

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2) ROLL CALL:

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

Late: Council Member Garcia arrived at 6:04 pm

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Lara, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy Clerk Garcia, Public Works Director Villa, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern County Sherriff Sergeant Shinn, Kern County Fire Chief Appleton.

3) FLAG SALUTE: by Wasco Bengals Cheer

4) INVOCATION: by Manuel Cantu, Lifehouse Church

5) PRESENTATIONS:

- a. A Recognition for the Wasco Bengals Cheer

Mayor Reyna presented the recognition to Cheer representative Cinthia Torres, Head Coach Xena Torres, Coach Addison Vasquez, and Ruth Loza. The Cheer team performed a short demonstration.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Manuel Cantu

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 \$1,499,833.65.

- b. Receive and File the Investment Report for the month ended June 30, 2022.

- c. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City to Implement Teleconference Public Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill ("AB") 361, Allowing the City to Continue a Hybrid Virtual Meeting Environment.
Reso#2022-3776

- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the amended EV Ready Communities Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kern COG and City of Wasco as funded by the California Energy Commission ARV-20-0101 for Level 3 DC Fast Chargers AND Budget Amendment.
Reso#2022-3777
Agmt#2021-055 (1)

- e. Adopt and Waive the Second Full Reading by title only of An Ordinance of the City of Wasco Amending Title 9 "Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare" of the City of Wasco Municipal Code, Chapter 9, to Establishing Regulations Prohibiting the Unlawful Possession of a Catalytic Converter and Making a Determination of Exemption Under CEQA.
Ord#2022-719

- f. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$79,221.28 to purchase two Hybrid SUV's for Code Enforcement and Building Department Vehicle Replacement and make a Budget Amendment to the Adopted FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and the Adopted Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022-2023.
Reso#2022-3778

- g. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a purchase contract with Bermingham Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$72,281.67 to purchase digester gas valve replacements and make a budget amendment to the Adopted FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and the Adopted Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022-2023.
Reso#2022-3779

- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Sign and Execute a Purchase Agreement, Master Subscription Agreement and to Authorize a purchase order for two Level 3 DC Fast Chargers in the amount of \$163,151.01 with Chargepoint Inc.
Reso#2022-3780
Agmt#2022-030

- i. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the engagement letters of Badawi & Associates for Audit and Accounting Services for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 for an Estimated Cost of \$41,085.
Agmnt#2021-030 (5)
Agmt#2021-030 (6)
Agmt#2021-030 (7)
Agmt#2021-030 (8)
Agmt#2021-030 (9)
Agmt#2021 030 (10)

- j. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Make a Budget Amendment to the Adopted FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and sign a Purchase order in the amount of \$5,094.67 to purchase landscape equipment from Kern River Power Equipment.

Reso#2022-3781

- k. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Sign and Execute a Purchase Agreement, Master Subscription Agreement and Authorize a purchase order of two level 3 DC fast Chargers and two level 2 chargers in the amount of \$186,674.50 with Chargepoint Inc. to be utilized by the Transit Department and Make a Budget Amendment to the Adopted FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and the Adopted Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022-2023.

Reso#2022-3782

Agmt#2022-032

Mayor Reyna open to public comments

No public comments.

Motion was made by Council Member Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Lynch, to approve the Consent Calendar 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 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 the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC. to Provide Business Development Consulting, including Retail Recruitment, Downtown/HWY 46 Five Year Strategic Plan, and Retail Academy/Training.

Reso#2022-3783

Agmt#2022-031

Oral presentation by Assistant City Manager Lara.

No public comments.

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

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

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)

Council Member Garcia reported no meeting until next month in September.

- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)

Mayor Reyna

- Attended the last meeting, and informed the approval of an increase in the amount granted to place charging stations in the City of Wasco.
- The Palm Ave reconstruction of the road has moved forward and is closed to completion.
- Spoke to Michael Navarro at Kern Council of Government regarding the painting of the crosswalk on Highway 43 and believes it is still unsafe for City staff or residents when crossing. A meeting will be taking place on August 8, 2022, for further discussion

Assistant City Manager Lara:

- Gave an update on the RSTSP project indicating that all Environmental documents have been completed and submitted to Caltrans.
- Informed that the additional archeological studies have been completed and are still working on the Environmental documents for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) item.

- c. Wasco Task Force (Martinez & Reyna)

Mayor Reyna reported No Taskforce meeting, although the Advisory Steering Committee met and Daryl Hochstein presented a presentation.

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)

Fire Chief Appleton gave a recent report regarding the activities on the 4th of July

- b. Kern County Sheriff Department (Shinn)

Sargent Shinn presented a PowerPoint report on recent crimes

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Assistant City Manager Lara updated the council on the following items:

- Snip liter event taking place on Friday, 8/5/22 @8:30am and 1:30 pm.
- Reminder of free Dial A Ride transit rides for the entire month of August 2022.
- Covid-19 assistance through self-help, mortgage, and utility assistance on the City Website.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Reyna:

- COVID -19 vaccines event took place at the Court House on 7/31/22; a total of 91 people got vaccinated 84 were residents. A \$50.00 gift card was gifted; also, the clinic onsite offered a \$100.00 gift card.
- Promoted the free Dial A Ride service at the event.

Council Member Martinez:

- Congratulated Tilo and Jennie Cortez, Roger and Dolores Harrison, and Tim and Karen Holtermann for selection as Grand Marshalls for the Wasco Rose Parade.

Mayor Reyna read item 17a and open for public comments

No public comments.

Mayor Reyna adjourned into a closed session at 7:07 pm.

Mayor Reyna adjourned out of the closed session at 7:14 pm.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: claim from Veronica Espinosa

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

City Attorney Tom Schroeter reported out.

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: claim from Veronica Espinosa

Motion was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Garcia, to deny the claim from Veronica Espinosa by the following roll call vote:


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

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

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 Gilberto Reyna, Mayor