

MINUTES
WASCO CITY COUNCIL
and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, October 3, 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 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 Mark Bateman, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Public Works Director Villa, Community Development Director Cobb, Assistant City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Fivecoat, Finance Director Perez-Hernandez, Kern Sheriff Sergeant Stout, Kern Fire Chief Appleton

3) FLAG SALUTE: led by Mayor

4) INVOCATION: by Paul Hernandez, Freewill Baptist Church

5) PRESENTATIONS:

- a. New Employee Police Department Badge Pinning Ceremony for:
 - 1. Alecio Mora, Police Lieutenant
 - 2. Lionel Lopez, Police Sergeant
 - 3. Maira Puente, Police Sergeant

This item has been rescheduled for the next council meeting on October 17, 2023.

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 \$1,812,268.14
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes for September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting.
- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to finalize and enter into an Agreement for Preventative Maintenance Services of the City's Generators with Duthie Power Services for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$35,092.94, 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#2023-3969

Agmt#2023-047

- d. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or designee to Enter and Execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 2008-048 with County of Kern Waste Disposal, Agreement #1075-2008, 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#2023-3970

Agmt#2008-048(2)

- e. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute a Task Order Proposal with QUAD KNOPF, INC., for Professional Consulting Services for Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to Support the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application for the Construction of Four Wells and Two New Water Storage Tanks (Project) in the City of Wasco, 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.

Pulled for separate consideration

- f. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Make a \$739,911.52 Monetary Budget Amendment from the Adopted FY 2023/2024 SB1 Funds to the SB1 Poplar Avenue Rehabilitation Project #21016, 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#2023-3972

- g. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Endorse and Enter into an Agreement with Bowman Asphalt, Inc. for the SB1 Poplar Avenue Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,099,979.00 and allowing the City Manager to execute Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed an

aggregate of \$75,000, 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#2023-3973

Agmt#2023-048

- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Procure Consultants/Contractors and Approve Expenses up to \$25,000.00 to Perform Work Related to Water Quality Analyses and Video Survey of Potential Future Well Sites, 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#2023-3974

- i. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute the First Amendment to the On-Call Consultant Services Agreement No. 2021-054 with QUAD KNOFF, INC (QK) and find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA review.

Reso#2023-3975

Agmt#2021-054(1)

Council Member Reyna pulled item 9e for further discussion.

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 Council Member Medina, to approve the Consent Calendar with separate consideration on item 9e by the following roll call vote:

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

- e. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute a Task Order Proposal with QUAD KNOFF, INC., for Professional Consulting Services for Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to Support the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application for the Construction of Four Wells and Two New Water Storage Tanks (Project) in the City of Wasco, 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#2023-3971

Agmt#2020-021(1)

Council Member Reyna requested clarification regarding the allocation of the grant money of \$44 million for this item. City Manager Hurlbert explained that the

City's application status is unchanged but that the funding source now includes direct Federal monies, requiring additional (NEPA) environmental reporting.

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

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

Mayor Martinez granted public comment by Noeh Ontiveros regarding an invitation to the Open-Door Network event.

10) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Approve, Review, and Provide Inspection of the Wasco Rotary Sign Project Implementation and Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines pursuant to Section 15311; therefore, no environmental review is required.

Reso#2023-3976

Presentation by Oscar Luna, Larry Pennell, and Kelly Richers.

Public comment by John Pallares addressing his concern regarding the item.

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

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize and Execute a Purchase Agreement with ProForce Law Enforcement for Personal Body Armor used by Police and Code Compliance Officers 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#2023-3977

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, **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

- c. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Finalize, Execute and Implement the City of Wasco Police Department Policy Manual developed with the use of Lexipol, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, 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#2023-3978

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert, and mentioned there was an omission in the Resolution of the verbiage "including updates ", and to authorize the city manager to update the policy as needed.

No public comments.

Motion was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Reyna, to adopt the resolution with the changes as mentioned 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)
No report.
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)
No report.
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)
No report.

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 (Stacy)
Sergeant Stout reported on recent crimes.

15) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:

- Water shutoffs: Dropped from 100-200 per month historically to approximately 34 after outreach efforts.
- Presented an oral report of the Wasco Police Department Recruitment Statistics.
- Discussed the request for a report on Traffic Calming Measures

- Community Breakfast held on October 4, 2023, at Wasco Union Elementary District Maintenance of Transportation MOT Facility located at 2201 Griffith Avenue, 7:00 a.m.
- Teresa Burke Elementary School Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony October 6, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month event – Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Lifehouse Church, 1441 7th Street.
- SNIP Event will be held on Wednesday, October 11th & Wednesday, October 25th, 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. across from the Courthouse on the Wasco Public Works sidewalk.
- Community Clean-up, October 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Barker Park – Volunteers needed.
- Trunk or Treat – College Community Services - Monday, October 30, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 820 6th St. (& E St.)
- Trunk or Treat – Wasco Parks & Recreation on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Barker Park
- Strata Credit Union Bank: Ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 2380 Highway 46.
- Senator Melissa Hurtado and Assemblywoman Dr. Jasmeet Bains will present a Police Department funding check to the City on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wasco Council Chambers.

16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Reyna:

- Attended the League of California Cities annual conference on September 20, 2023.

17) CLOSED SESSION: None

18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: None

19) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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