

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL

and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in memory of Kimberly Skeels, Martha Garcia, and Cherylee Wegman.

Mayor Garcia made an announcement that the Special Meeting would open after the closed session item.

2) ROLL CALL: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Medina, Council Members: Martinez, Reyna, Saldaña

PRESENT: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Medina, Council Members: Martinez, Reyna, Saldaña

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Bateman, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Assistant City Manager Lara, Public Works Director Villa, Community Development Director Cobb, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern County Sheriff Sergeant Stout, Kern Fire Chief Appleton

3) FLAG SALUTE: by Mayor Garcia

4) INVOCATION: Observed a moment of silence

5) PRESENTATIONS: None

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

Deputy City Clerk Flores mentioned there were no email comments for this item or any item on this agenda.

7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

- a.** Nomination and Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
No public comments.

Director Reyna nominated Vice-Chairman Garcia as Chairman of the Successor Agency, and Vice-Chairman Garcia accepted the nomination.

Chairman Martinez nominated Director Medina as Vice-chairman of the Successor Agency, and Director Medina accepted the nomination.

Motion was made by Director Reyna, **seconded** by Chairman Martinez, to appoint Vice-Chairman Garcia as Chairman and to appoint Director Medina as Vice-Chairman of the Successor Agency by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- b.** Adopt a Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Former Wasco Redevelopment Agency to add Alexandro Garcia and Valentin Medina as Authorizing Signers for all Successor Agency Bank Accounts and remove Vincent Martinez, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.
Reso#2024-028

Oral presentation by Finance Director Perez-Hernandez.
No public comments.

Motion was made by Chairman Martinez, **seconded** by Vice-Chairman Medina, to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

- a.** Nomination and Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
No public comments.

Director Reyna nominated Vice-Chairman Garcia as the Chairman and Director Medina as the Vice-Chairman of the Wasco Public Finance Authority. Vice-Chairman Garcia and Director Medina accepted the nominations.

Motion was made by Director Reyna, **seconded** by Chairman Martinez, to appoint Vice-Chairman Garcia as Chairman and to appoint Director Medina as Vice-Chairman of the Wasco Public Finance Authority by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- b. Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Wasco Public Financing Authority to add Alexandro Garcia and Valentin Medina as Authorizing Signers for all Wasco Public Financing Authority Bank Accounts and remove Vincent Martinez, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required. (Perez-Hernandez)

Reso#2024-065

Oral presentation by Finance Director Perez-Hernandez.
No public comments.

Motion was made by Director Reyna, **seconded** by Director Saldaña, to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

9) CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Consent Calendar consists of items that, in the 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 the removal of a particular item.

- a. Receive and File department payments totaling \$2,421,760.25
- b. Adopt a Resolution to add Alexandro Garcia and Valentin Medina as Authorizing Signers for all City Bank Accounts and Remove Vincent Martinez, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2024-4012

- c. Approval of City Council Minutes for December 19, 2023, Regular and Special Meeting.
- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Approve a Purchase Order with SCL North in an Amount Not to Exceed \$275,000.00 to Purchase 77 Tree Grates & 93 Well Lights for the Downtown Renovation Project, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2024-4008

- e. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute Contract Change Orders with KSI Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 in addition to the originally approved \$25,000.00 for the Downtown Renovation Project, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California

Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2024-4009

- f. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Accept and Execute a Shelter Services Agreement in the Amount Of \$100,000.00 and appropriating the Funds from the Regents of the University Of California on Behalf of Its Davis Campus School Of Veterinary Medicine on Behalf of Its Koret Shelter Medicine Program in Connection with the California for All Animals Statewide Animal Shelter Assistance Program and Appropriating the Funds, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2024-4010

Agmt#2024-001

- g. Receive and File the Wasco Sales Taxes Results for the 3rd Quarter 2023 and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

- h. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to complete and execute professional services agreements with Daniel Morgan, sole proprietor, and David Comelli dba Black Label Technologies, replacing the former agreement with Sentinel Engineering to provide Police Department technology consulting services and find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2024-4011

Agmt#2024-002

No conflict of interest on the consent calendar for any council members.

No public comments.

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

AYES:	GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Reorganization of City Council Committee Assignments, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

The reorganization of the City Council Committees is as follows:

1. Interviewers for The Recruitment of the Boards and Commissions
 - Mayor Alex Garcia
 - Council Member Eduardo Saldaña
2. Legislative Bill Introductions from League of California Cities
 - Council Member Vincent Martinez
 - Council Member Gilberto Reyna
3. Wasco Community Task Force
 - Council Member Eduardo Saldaña
4. Committee to Review and Advise in Relation to Real Estate Transactions
 - Mayor Garcia
 - Council Member Gilberto Reyna
5. Kern Council of Governments (KERN COG)
 - Council Member Gilberto Reyna
 - Mayor Alex Garcia - Alternate
6. City Selection Committee
 - Council Member Gilberto Reyna Member
 - Mayor Alex Garcia - Alternate
7. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee
 - Mayor Garcia
 - Council Member Saldaña - Alternate
8. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KERN EDC)
 - Mayor Garcia

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Saldaña, to approve the reorganization of the city council committee assignment list by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)

Mayor Garcia

- Executive meeting will be held on January 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Adventist Health Center.
- State of the County event will be on January 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank Arena.

b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)

No reports.

c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)

No reports.

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)
Fire Chief Stout gave recent fire report.

b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stout)
Sergeant Stout reported on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council members on the following:

- Gave an update on the Wasco Police Department transition and 13 total Police Department staff to date.
- Update on the Wasco Farm Labor Camp abatement.
- Kern EDC- 2024 State of the County event- January 25, 2024, held at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Save the Date: Kern Council of Government – 2023 Regional Awards of Merit Event on March 7, 2024 at Seven Oaks Country Club

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

No reports.

Mayor Garcia read the closed-session item titles.
There were no public comments.

Mayor Garcia called a five-minute recess at 6:38 p.m. and announced the council would go into closed session immediately after the recess.

Mayor Garcia adjourned out of closed session at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Garcia recessed to the Special Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

a. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes for October 17, 2023.

City Manager Hurlbert reported out.

Motion was made by Mayor Garcia, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna, to approve the closed session minutes by the following roll call vote:

AYES: GARCIA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION 54956.9 (d)(1)

Name of Case: Amerivet Contracting, a California Corporation

No reportable action.

Mayor Garcia reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

18) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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Monica Flores

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Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk

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Alexandro Garcia

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Alexandro Garcia, Mayor