

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL

and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency

Tuesday, May 16, 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 6:00 pm.

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

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

Late: None

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Public Works Director Villa, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat, Community Development Director Cobb

3) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor

4) INVOCATION: by Paul Hernandez, Free Will Baptist Church

5) PRESENTATIONS:

- a.** Proclamation for Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) – Community Action Month

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Louis Gill, Chief Program Officer

- b.** Proclamation for College Community Service (CCS) - Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Noemi Ojeda, Program Director for the Children's Clinic

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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 \$282,957.06
- b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for:
 - 1. March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - 2. March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or Designee to Enter into an Agreement with JTS Construction, Inc. for the Central Avenue Park Project in the amount of \$2,042,500.00 and allowing the City Manager or Designee to Execute Contract Change Orders in an Amount Not to Exceed an Aggregate of \$25,000, and Find that this Project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15332 as it is characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section, no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023-3882

Agmt#2023-027

- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Enter into an Agreement with John Kular Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$129,980.00 for Engineering Services Related to the Wastewater Master Plan Update, 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#2023-3883

Agmt#2023-028

- e. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Enter into an Agreement with Loop Electric, Inc. for the 1st – 5th Street Lighting Project in the amount of \$401,906.00 and allowing the City Manager or Designee to Execute Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed an aggregate of \$10,000, and Find that this Project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15332 as it is characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section, no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023-3884

Agmt#2023-029

No public comments.

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

Council Member Reyna pulled item 9.b.1. for further discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration on item 9.b.1. by the following roll call vote:

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

- b.** Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for:
1. March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

Council Member Reyna requested a correction of the minutes to reflect the error from the number of gift cards amounts from \$5,670 to the correction of 56 \$50 gift cards for item 16 of the minutes.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve item 9.b.1. with the changes as mentioned by the following roll call vote:

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

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a.** Introduce and Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wasco Amending an Ordinance and Accepting the Requirements of the Penal Code Relating to the Recruitment and Training of Law Enforcement Officers, 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 Chief of Police Fivecoat.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:19 pm

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:19 pm.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to introduce and waive an ordinance by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS: None

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)
 - Kern EDC Economic Summit occurred on Saturday, May 13, 2023.
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)
 - There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)
 - Met on Thursday, May 11, 2023
 - The meetings will occur on the first Thursday of every month – there was a good dialogue with the task force members
 - Working on an event in September, no date confirmed.

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)
No reports – Chief Appleton absent
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stacy)
No reports – Sergeant Stacy absent

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- May 18, 2023 - College Community Services Mental Health Awareness Month event 5:00 pm-7:00 pm 820 6th Street
- May 31, 2023, Spay & Neuter SNIP Event at Old Courthouse, 8 am-4 pm – The appointments will begin to be taken on Saturday, May 20, 2023
- June 2023 SNIP event – Date pending
- Grocery Outlet Store – June 15, 2023 (tentative) for the ribbon cutting and the grand opening, and a walk-through for the council on June 14, 2023
- July 14, 2023 – Annual Bike Rodeo – Flyer pending
- Attended an Emergency Medical Care Advisory Board EMCAB quarterly meeting.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Reyna:

- Met with the Bike Bakersfield members and participated in a Bike to Work Ride Event on May 9, 2023.
- Attended a Bike Rodeo outside of the library.
- Two weeks ago this Thursday he met with the Executive Director of the Air Pollution Control District and looking forward to becoming a member of the board. The first meeting will be this Thursday in Bakersfield.
- Requested staff to contact Kern County regarding placing a recycling bin for those residents living outside the city limits or unable to drop off their goods.

Mayor Martinez

- College Community College is a Narcan distribution center, for those who are in need of the services.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: None

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

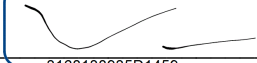
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Vincent Martinez, Mayor