 12-13, 2018 in San Francisco.
- f. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the City Manager and his Designee to the CALPELRA 2018 Annual Conference on December 3-7, 2018 in Monterey CA.

**Agreements:**

- g. Approval of Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 1 in the amount of \$1,238.00 and No. 2 in the amount of \$2,865.00 for Agreement 2018-041 with Cen-Cal Construction for Baker Park Pedestrian Project HSIPL 5287 (051).

AGMT#18-041 CC-1  
AGMT#18-041 CC-2

**Resolutions:**

- h. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Manager and Acting Finance Director to sign agreements and all necessary documentation with the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Reso#3309

**Miscellaneous:**

- i. Accept the off-site Improvements constructed for Subdivision Tract 7311 Phase II & III, authorize the reduction of a Performance Security deposit to 10% of the original Phase II & III bond amount for the off-site improvements on Phase II & III, authorize the start of the 12-month warranty period on all improvements and approve file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

AGMT #018-009 NOC  
AGMT#018-037 NOC

**Motion** was made by Council Member Espitia, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to approve Consent Calendar Items 8. a. through 8.f. with separate consideration on items 8.a., 8.c., 8.e., and 8.f. by the following roll call vote:

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

**10) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Public Hearing, RE: Vacation of Portions of 5th and G Street and the Alley Immediately to the West of G Street Assessor Parcel Number 030-40-02, 03, 04, and 030-050-09, 10, and 11.

City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez recommended City Council to continue the Public Hearing for November 20, 2018 meeting for further diligence.

Mayor Reyna opened the hearing at 6:24 p.m.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Cortez **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to continue the Hearing to November 20, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

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

**11) DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

- a. Waive Second Reading and adopt Ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 192, 445.5, 621 and 673 and sections 2.08.030 and 2.14.010 of the Wasco Municipal Code concerning health insurance benefits for elected officials Resolution officials.

Ord#18-698  
Reso#18-3310

Laurie Hernandez spoke against health insurance benefits for elected officials.

City Attorney Schroeter stated to Council that two Motions are required One for Ordinance and the second one for the Resolution.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Cortez **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to adopt the Ordinance by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

- b. Approval of payment to Silver & Wright, LLP in the amount of \$9,893.50

Mayor Reyna mentioned he had pulled the item from the payment list on October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting requesting more information regarding the amount charged by Silver & Wright.

Planning Director Mobley responded to his concerns.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Reyna **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to Approve payment to Siver & Wright, LLP by the following roll call vote:

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

**12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Agreement with Diamond IT for the Purchase of computers and installation service.

Agmt#18-045

Staff comments were made by City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez

**Motion** was made by Council Member Espitia, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to approve Purchase Agreement by the following roll call vote:

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

**13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Moreno provided a status report.

Fire Department personnel provide a status report.

Planning Director Mobley reported on the progress of the Farm Housing Project and reported on the positive outcome regarding the Community Clean-up Event.

Acting Public Works Director Bowman informed Council that notices would be sent out to the business and Multy family residences regarding mandatory requirements of Recycling Bins.

Council Member Wegman informed staff that the homeless center has a workforce program that can be utilized by the city.

Mayor Reyna mentioned that Supervisor David Couch contacted him and informed him he had \$20,000.00 that can be used for that purpose and has forwarded the information to the City Manager.

Mayor Reyna also mentioned he would be meeting with Wasco State Prison Advisory Committee of the prison on November 8th to discuss the use of low-risk inmates to help the City with clean-up.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez reported High-Speed Rail (HSR) regarding the construction of the wall within the city limits.

**15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Council Members Cortez thanked the non-profit organization for their hard work and dedication for the community.

Council Member Garcia expressed his concern for the tenants of the Farm Housing project and did not agree on rushing the project.

Council Member Espitia informed Sgt. Moreno of the new strategies Delano Police Department is implementing in their community.

Council Member Wegman thanked the staff.

**Mayor Reyna mentioned to the staff that an Ordinance was passed last year regarding No Smoking in the park however he has not seen signs placed and has directed staff to follow up.**

He also mentions that he addressed the concerns to Sgt. Moreno regarding the privacy at the sheriff's office and said Sgt. Moreno told him that there is privacy when it is needed.

Mayor Reyna talked about the importance of long-term planning and how it could benefit the community.

**16) CLOSED SESSION**

a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on October 16, 2018.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:11 p.m.

Council adjourned from Closed Session at 7:16 p.m.

**17) CLOSED SESSION ACTION**


a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on October 16, 2018.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Garcia **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to approve the Closed Session Minutes by the following roll call vote:

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

**18) ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



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Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk  
City of Wasco



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Gilberto Reyna, Mayor  
City of Wasco