

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Special Meeting of June 2, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting
Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cortez at 6:03 pm and announced that the meeting was being held to Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020. All members are joining this meeting remotely via Zoom.

2) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor Cortez

3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Cortez, Pro Tem Espitia, Council Members: Garcia, Pallares, Reyna
All members present.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Mauricio Ortiz raised his concern about criminal activity in the City, and would like to know what if the City Council is assisting with this matter, he also inquired if there have been any discussions with the Sheriff's Office about the criminal activity.

5) SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM:

- a. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to draft a letter to the Department of Water Resource commenting on the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the North Kern Water Storage District, the Shafter Wasco Irrigation District, and the City of Shafter relating to chapters by the foregoing in the Kern Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Plan and (2) Shafter Wasco Irrigation District 7th Standard Annex Management Area.

Staff comments by Public Works Director Biridiana Bishop

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna to authorize the City Manager to draft the letter by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

b. Update on the Water Shortage Emergency.

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz, Hernandez, updated on the water Shortage Emergency that took place on May 30, 2020. He informed that a letter was sent to the city residents concerning the modification of the watering schedule to help reduce the water pressure. He also stated that the State Water Board meeting was able to expedite the construction for Well #14, and the goal is to move away from the peak time by implementing zones with specific water schedules. He also indicated that the water is safe to drink. If the water pressure drops, then a water boil order will be sent out to all City residents; furthermore, the state will be monitoring the situation.

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem Espitia, he asked if there is a plan with getting code enforcement to assist with informing the residents of the watering schedules.


Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz, Hernandez, indicated he had conversed with the Community Planning Director Keri Cobb in regards to adjusting code enforcement schedules for evening time.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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Teofilo Cortez Jr., Mayor