

**MINUTES**  
**WASCO CITY COUNCIL**  
and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm.  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280**

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**2) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members: Medina, Reyna, Saldaña

**Absent:** Mayor Martinez

**3) FLAG SALUTE:** led by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia

**4) INVOCATION:** by Pastor, Free Will Baptist Church

**5) PRESENTATIONS:** None

**14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:**

- a.** Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)  
Fire Chief Appleton gave recent fire reports.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following residents expressed their safety concerns regarding property 1224 Lily Street:

- John Martinez
- Danny Scott
- Christina Murillo

Mayor Ayon thanked the city council and staff for their help during flooding in the City of McFarland.

**7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None**

**8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: 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 \$ 699,751.25
- b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for:
  - 1. December 6, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - 2. December 20, Regular Meeting
- c. Receive and File the Investment Report for the month ended January 31, 2023, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines

No public comments.

No Conflict of Interest on the consent calendar for any of the Council members.

Council Member Reyna pulled items 9.b.1 and 9.b.2. for separate consideration.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Saldaña, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration of items 9b.1 and 9.b.2. by the following roll call vote:

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

- b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for:
  - 1. December 6, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - 2. December 20, Regular Meeting

Council Member Reyna mentioned there were corrections of typos to be made in the minutes of December 6, 2022, and verbiage to be included in the minutes of December 20, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Saldaña, to approve the separate consideration of corrected and amended item 9b by the following roll call vote:

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

**10) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Introduce and Waiver of the First Reading by title only of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wasco Amending Ordinance No. 2023-722, which amended the Historic District Boundaries to replace the reference to Figure 2-4 with reference to Figure 2-1 of Section 17.24.040 of Title 17 Zoning of the City of Wasco Municipal Code and Find that this project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15305.

Oral presentation by Community Development Director Cobb.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm

No public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia closed the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance by the following roll call vote:

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Sign and File, for and on behalf of the City of Wasco, a Financial Assistance Application for a funding Agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Planning, Design, and Construction of the Water System Improvements and Treatment Project for an estimated Amount of \$44,283,872.00 and Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

**Reso#2023-3861**

Oral presentation by Assistant City Manager Lara and Jamie Brewer, Lead Principal Planner, QK Engineering.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:39 pm

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.

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

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

- c. Conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments concerning unmet transit needs, consider comments, if any, and adopt the Resolution Establishing Unmet Transit Needs Finding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.  
**Reso#2023-3860**

Oral presentation by City Clerk Martinez.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:42 pm

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:42 pm.

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

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

**11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and Possible Minute Action Regarding going dark for the April 4, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

City Manager Hurlbert requested the discussion to consider going dark for the council meeting during the Easter holiday week, as there will be a number of staff on vacation during that week.

No public comments.

The consensus of the council is in agreement for going dark for the April 4, 2023 council meeting.

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize and Execute a Purchase Order with Motorola Solutions for Police Department radio communications equipment, including one (1) Radio Repeater, fourteen (14) Vehicle Mobile Radios, fourteen (14) Handheld Radios, and (2) Dispatch Base Radios and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines

**Reso#2023-3862**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

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

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

**13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

**a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)**

**Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:**

The next meeting will be in April.

**b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)**

**Council Member Reyna:**

- We are getting two projects funded; beacons and flashing lights located on the crossings of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 43, and a HAWK System on Poplar Avenue and Highway 46, total funding amount of \$790,070.
- Had an opportunity to speak to the Chairman of the Transportation Commission regarding concerns of the city.

**c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)**

**Council Member Medina:**

- Had a Kickoff meeting a week and a half ago.
- The meetings will be on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM.
- A survey is being created for feedback from past attendees

**14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:**

**b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Shinn)**

Sargent Shinn gave a PowerPoint presentation on recent crimes.

**15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

**City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:**

- Recognized Assistant City Manager Lara for obtaining the HAWK System grant
- Career Day Pop-Up will be held this Thursday, March 23, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Wasco High School
- Spay and Neuter Event on March 30, 2023; encouraged the public to reserve ahead and an event flyer will be posted tomorrow on the City website
- Easter Egg Hunt Event held on April 1, 2023, at Wasco Baseball Field from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with the egg hunt beginning at 10:00 AM
- The next Community Breakfast will be held on April 5, 2023, at 7:00 AM at the Old Courthouse
- The League of California Cities will have their Leaders Summit April 12-14, 2023 in Sacramento, CA
- Housing Element Workshop during the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM
- The Veterans Banner Program is set to close on new applications on April 1, 2023, with the cost of \$80.00

**16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**Council Member Reyna:**

- Concerned regarding potential flooding coming to Wasco and the need to be prepared shall the need arise.
- Commended Mayor Martinez and the Public Works Director for taking an immediate interest in helping the community up north.

- Attended the EOC meeting on Wednesday along with Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Council Member Medina.
- Thanked all the staff that participated in helping the City of McFarland with its flooding problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia adjourned into a closed session at 7:20 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia adjourned out of closed session at 7:51 PM

**17) CLOSED SESSION:**

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to GC 54956.9(d)(2).(e)(1): one potential case.

**18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:**

**City Manager Hurlbert reported out.**

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to GC 54956.9(d)(2).(e)(1): one potential case.

**No reportable action.**

**19) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

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