

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 6, 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:

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

Late: Council Member Garcia arrived at 6:03 pm.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Deputy City Clerk Tinajero, Public Works Director, Community Development Director Cobb, Chief of Police Fivecoat, Kern County Sherriff Sergeant Stacy, Kern County Fire Chief Appleton

3) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor Martinez

4) INVOCATION: by Manuel Cantu, Lifehouse Church

5) PRESENTATIONS:

a. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to the Public Works Director Luis Villa.

b. Proclamation for National Police Week

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat and Sergeant Stacy.

c. Proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Deputy City Clerks Monica Flores and Yolanda Tinaero.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments by John Pallares.

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 \$703,734.00
- b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for:
 1. May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting
 2. May 25, 2023, Special Meeting
- c. Approval of Travel and Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 for the Police Records Administrator to attend the POST Certified Public Records Act course scheduled for July 20-21, 2023 in Madera, CA., 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.
- d. Adopt and Waive the Second 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.
Ord#2023-724
- e. Approval for Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participant for Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Reyna, Council Member Saldaña, and City Manager Hurlbert to attend the League of California Cities 2023 Annual Conference on September 20 - 22, 2023, in Sacramento, California 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.
- f. Adopt a Resolution Approving a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and Find the proposed Project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the Project is 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.

Pulled for separate consideration

- g. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or designee to Enter into an Agreement with James E. Thompson, Inc. for the Central Avenue Park Project in the amount of \$2,042,500.00 and allowing the City Manager 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#2023-3887

Agmt#2023-030

- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or designee to Enter into an Agreement with Reliable Monitoring Services, Inc. for the LCTOP Charging Station Project in the amount of \$111,240.00 and allowing the City Manager 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#2023-3888

Agmt#2023-031

- i. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order with SiteOne Landscaping Supply in the amount of \$24,367.05 to Purchase a Booster Pump Station for the Central Avenue Neighborhood Park Project, 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#2023-3889

- j. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order with Great Western Recreation in the amount of \$98,051.78 to purchase Outdoor Games, Play Equipment, Basketball Hoop and Equipment, etc. for the Central Avenue Neighborhood Park Project, 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.

Pulled for separate consideration

- k. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Authorize an Easement to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company to Access the Equipment for the Installation of the Electric Charging Stations, 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#2023-3891

- I. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or Designee to Approve a Purchase Order with Pasquini Engineering approving the Preliminary Engineering Design of the Sheriff's Activity League Building for the amount not to exceed \$13,120.00, 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#2023-3892

No public comments.

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

John Pallares requested to pull items 9f, and 9j for further discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration on items 9f and 9j by the following roll call vote:

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

- f. Adopt a Resolution Approving a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and Find the proposed Project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the Project is 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#2023-3886

John Pallares requested staff for more information regarding the item.

Assistant Manager Lara gave clarification.

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

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

- j. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order with Great Western Recreation in the amount of \$98,051.78 to purchase Outdoor Games, Play Equipment, Basketball Hoop and Equipment, etc. for the Central Avenue Neighborhood Park Project, 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#2023-3890

John Pallares mentioned concerns regarding the safety measures around the edges of Central Avenue Neighborhood Park. The consensus of the council was to add considerations for safety opportunities to the park and move forward with the project.

Motion was made by Council Membe Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve item 9j by the following roll call vote:

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

10)PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11)DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12)NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt a Resolution Approving an Amended Salary Schedule for the Police Department Positions, and CalPERS Safety Plan, And Authorize the City Manager or Designee to begin recruitment and hiring activities, 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#2023-3893

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

Public comments by Manuel Cantu.

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

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mary Valenti, Ph.D., for law enforcement clinical psychological 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#2023-3894

Agmt#2023-032

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

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

- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Appropriate ARPA Funds in the amount of \$275,000 for the Wasco Police Department Start-Up expenses related to Network Infrastructure, Internet Services, and Office Reconfiguration for the Fiscal Year 2022– 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.

Reso#2023-3895

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **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. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to execute a Master Service Agreement and Service Order Addendum for Wasco Police Department Internet Services from New Horizon Communications Corp. ("NHC"), 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#2023-3896

Agmt#2023-033

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

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

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

- e. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute purchase agreements with Sentinel Engineering for the acquisition of Police Department network Infrastructure including Equipment, Configuration, and Installation, 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#2023-3897

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.
No public comments.

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

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

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)
Next meeting will be on June 27, 2023. No reports
- 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)
PowerPoint presentation by Fire Chief Appleton reporting on recent incidents.
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stacy)
Oral presentation by Sergeant Stacy to report on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- Community Breakfast June 7, 2023, at 7:30 am at the Courthouse hosted by the Orange Heart Foundation.
- The Housing Element is still ongoing – the public review draft will be available on the City's website beginning June 12, 2023, to July 2, 2023. The second Housing Element and public workshop will be on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers.

- Staff and council have been invited to a walk-through at the Grocery Outlet pre-opening tour on June 14, 2023 at 10:00 am, and on June 15, 2023, the official ribbon-cutting at 10:00 am.
- The next SNIP event will be held on June 26, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the courthouse, and on July 21, 2023, same time and location.
- Wasco Parks and Recreation is having the Independence Day event on July 1, 2023, at Barker Park.
- Staff is working on a possible location for recycling bins for those that live outside the city limits.
- Gave an update on the Lily Street residence
- Code Compliance officers have begun working some flex hours over the weekends.
- Staff was contracted by CALTRANS about a concept of a bike lane on Highway 46.
- All five high-speed rail agreements have been signed by the City Manager. Two have come back with fully executed copies and expecting the other three this week.
- A special meeting may need to be scheduled between now and June 20, 2023, for the renewal of the Wasco Prison trash contract.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:

- Attended the ICSC Conference with Council Member Reyna and City Manager Hurlbert.

Council Member Reyna:

- Attended the ICSC Conference and mentioned it was successful.
- Saturday, June 3, 2023, he had lunch with Mayor Martinez, Assembly Member Jasmeet Bains, and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.
- Sunday, June 4, 2023, the Covid-19 vaccination clinic was held, 40 people attended, and not everyone was vaccinated; 21 people were vaccinated, 16 visa gift cards of \$50 each were given out, 5 were non-residents, 3 people received the influenza vaccine. It is now called Health Fair and Resources and will be held on June 25, 2023.

Mayor Martinez:

- Thanked Chief Fivecoat and Police Records Administrator Sheila McCaleb for joining him in entertaining 200 kindergartners from Bakersfield who rode buses to Wasco to ride the Amtrak back.

City Manager Hurlbert proceeded to discuss the Wasco Police cars logo and showed the council a visual of two different logos of the rose and asked the council which one they prefer car number one or car number two. The consensus of the council was car number one.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: None

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

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Monica Flores

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Vincent Martinez, Mayor