



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

City Council
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

3) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Council on any matter on this agenda and over which the council has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes. Please state your name and address for the record before making a presentation.

4) SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM:

- a. Adopt a Resolution ratifying the proclamation of existence of local emergency (Novel Coronavirus "COVID-19") by the City Manager in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services. (Ortiz Hernandez)

5) ADJOURNMENT

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Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO RATIFYING THE
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(NOVEL CORONAVIRUS "COVID-19") BY THE CITY MANAGER IN HIS
CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Wasco Municipal Code Section 2.32.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Wasco ("City") to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the City Council is not in session;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code Section 2.32.050 appoints the City Manager of the City of Wasco as the Director of Emergency Services;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the State of California due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 12, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 further enhancing State and Local Government's Ability to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States as a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Kern County declared a local emergency due to the quickly changing situation related to the Coronavirus.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasco has limited staffing and resources that would be severely impacted and potentially unable to adequately respond.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril arising from COVID-19 warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said proclamation of existence of a local emergency, as issued by said City Manager/Emergency Services Director, is hereby ratified by the City Council of the City of Wasco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Wasco, Kern County, California.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020 - _____ was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Wasco at a regular meeting thereof held on March 17, 2020 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

TEOFILO CORTEZ JR.,
MAYOR of the City of Wasco

Attest:_____

MARIA O. MARTINEZ
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of
the Council of the City of Wasco