

**MINUTES**  
**WASCO CITY COUNCIL**  
and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280**

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 p.m.**

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2) ROLL CALL:** Mayor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members: Medina, Reyna, Saldaña

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

**Late:** Council Member Medina joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Hurlbert, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Fivecoat, Public Works Director Villa, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern County Sergeant Stacy

**1) FLAG SALUTE:** led by Mayor Martinez

**2) INVOCATION:** by Paul Hernandez, Freewill Baptist Church

**3) PRESENTATIONS: None**

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- John Pallares

Deputy City Clerk Flores mentioned there were no email comments for this item or any other item on this agenda.

**5) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None**

**6) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: None**

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**7) 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 \$444,883.92

b. Approval of City Council Minutes for:

1. August 1, 2023, Regular Meeting

2. August 1, 2023, Special Meeting

- c. Adopt a resolution to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to enter into a service Agreement with the Office of the State Controller, Division of Audits, to Prepare the Annual Street Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.

**Reso#2023-3946**

**Agmt #2023-041**

- d. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 for the Kern County Law Enforcement Chief Executive's Association, POST Executive Seminar, September 6-8, 2023, Pismo Beach, CA.

- e. Adopt a Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto for the 2023 Wonderful Company Wonderful Community Grants and Find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to review under CEQA.

**Reso#2023-3947**

- f. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to approve a purchase order with Ferguson Waterworks in the amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 to purchase one hundred and fifty residential water meters, 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#2023-3948**

- g. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to execute Contract Change Order Request #1 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with B.R Frost Company for the Tricking Filter Rehabilitation Project, 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#2023-3949**

- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute an Agreement with Krazan & Associates to provide On-Call services for Materials Testing & Geotechnical 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#2023-3950**

**Agmt #2023-042**

- i. Adopt a Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto for the California Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Grant Program and Find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to review under CEQA.

**Reso#2023-3951**

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

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

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

**8) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Introduce And Waive The First Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Wasco Replacing Ordinance No. 18-698 And Amending Wasco Municipal Code Chapter 2.14 Relating To The Appointment Of The City Clerk And City Treasurer.

Oral presentation by City Manager, Hurlbert

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna, to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance by the following roll call vote:

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

**9) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**10) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and Possible Minute Action to Appoint One Voting Delegate and Two Alternates for the League of California Cities 2023 Annual Conference and Expo held 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.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

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

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement with Alecio Mora as Wasco Police Lieutenant, and Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Endorse the Agreement, 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#2023-3952**

**Agmt #2023-043**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.  
No public comments.

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

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

- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to execute a Contract Change Order Request in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 with Hartzell General Engineering Contractor, Inc. for the J Street Sewer extension project, 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#2023-3953**

Oral presentation by Public Works Director Villa.  
No public comments.

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

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

- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to procure services and execute contracts including, but not limited to, Project Management, Abatement, soil testing, Demolition, and other items related to the abatement and demolition of the Old Farm Labor Camp up to the amount of \$9,000,000.00. (Hurlbert)

**Reso#2023-3954**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.  
No public comments.

**Motion** by Council Member Reyna, **Seconded** by Council Member Medina, to adopt the Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

- e. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing The City Manager or Designee to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Central California Appraisals and order an initial appraisal in an amount not to exceed four thousand dollars, 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#2023-3955**  
**Agmt #2023-044**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.  
No public comments.

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

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

- f. Adopt A Resolution Approving A New Capital Improvement Project (Police Station); Amending the City Of Wasco Adopted Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2023/2024; the Establishment Of A New Police Station Fund Appropriation of \$5 Million And Corresponding Revenue Budget To Allow For Reimbursement of Eligible Project Expenditures Through Grant Programs; Authorizing the City Manager Or Designee to Procure Services And Execute Contracts Including, But Not Limited To Appraisals, Site Acquisition, Environmental, Architect/Engineering Services And Other Items Related to the New Police Station, Up to the Reimbursable Amount Of \$5,000,000.00, and Find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to review under CEQA.

**Reso#2023-3956**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.  
No public comments.

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

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

**11) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)  
**There will be an upcoming Kern EDC Annual Dinner on September 14, 2023.**
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)  
**There will be a meeting this Thursday, August 17, 2023.**
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)  
**No reports**

**12) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:**

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)  
**No reports - Fire Chief Appleton absent**
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stacy)  
**Sergeant Stacy reported on recent crimes.**

**13) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

**City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:**

- Deadline for a background clearance on August 28, 2023, for the Prison tour. The event will be pushed back due to a conflict with the CERT training.
- Wine and Roses event on September 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Elks Lodge.
- Wasco Rose Parade will be September 7-9, 2023
- Kern Community College Kern Economic Resilience Fund CERF Meeting August 29, 2023, at the Old Courthouse August 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- Community Response Team CERT Training September 5-7, 2023, all day at the Old Courthouse.
- Kern County Fair Senior Day on September 22, 2023. Dial a Ride will transport the local seniors in conjunction with Wasco Parks and Recreation.
- Dove Season begins September 1, 2023.

**14) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**Council Member Medina:**

- House of Fades gave 60 free haircuts for a back-to-school event, and was a great turnout.

**Council Member Reyna:**

- He spoke to Senator Melissa Hurtado on Sunday and reminded her that we are going to need more funding for the Wasco Police Station.
- Requested to fix - the bike lane on Central Ave on the west side is being obstructed by trees.
- Thanked Sergeant Corey and the Deputies for removing cars parked illegally on the street.
- On Friday, September 1, 2023, the Knights of Columbus are having a blood drive at the St. John's parking lot from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To make an appointment, go to HCBDB.com, the Houchin Community Blood Bank, and we will welcome people who just show up. They are giving two tickets to the fair to donate blood.

Mayor Martinez read the closed-session items.

No public comments.

Mayor Martinez recessed to the special meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Martinez adjourned out of closed session meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**15) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for August 1, 2023
- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS 54957.6**  
Agency designated representatives: Mayor Martinez and Councilmembers  
Unrepresented employee: City Manager
- c. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54957**  
Title: City Manager

**16) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:**

City Attorney Schroeter reported out.

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for August 1, 2023

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

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

- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS 54957.6**  
Agency-designated representatives: Mayor Martinez and Councilmembers  
Unrepresented employee: City Manager  
**No reportable action.**
- c. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54957**  
Title: City Manager  
**No reportable action.**

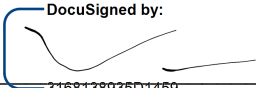
**17) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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*Monica Flores*

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Vincent Martinez, Mayor