

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Bateman, Chief of Police Fivecoat, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Assistant City Manager Lara, Public Works Director Villa, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Deputy Works Director Martinez,

3) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor Martinez

4) INVOCATION: A moment of silence led by Mayor Martinez

5) PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Food Drive Presentation from Joshua Cooley, Wasco High School Student.
Presentation by Joshua Cooley

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rafael Deoca
- Lucilia Lara
- Rob Duchow

No email comments.

7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:

- a. Nomination and Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
Oral presentation by City Clerk Martinez

No public comments

Chairman Reyna nominated Mayor Martinez for the Chairman of the Successor Agency

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

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

Chairman Martinez nominated Director Garcia for the Vice-Chairman of the Successor Agency.

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

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Former Wasco Redevelopment Agency to add Vincent Martinez, Alexandro Garcia, and Maria Lara as Authorizing Signers for all Successor Agency Bank Accounts 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#2023- 027

Oral presentation by Finance Director Perez-Hernandez

No public comments

Motion was made by Director Reyna, **seconded** by Vice-Chairman Garcia, to adopt the Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

- a. Nomination and Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Oral presentation by City Clerk Martinez

No public comments

Chairman Reyna nominated Director Martinez as Chairman and Director Garcia of the Wasco Public Finance Authority

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

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, 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 Vincent Martinez, Alexandro Garcia, and Maria Lara as Authorizing Signers for all Wasco Public Financing Authority Bank Accounts 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#2023- 064

Oral presentation by Finance Director Perez-Hernandez

No public comments

Motion was made by Director Reyna, **seconded** by Vice-Chairman Garcia, to adopt the Resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, 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 \$1,319,665.98
- b. Adopt a Resolution to add Vincent Martinez, Alexandro Garcia, and Maria Lara as Authorizing Signers for all City Bank Accounts and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEAQ) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023- 3828

- c. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participation for the Finance Director and Staff Accountant to attend the California Society of Municipal Officers 2023 Annual Training Conference on January 31 – February 03, 2023, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality

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

- d. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participation for the Chief of Police to attend the California Police Chiefs Association Annual Training Symposium on March 12 -16, 2023, in Monterey, CA, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEAQ)State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
- e. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participation for the Chief of Police to attend the Kern Chief's Executive Training Conference on February 8 - 10, 2023, in Pismo Beach and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEAQ)State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
- f. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participation for Executive Assistant Flores to attend the United States Department of Transportation Safety Institute Supervisor Certification Program on January 31 – February 5, 2023, in South San Francisco, CA, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEAQ)State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
- g. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or designee to Accept And Execute A Standard Agreement With the California Department Of Transportation, Division Of Rail & Mass Transportation, In the amount Of \$95,000.00 under the ARPA Program for Transit Operating Assistance and appropriating funds and find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
Reso#2023-3829
Agmt#2023-001
- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$89,010.88 to purchase two Hybrid SUVs and make a Budget Amendment to the Adopted FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and the Adopted Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022-2023 and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
Reso#2023- 3836
- i. Accept all bids for the Award of Well #13 Site Development Project Phase II and Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Hartzell General Engineering Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$4,315,075.00 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute contract change orders and make quantity adjustments to the contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and Find that this action is covered under the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review performed by California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) previously. No additional environmental review is required.

PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- j. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to approve a Budget Amendment to Reallocate Funds in the amount of \$37,000.00 to continue the payment for temporary staffing in the City Manager's Department and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023- 3835

No public comments.

Council Member Reyna asked to pull item 9i. for further discussion.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate considerations on item 9i by the following roll call vote:

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

9.i Accept all bids for the Award of Well #13 Site Development Project Phase II and Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Hartzell General Engineering Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$4,315,075.00 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute contract change orders and make quantity adjustments to the contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and Find that this action is covered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review performed by California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) previously. No additional environmental review is required.

Council Member Reyna requested clarification on the following:

- Project funding
- Water Quality
- Water Filtration

City Manager explained:

- The city will pay for the project from the Enterprise Reserves, and the city will receive the cooperative agreement payment from the California High-Speed Rail Authority and restore funds to the original funding.
- A water quality assessment was completed.
- It is part of the design to allow the addition of various levels of treatment of various now and in the future.

No public comments

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Martinez, to approve item 9i by the following roll call vote:

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

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution Approving the 5-year water and sewer rate adjustment schedule for customers of record (property owners or tenants) and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required. (Villa)

Reso#2023-3831

PowerPoint presentation by Allison Lechowicz, Project Manager, Lechowicz and Tseng

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm

No public comments

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:51 PM

City Manager Hurlbert explained the tabulation process and mentioned there would be no attempts to validate the protest letters at the time of tallying the letters, only to determine the number of protest letters received. He stated that there were a total of net parcels of 5,740, and to meet the majority of protests, a total amount of 50%+1, which is 2,740 protest letters.

City Clerk Martinez gave an oral presentation and proceeded to tally the protest letters. An insufficient majority of protest letters were received, totaling 238, and ended the protest process.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna, to adopt the resolution approving the 5-year water and sewer rate adjustment schedule for customers of record by the following roll call vote:

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

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Reorganization of City Council Committee Assignments.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert

No public comments.

The reorganization of the City Council Committees are as follows:

Interviewers for the Recruitment of the Boards and Commission

- Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Mayor Martinez

Legislative Bill introduction for League of California Cities

- Council Member Reyna and Mayor Maritnez

Wasco Community Task Force

- Council Member Medina and Council Member Reyna

Illegal Fireworks Committee

- None – Disbanded

Kern Council of Governments

- Council Member Reyna and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia as alternate

City Selection Committee

- Council Member Reyna and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia as alternate
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Council Member Saldaña as alternate

Kern Economic Development (Kern EDC)

- Mayor Pro Tem Garcia

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve the reorganization of the city council committee assignments list by the following roll call vote:

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

- b.** Adopt a Resolution changing the Sewer Rates for the Wasco Elementary Union School District Middle Schools from High School rates to Elementary rates and find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required (Villa)

Reso#2023- 3832

Oral presentation by Public Works Director Villa

Public comments by Oscar Luna

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to adopt the Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

- c. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Light Solutions to Provide Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Background Investigations for Peace Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers and find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023-3833

Agmt#2023-002

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

Public comment by Lucilia Lara

Translation was provided by Donnet Lancaster

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, **seconded** by Council Member Medina to adopt the resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

- d. Discuss, Direction, and Possible Adoption of A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to use The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funds for the Promotion of COVID-19 Vaccination Event(s) to Incentivize Community Participation 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#2023-3834

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

The consensus of the council is to promote the Covid-19 Vaccination events and to allocate a maximum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) in ARPA funds toward the cost of five-hundred (500) incentive generic gift cards and fees with a redemption value of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each, with any end use to be returned to ARPA funds, and to authorize the City Manager to purchase gift cards in increments greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be restricted to this program.

The resolution will be updated with the numeric content.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to adopt the resolution with the changes as mentioned by the following roll call vote:

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

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)
 - Next meeting will be held at the Bakersfield Association of Realtors Office on January 26, 2023
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)
No reports
- c. Wasco Task Force (Martinez & Reyna)
No reports

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)
No reports – Chief Appleton did not attend the meeting.
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Shinn)
Powerpoint presentation by Sergeant Shinn to report on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- Will attend the League of California Cities Conference on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and return Friday, January 20, 2023.
- Moving forward, any agenda items required to include the findings with the CEQA statement have to be included either in the item on the agenda or in the motion.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Martinez

- Thanked the Public Works Department for working in the rainstorms,
- Thanked all City staff for their hard work.
- Requested to agendaize discussion for a future meeting for the use of the City Logo
- Will be attending the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Members Conference.
- Mentioned the upcoming Wasco vs. Shafter wrestling event.
- Commended Chief Fivecoat for the progress being made for the Wasco Police Department.
- New Assembly Member Dr. Jasmeet Bains requested a meeting.
- Thanked staff from Senator Hurtado's office for the meeting earlier in the day.

Medina

- Thanked the staff for the sandbags.

Reyna

- Commented on the sandbags event
- Mentioned the city request from Assembly Member Dr. Jasmeet Bains for several million dollar budget request for Police Department
- Remind staff he asked for a stop sign on the corner of 9th Place and Griffth Avenue.
- Thanked staff and Chief Fivecoat for how fast in implementing the Wasco Police Department.
- Thanked Finance Director Perez-Hernandez for the budget.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: None

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjorned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

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Vincent Martinez, Mayor