

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

Pursuant to AB 361, the City Council meetings are presented in a hybrid format and in-person and virtually via Zoom webinar.

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reyna

Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2) ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Pallares, Council Members: Lynch, Martinez

Late: Council Member Garcia joined the meeting virtually at 6:08 pm.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant Lara, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy Clerk Flores, Public Works Director Villa, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Code Enforcement Officer Gonzalez, Public Works Deputy Director Martinez

3) FLAG SALUTE: by Mayor Reyna

4) INVOCATION: by Paul Hernandez, Freewill Baptist Church

5) PRESENTATIONS: NONE

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 \$399,760.28

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign and execute an agreement with Battery Recyclers of America for the disposal of hazardous dramatic lithium batteries in the amount of \$10,200.00.
Reso#2022-3735
Agmt#2022-018
- c. Approval for Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participation for Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Pallares, Council Member Garcia, and City Manager Hurlbert to attend the League of California Cities 2022 Annual Conference on September 7 - 9, 2022, in Sacramento.
- d. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Wasco and the County of Kern for participation in the County of Kern Work Release Program.
Reso#2022-3736
Agmt#2022-019
- e. Adopt a Resolution approving the Cost Report for Abatement of Weeds, Trash, Rubbish, Property Board-up, and Approving the Cost Report for Outstanding Fines, Assessing the Cost Thereof and Imposing Liens Pursuant to City of Wasco Municipal Code Chapters 8.24 and 17.80.
Reso#2022-3737
- f. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Wasco, California, calling and giving notice of holding a General Municipal Election for the Office of City Council Members for Districts 1, 3 for the full term of four(4)years and District 4 for a short term of two (2) years and for the Office of the City Clerk and City Treasurer for the full term of four (4) years and requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern to consolidate with the Statewide General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
Reso#2022-3738
- g. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or his Designee to Execute a Task Order Proposal with QUAD KNOFF, INC., for Professional Consulting Services for Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to Support the Construction of Four Wells and Two New Water Storage Tanks (Project) in the City of Wasco.
Reso#2022-3739
Agmt#2021-054(1)
- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to Execute an Agreement with Nova Products, a Peninsula Plastics LTD. Company in the amount of \$ \$21,436.80 to purchase 6048 plastic, 2-gallon organic totes.
Reso#2022-3740
Agmt#2022-020
- i. Adopt a Resolution Declaring its Intention to Review the Improvements and Assessments for Wasco Maintenance District No. 1, Wasco Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts No. 01-01, No. 01-02, No. 06-1, and 2017-1 for Tax Year 2022-23 and Authorizing the City Clerk to publish the Resolution setting the Public Hearing for July 5, 2022.
Reso#2022-3741

- j. Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the Executed Letter Authorizing the County of Kern as the Lead Agency to Submit to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) a Regional Application for the Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) Fiscal Year 2022-23 on its behalf.

Reso#2022-3742

- k. Adopt a Resolution to implement teleconference public meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, allowing the city to continue a hybrid virtual meeting environment.

Reso#2022-3743

- l. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or his designee to Execute a Contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to join the PG&E's EV Fleet Electrification Program to support the installation of Electric Chargers for Transit and 747 G Street (Well 14).

Reso#2022-3744

Agmt#2022-021

- m. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Wasco Updating and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees.

Reso#2022-3745

Assistant City Manager Lara requested to remove item 9e for further discussion.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Council Member Lynch, **seconded** by Council Member Martinez, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration on item 9e for further discussion by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:08 pm.

Assistant City Manager Lara informed council two property owners paid their outstanding administrative citations and abatement fees, and requested the council approve the revised Exhibit A Code Compliance Cost Report.

Public Comments by Sean Hinman.

City Manager Hurlbert indicated there is an Ordinance in place which addresses expansion of property driveways and it will be reviewed to see if there is an option to work within the Ordinance for address 425 2nd Street. He also confirmed there will be a suspension for the submittal of an assessment for property address 425 2nd Street and it will remain to be seen for new citation amount.

Motion was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Pallares, to approve item 9e with the changes to Exhibit A and amendment as mentioned by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

10)PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11)DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12)NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt a Resolution placing two Ballot Measures on November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election if the Office of the City Clerk and City Treasurer should be filled by election or appointment.

Reso#2022-3746

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert

No public comments

Motion was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Lynch, to adopt a Resolution placing the two ballot measures on November 8, 2022 General Election by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

- b. Discussion and Possible Minute Action to Appoint One Voting Delegate and Two Alternates for the League of California Cities 2022 Annual Conference and Expo held on September 7-9, 2022, in Long Beach, California.

Oral Presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Martinez, to appoint Council Member Garcia as Voting Delegate and to appoint Mayor Reyna and Mayor Pro Tem Pallares as alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to use Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to offer Complimentary Dial-a-Ride Services from July 2022 to August 31, 2022, a Summer Promotion.

Reso#2022-3747

Motion was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Lynch, to adopt a resolution for complimentary Dial A Ride services from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

- d. **Informational only**-Update and Discussion Regarding:

- Clean California Downtown Landscaping project
- Community Lighting project
- Vaccination Promotion

PowerPoint presentation by Assistant City Manager Lara.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert updating the Council on the vaccination promotion event to take place on June 26, 2022.

No public comments.

No action; informational item only

- e. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or Designee to Appropriate Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Under The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) For Water, Sewer Infrastructure, And One-Time Essential Premium Pay to Purchase land for the construction of Water Wells and Storage Tanks.

Reso#2022-3748

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments

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

AYES:	REYNA, PALLARES, GARCIA, LYNCH, MARTINEZ
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

- f. Report regarding the water and wastewater rate study.

Duplicate item. No action.

g. Informational only- Update regarding Sanitation Rate Roll-out.

Oral presentation by Public Works Director Villa updating the Council on Proposition 18 Sanitation rates approved on April 19, 2022. The City will not increase the rates in July 2022 until the contract with American Refuse is fully executed. A notification to the residents will be provided in the June 2022 utility bill.

No public comments.

No action; informational item only

h. Discussion and Possible Minute Action regarding Budget Workshop No.1.

Oral presentation by Finance Director Perez-Hernandez updating the Council on the following;

- CPI increased revenue of the LLMD's of 4% to \$182,000
- Medical Insurance Experience Rate
- Sanitation Professional Services Increase
- CPI's
- Project 22014 Street Lighting Southgate
- Totes for Recycling

No public comments.

Staff requested the Council to review for the next council meeting, the current capital improvement program and select the top five projects of priority of high, medium, and low for staff to focus on the upcoming year.

No action; informational item only

i. Report and Possible minute action regarding the introductory presentation of water and wastewater rate study.

PowerPoint presentation by Alison Lechowicz

- Water and Sewer Rate Study

Council were given 3 water rate options. The consensus of the Council is to further look at Option 2, a 3-year allotment phase-in, and Option 3, a five-year allotment phase-in for subsidizing and to allow the residents to adjust to the rate increase.

Public comment by Lamar Rodriquez.

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)

No reports

b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)

Council Member Garcia:

Received updates on Highway 46 and Caltrans

c. Wasco Task Force (Martinez & Reyna)

No reports

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)

Chief Appleton updated the council on the following.

- 203 total incidences, 24 fires, and 135 rescues and medical aid for May 2022
- Kerncountyfire.org is a new online reporting form available to report fireworks and is active
- Door hangers with QR code in Spanish and English will be ready for distribution

b. Kern County Sheriff Department (Shinn)

Sargent Shinn presented a PowerPoint report on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following items;

- Budget workshop meeting on June 22, 2022, is moved from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Lynch:

- Thanked public works staff, for promptly fixing a damaged sidewalk.

Council Member Martinez:

- Attended the Juneteenth on Saturday, June 18, 2022 event, presented awards to Apostolic Faith temple, True Light Baptist Church and Macedonian Church of God and Christ.

Mayor Reyna:

- Attended the Juneteenth event on Saturday June 18, 2022.
- The Covid-19 vaccination clinic will be held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Old Courthouse.
- Thanked the staff for the information they provide for the meetings.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

a. Approved Closed Session meeting minutes for June 9, 2022.

Tabled for the next council meeting.

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: NONE

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

DocuSigned by:



C5DE139539F34A0...

Gilberto Reyna, Mayor

DocuSigned by:



E95D4E01B89641A...

Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk