

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Meeting of May 7, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

STUDY SESSION – 5:30 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 5:30 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL:

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

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

4) REPORT AND DISCUSSION:

a. RE: CITY OF WASCO ROADS AND GREEN WASTE.

Presentation regarding Pavement Preservation Methods and estimated the cost to rehabilitate several streets in the city by Public Works Director Bishop and asked direction from Council.

Council direction is to maintain the roads that are in good condition and create a list of streets that are more traveled and under 59 PCI.

Presentation regarding Green Waste Site Analysis by Public Works Director Bishop. She informed the Council that Kern County Waste Management does not want green waste grinded. The city will no longer be considered a grinding and chipping facility, and options would be:

1. Shut operations down.
2. Convert to a low volume transfer station, allowing stockpiles to remain for up to six months
3. Remain open and haul to landfill daily.

Council does not agree with closing the facility and ask staff for other alternatives that will offset the cost.

Director Bishop mentioned she would be meeting with the Kern County Waste for the possibility of having them hauling the green waste. She will also meet with the Kern County Environmental Health regarding the classification the city will fall under and what the permit and reporting would be. She will report back to Council.

No direction was given from Council.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 6:29 p.m.

2) FLAG SALUTE:

3) INVOCATION: by Free Will Baptist Church

4) ROLL CALL:

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

5) PRESENTATIONS:

a. Proclamation for the Wasco/Shafter 15th Annual Relay for Life sponsored by American Cancer Society.
Yolanda Harrison and Tania Nools received the proclamation.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None

8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: None

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

9) CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes:
 - 1. April 2, 2019, Regular Meeting
 - 2. April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting
- b. Receive and file department payments totaling \$421,842.92.
- c. Approval of Travel Expenses exceeding \$500.00 per trip for two Council Members to attend the Mayor and Council Member Executive Forum on June 19 – 21, 2019 in Newport Beach, Ca.
- d. Adopt a Resolution to approve an Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for Wasco State Prison Garbage Collection for a Two-Year Period Beginning July 1, 2019, in the maximum amount of \$896,863.68.
RESO# 2019-3333
AGMT# 19-013
- e. Accept Notice of Completion and Notice of Acceptance of the Centrifuge No. 2 Installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

- f. Approval of a Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Funded by Senate Bill (SB) 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

RESO# 2019-3334

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to approve the Consent Calendar by the following roll call vote:

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

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt a Resolution establishing a \$10,000 Community Grant program to be given by the City Council for the benefit of qualifying non-profit groups within city limits of the City of Wasco.

RESO# 2019-3335

Staff comments by City Manager, Ortiz Hernandez.

Verbiage correction on Resolution noted by Council Member Reyna.

Council Member Reyna confirmed with the City Attorney, Schroeter that no conflict violation would happen if he votes on the item regarding community grants.

City Attorney, Schroeter confirmed there is no violation by Council Member Reyna voting for the establishment of the policy, and also mentioned that religious organization can not apply for the grant.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Cortez to approve the Resolution with correction on the verbiage by the following roll call vote:

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

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Accept the City of Wasco Triennial Performance Audit Fiscal Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Staff comments by Interim Finance Director Takhar he mentioned that the Dial a Ride service is not meeting the fare box ratio. However, staff will look for other alternatives.

Council Member Reyna mentioned advertising would also help on the fare box ratio.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to accept Audits by the following roll call vote:

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

- b. Accept bid summary and adopt a Resolution for the award of Professional Engineering Services to Prepare a Feasibility Analysis Report for a Centralized Water Treatment Strategy for the City's Water Supply to Dee Jaspar and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,940.

RESO# 2019-3336
AGMT# 19-014

Staff comments by Public Works Director Bishop.

Motion was made by Council Member Cortez, **seconded** by Council Member Espitia to accept bids and approve Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

- c. Accept bid summary and adopt a Resolution for the award of the Cleaning of Anaerobic Digesters project to MP Environmental Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$219,145.00.

RESO# 2019-3337
AGMT# 19-015

Staff comments by Public Works Director Bishop.

Motion was made by Council Member Espitia, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna to accept bids and approve Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

- d. Adopt a Resolution to approve an Operational Area Disaster Response Mutual Aid Agreement.

RESO# 2019-3338
AGMT# 19-016

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz Hernandez

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

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

- e. Approval of a letter of opposition to AB1356, Cannabis: local jurisdictions: retail commercial cannabis activity.

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz Hernandez

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Pallares to approve letter of opposition by the following roll call vote:

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

- f. Nomination and Appointment of Alternate Representative of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District City Selection Committee.

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz Hernandez.

Mayor Garcia nominated himself as the Alternate Representative and Council Member Cortez seconded.

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

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

13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Interim Finance Director Takhar a budget workshop will be scheduled for May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Pallares requested Dial a Ride services be provided to the seniors who want to attend the budget workshop.

Mr. Smith, General Manager of Hall Ambulance mentioned a new station in Lost Hill.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ortiz Hernandez reported that staff is working with the County regarding the relocation of the Kern Reginal Transit bus stops. He also gave an update with the initial review of the grant application submitted for a new park area located between Central Avenue and Filburn Street.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Reyna asked staff to contact Caltrans and participate with the planning of a roundabout between J Street and Highway 46.

Council Member Pallares reported on his attendance at Canyon Hill church and Thomas Jefferson Parent Night.

Mayor Garcia mentioned he will be attending San Juaquin Valley Conference.

Mayor Garcia adjourned to Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Garcia adjourned from Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.

16) CLOSED SESSION

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on April 16, 2019.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation (Paragraph P(1) Of Subdivision (D) Of Section 54956.9).
Name of Case: Robert Ruiz v. City of Wasco.

17) CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Schroeter reported:

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on April 16, 2019.

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

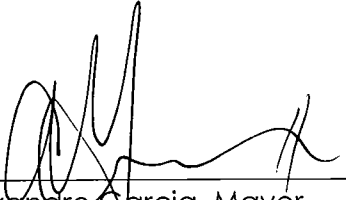
AYES: GARCIA, CORTEZ, ESPITIA, PALLARES, REYNA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation (Paragraph P(1) Of Subdivision (D) Of Section 54956.9).
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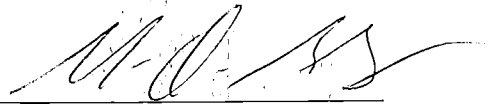
No reportable action.

18) ADJOURNMENT 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Alexandro Garcia, Mayor
City of Wasco



Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
City of Wasco

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