

**MINUTES**  
**WASCO CITY COUNCIL**  
and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm.  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280**

Pursuant to AB 361, the City Council meetings are presented in a hybrid format and in-person and virtually via Zoom webinar.

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**2) ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Pallares, Council Members: Garcia, Lynch

**Late:** Council Member Martinez joined the meeting at 6:51 PM

**Staff Present:** City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, City Clerk Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Administrative Assistant Ramirez, Public Works Director Villa, Community Development Director Cobb, Chief Building Inspector Ledezma, Deputy Public Works Director Martinez, Kern County Sergeant Shinn, Kern County Fire Chief Appleton

**3) FLAG SALUTE:** by Mayor Reyna

**4) INVOCATION:** by Paul Hernandez, Free Will Baptist Church,

**5) PRESENTATIONS:**

**a.** Recognition for the Wasco Rose Festival Organization

Mayor Reyna presented Certificates of Recognition to the following;

- Wasco Festival Committee
- Orange Heart Foundation
- Wasco Recreation and Park District
- Wasco Elk Ladies
- Wasco Woman's Club
- Wasco Block and Tackle
- DJ David Armendariz, Jr.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to None Youth Football Team
- Wasco Historical Society

Public comments by Sharon Sharp.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joan McConnell Smith

**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 \$987,252.84
- b. Approval of Minutes for:
  1. Regular Meeting, July 5, 2022
  2. Regular Meeting, July 19, 2022
  3. Regular Meeting October 4, 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#2022-3808**
- d. Approval for Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the Executive Assistant I/Deputy City Clerk Flores to attend the 2022 CALACT Autumn Conference & Expo on November 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Santa Rosa, CA.
- e. Approval of Travel and Training Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 for Executive Assistant I/Deputy City Clerk Flores and Administrative Assistant I/Deputy City Clerk Tinajero to attend the Technical Training for Clerks (TTC) Series 100 held on March 14 - 17, 2023, at the University of California Riverside in Riverside, California.
- f. Approval for Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip for the City Manager to attend the League of California Cities City Manager Conference on February 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Carlsbad, CA.
- g. Approval of the Notice of Acceptance of the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project and Authorization for the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.  
**Rec#2022-014**
- h. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to approve a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00 to purchase one Utility Van for the Facilities Maintenance Department from Lampe Dodge.  
**Reso#2022-3809**

- i. Accept all bids and Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute an Agreement with Pay Dirt Construction Inc. for the construction of a Sludge Drying Bed rehabilitation project in an amount of \$173,925.00 and allow the City Manager to execute Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed an aggregate of \$10,000.00.

**Reso#2022-3810**

**Agmt#2022-040**

- j. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute a Grant Agreement and any Amendments thereto for funding from California State Transportation Agency 2022 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.

**Reso#2022-3811**

**Agmt#2022-041**

No public comments

**Motion** was made by Council Member Garcia, **seconded** by Council Member Lynch, to approve the Consent Calendar by the following roll call vote:

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

**10)PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

**11)DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE**

**12)NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Accept the latest rate analysis proposal and authorize staff to mail and print notices for Proposition 218 hearing on December 20, 2022.

PowerPoint presentation by Allisson Lechowicz, Lechowicz and Tseng Consultant

- Water and Sewer Rate Study Rate Report Review

Council member Martinez arrived at 6:51 PM

No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Lynch, to approve the rate proposal, the drought rate schedule and to proceed with the notice and hearing of Proposition 218 by the following roll call vote:

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

- b. Adopt a Resolution Approving Police Department Start-Up Position Job Description and Pay Range, Amended Salary Schedule, CalPERS Safety Plan, and Budget Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2022– 2023.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

Public comments by Billy Homan

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

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

- c. Adopt a Resolution Appointing Mario Juarez as an Extra Help Retired Annuitant under Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224 and approving employment agreement with a compensation of \$23.5194 per hour and a length of term not to exceed 960 hours per CalPERS Rules.

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.

No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Lynch, **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)  
**No reports**
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)  
**No reports**
- c. Wasco Task Force (Martinez & Reyna)  
**No reports**

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

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)
  - September 2022 - 228 total incident, 17 fires, 155 medical aides and vehicle collisions
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Shinn)  
**Sgt. Shinn gave the recent crime reports.**

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

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

- Typo on the staff report for the Wasco Police Department start-up date; should read October 18, 2022.
- Trunk or Treat event to be held on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Barker Park Recreation Building
- First annual Halloween staff event to be held on October 31, 2022 at 11:30 AM at the Wasco Public Works yard.
- Community Clean-Up Event to be held on November 19, 2022 at Barker Park.
- The Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon will take place on December 1, 2022 at 11:30 AM at the Public Works yard.
- Wasco Christmas Parade to be held on December 3, 2022, in Downtown Wasco.
- Toys for Tigers event to be held on December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Wasco Elks Lodge

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

**Council Member Garcia:**

- Thanked the Kern County Sheriff Department for quick response to flurry of activities last week.
- Requested to ask for support for our perspective police services from state leaders.

**Council Member Lynch:**

- Recently came back from vacation in Colorado; attended a Montrose City Council meeting and gave greeting from Wasco and received one back.

**Mayor Reyna:**

- Spoke to Steven Kemp, representative for U.S. Congressman David Valadao regarding the Wasco Police Department start-up.
- Requested for an estimated timeline from staff for the Wasco Police start-up.
- Attended the St. John Evangelist Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

**17) CLOSED SESSION: NONE**

**18) CLOSED SESSION ACTION: NONE**

**19) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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Gilberto Reyna, Mayor

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Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk