

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martinez
Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Tom Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Deputy City Clerk Tinajero, Community Development Director Cobb, Public Works Direct Villa, Chief of Police Fivecoat, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern County Fire Chief Appleton

- 3) **FLAG SALUTE:** led by Mayor
- 4) **INVOCATION:** by Paul Hernandez, Freewill Baptist Church
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
Deputy City Clerk Tinajero mentioned there were no email comments for this item or any other item on this agenda
- 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 \$59,574.61

- b. Approval of City Council Minutes for:
 - 1. June 15, 2023, Special Meeting
 - 2. June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - 3. July 18, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - 4. September 5, 2023, Regular Meeting

- c. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 for the Police Records Administrator to attend the CLEARs (CA Law Enforcement Association of Records Supervisors) Training Seminar on November 6-11, 2023, in Ventura, 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.

- d. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the Human Resources Manager to attend the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training-the-Trainer Training Course on September 25 - 27, 2023 at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, 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.

- e. Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2023 Title VI Compliance Plan for the City of Wasco Dial-a-Ride, 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#2023-3965

- f. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to approve a Budget Amendment to the Adopted FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget of \$19,000.00 for the Granicus Annual Billing, 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.
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No Conflict of Interest on the consent calendar for any of the Council members.
No public comments.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to approve the Consent Calendar 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 Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize and Execute a Purchase Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for body camera and Taser equipment for the Wasco Police Department, 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#2023-3967

Oral report by City Manager Hurlbert.
No public comments.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Amended Salary Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in Compliance with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Requirement for Publicly Available Pay Schedules, 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#2023-3968

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.
No public comments.

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

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

13) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)
Council Member Garcia - Attended the Kern EDC 35th Annual Dinner on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The next meeting date will be TBA at Bakersfield College.
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)
Council Member Reyna – Reported on multiple items from the Kern Cog meeting.
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)
No reports.

14) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)
Chief Appleton gave a recent fire report.

- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stout)
No reports - Sergeant Stout absent.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- Kern County Fair Senior Day Friday, September 22, 2023 - Dial A Ride will transport 18 local seniors in collaboration with Wasco Parks and Recreation District and they will provide the sack lunch
- October 21, 2023, Community Clean-up event to be held at Barker Park – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers needed.
- The SNIP event will be on September 20, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Old Courthouse.
- There was an oath of office for the Senior Dispatch for the Police Department today.
- Next week, three sworn officers will begin working for the Wasco Police Department, with an informal oath of office and a badge pinning to be coordinated with our council meeting and for every sworn officer that will be hired.
- Auditors will distribute a questionnaire to Council members on September 20, 2023.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:

- Requested if staff had received feedback from SNIP organizers regarding the transition to half-day and the no-shows.
- The Community Action Partnership of Kern CAPK workshop was successful, and individuals and families from Wasco and surrounding areas of Kern were assisted with their accounts.
- The Open-Door Network is hosting a domestic violence awareness month event on October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with the location to be announced. The invitation is open to everyone to participate.

Council Member Reyna:

- Attended the Evening of Wine and Roses event on September 8, 2023.
- Invited Assembly Member Dr. Jasmeet Baines and Senator Melissa Hurtado to attend the Wasco Rose Festival Parade to join the council members to ride on the fire truck.
- Attended the Kern EDC 35th Annual Dinner on Thursday, September 14, 2023.
- Vaccination clinic on September 10, 2023; 34 people received the COVID-19 vaccination, 25 people received the flu vaccine, 59 total people vaccinated, 26 Wasco residents obtained a \$50 visa card, and 8 non-Wasco residents obtained \$50 from our partners.

- He was approached by the Lideres Campesinas of North Kern for having a proclamation to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness month for the October 17, 2023 council meeting.

Mayor Martinez:

- Thanked Hall Ambulance for attending the council meeting.
- Congratulated the new Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: None

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Monica Flores

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Vincent Martinez, Mayor