

**MINUTES**  
**WASCO CITY COUNCIL**  
and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Meeting of March 19, 2019**  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Garcia announced that Wasco High Students would be participating in the meeting due to Government Day.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 6:19 p.m.

**2) FLAG SALUTE:** was led by Mayor Garcia

**3) INVOCATION:** by resident Rafael Castro

**4) ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Garcia Member: Cortez, Espitia, Pallares, Reyna

**5) PRESENTATIONS: None**

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Rafael Castro expressed his concern regarding the homeless in the community.

**7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None**

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

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**9) CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes of January 8, 2019, Regular Meeting
- b. Receive and file department payments totaling \$188,604.29
- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Following Project: Zero-Emission Bus Purchase Project, \$53,145.00.  
**RESO#19-3328**
- d. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Annual Transportation Development Act Public Transit Claim for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Authorizing Submission to the Kern Council of Governments.  
**RESO#19-3329**

- e. Approval of Travel Expenses exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the Wastewater Treatment Operator in Training to attend a Wastewater Certification Review Class on March 27-28 in Goleta, CA hosted by California Rural Water Association.
- f. Accept Notice of Completion and Notice of Acceptance of the City Hall Annex Generator Fence Enclosure Project and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

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

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

#### **10) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Public Hearing and waive the first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Wasco Amending Title 8 of the Wasco Municipal Code, Amending Section 8.12.701, Illegal Dumping, said amendment establishing the need for code enforcement officers to access the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System.

Staff comments by Planning Director Mobley

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

No comments

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

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to introduce an Ordinance by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

#### **12) NEW BUSINESS: None**

#### **13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Moreno provided an activity report.

He also reported on upcoming events:

- May 18<sup>th</sup> Boxing Match at the Park
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee with the cops

#### **14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

Informed Council that the city received a notice from the Wasco Elementary District will reduce the impact fees.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive at the Old Court House 810 8<sup>th</sup> street.

## 15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Cortez Thanked the students and Mr. Ante for their participation.

Council Member Pallares reported on his attendance in the Wasco Elementary Community Outreach.

Council Member Espitia wanted an update on the missing artificial turf on Filburn Street and the one on the Central Avenue.

Acting Public Works Director Bishop informed Council that the artificial turf has been purchased and will be installed soon.

Council Member Reyna Thanked the Students for their participation. He also announced that the Knight of Columbus is hosting the Blood Drive. Thanked staff for helping the city move forward.

Mayor Garcia reported on his attendance to several events. He invited Council and the public to opening day for Little League March 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

The students who participated in the meeting expressed their experience and gratitude to Council and Staff.

## 16) CLOSED SESSION

a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on March 5, 2019.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Claim filed by Farmers Insurance pursuant to Gov. C. Section 54956.9(d)(2).

c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Gov. C. Section 54956.9.  
Mayor Garcia adjournment to Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

## 17) CLOSED SESSION ACTION

**City Attorney Schroeter announced the following actions:**

a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on March 5, 2019.

**Council Member Reyna abstain due to conflict of interest**



**Motion** by Council Member Cortez **seconded** by Council Member Espita to approve Closed Session Minutes by the following votes:

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

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Claim filed by Farmers Insurance pursuant to Gov. C. Section 54956.9(d)(2).  
**No Reportable Action**
  
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Gov. C. Section 54956.9.  
**No Reportable Action**

**18) ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Garica adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk  
City of Wasco  
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Alexandro Garcia, Mayor  
City of Wasco