

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, August 1, 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 6:01 pm.

2) ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Public Works Director Villa, Community Development Cobb, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern County Sheriff Sergeant Stacy

3) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor

4) INVOCATION: by Manuel Cantu, Lifehouse Church

5) PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Proclamation for Kelly Richers
Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Kelly Richers.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- David Couch
- Maria Espinoza

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 \$860,767.05

- b. Approval of Travel and Training Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for one-half of City Attorney Thomas F. Schroeter's registration fees and one night's hotel stay to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference held on September 20 – 22, 2023, in Sacramento, California, not to exceed \$502.00, 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.
- c. Receive and File the Investment Report for the month ended May 31, 2023.
- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to record a deed correction for City owned property at APN 030-071-12 and find that this project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3).
Reso#2023-3941
- e. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or Designee to record a deed restriction on City owned property at APN 030-071-12 and 19 and find that this project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3).
Pulled for further consideration
- f. Adopt a Resolution to Execute a Transfer of the Kern County Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds from the City of California City to the City of Wasco for Fiscal Years 2022 Through 2023, for the Transit Bus Shelter(s) Project, in the amount of \$37,178.00; and Find that Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), the proposed project is Categorically Exempt.
Pulled for further consideration
- g. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to approve a purchase order with Plumbers Depot Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 to purchase one Closed Circuit Television Sewer Camera Unit for the Wastewater Department, and Find that Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA guidelines because the proposed activity consists of a governmental fiscal/administrative activity which does not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA, no environmental review is required.
Reso#2023-3944
- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to execute an amended purchase order with Total Security Solutions for the Wasco Police Department Security Materials in the amount of \$12,519.47, and Find that this Project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3), no environmental review is required.
Reso#2023-3945

No public comments.

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

City Manager Hurlbert pulled item 9f for further consideration.

Council Member Reyna pulled item 9e for further discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration on items 9e and 9f 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 record a deed restriction on City owned property at APN 030-071-12 and 19 and find that this project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3). **Reso#2023-3942**

Council Member Reyna requested clarification if Central Park's minor amenities would include bathrooms, tables, and benches.

City Manager Hurlbert clarified this item did not pertain to the design of Central Park, however, he responded to Council Member Reyna's question and stated the park will not have a bathroom and will have designated benches and tables in the design.

No public comments.

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

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

- f. Adopt a Resolution to Execute a Transfer of the Kern County Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds from the City of California City to the City of Wasco for Fiscal Years 2022 Through 2023, for the Transit Bus Shelter(s) Project, in the amount of \$37,178.00; and Find that Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), the proposed project is Categorical Exempt. **Reso#2023-3943**

Assistant City Manager Lara requested the council to consider and adopt the resolution with the addition of Section 3 and Section 4.

No public comments

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve item 9f with the changes mentioned by the following roll call vote:

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

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS: None

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)
No reports – Next meeting on September 28, 2023
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)
No reports
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)
No reports – next meeting in late August

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)
Sergeant Stacy reported on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- SNIP events will take place on August 2, August 23, September 6, and September 20 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Old Courthouse.
- Adventist Health hosting back-to-school healthcare – August 2, 2023, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Ribbon cutting for Poso Avenue underpass on August 3, 2023, 10:00 AM located at Poso Avenue and F Street.
- Community Breakfast August 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Old Courthouse
- Wasco State prison tour will be held on September 6, 2023. The deadline of August 23, 2023, to submit paperwork for clearance.
- Open recruitment for two vacant seats on the Measure X committee and the City will accept applications online or in-person.
- September 5-7, 2023 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at the Old Courthouse
- Central Park groundbreaking will take place on August 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM located on Central Avenue and Filburn Avenue.
- CERF meeting Community Economic Resilience Fund - Kern Community College is sponsoring on August 29, 2023, 6:00 PM – 8:00 pm at Old Courthouse.

- City has accepted an offer to distribute compost to the community provided by American Refuse at the location on Annin and Gromer to begin August 2, 2023.
- North of 7th Street and D Street abandoned building has been cleared.
- Last meeting discussed the utility shutoff notices, of which 432 notices were delivered and had remarkable results – about half either paid their accounts to current or entered into a payment arrangement for residential and multi-family accounts. For commercial accounts - 31 were delinquent – 16 paid to current and/or entered into payment arrangements - 3 had a service change leaving only 12 accounts delinquent.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:

- He visited the local churches and shared the news of the utility shutoff notices and recommended that the residents call the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) or the city for those in need of financial assistance.

Council Member Medina:

- Pleased with news of the building on 7th Street and D Street building being knocked down and thanked staff
- House of Fades will offer free haircuts, free backpacks food, and drinks on Sunday, August 5, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Council Member Reyna:

- Asked to bring back to a future meeting with an update – 2013 the city received \$2,781,433.00 from Caltrans Active Transportation Fund for the Safe Routes to School program – has the City used the funds or have the funds been exhausted; Has the City applied for additional funding to maintain and expand the existing infrastructure
- There was a truck vendor at westside park and a tricycle vendor selling food, and would like a discussion on having a nighttime market on weekends, Friday to Sunday, and asked the vendors to be there as long as they are complying with state laws, and the health department practices; asked to consider this idea for the future as a solution to having the food vendors selling food without being in compliance with the city ordinances.
- Regarding the Lily Street property great job to staff – one of the neighbors reported to him the car in the driveway has been used for homeless people to sleep in.

Mayor Martinez read the closed-session item titles.

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez recessed to the special meeting at 6:57 pm.

Mayor Martinez adjourned out of the closed session meeting at 8:21 pm.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for July 18, 2023

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) and Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (e) of §54956.9: One potential case

**18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:
City Attorney Schroeter reported out.**

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for July 18, 2023

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Martinez, to approve the closed session minutes by the following roll call vote:

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

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) and Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (e) of §54956.9: One potential case

No reportable action

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

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Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk

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Vincent Martinez, Mayor