

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WESTMORLAND FOR November 4, 2009

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in a regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Henry Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

*Present at time of roll call:* Council members Freddie Beltran, Jr., Thomas Landrum and Mayor Henry Graham. Also present were Teri Nava, Wayne Walker, Anne Graham, City Treasurer, Mitch Driskill, City Attorney and City Clerk Sally Traylor. Absent: Council members Stanley Brummett and Gus Sanchez, Larry Ritchie, Joel Hamby, Joe Diaz and Fire Chief Sergio Cruz

Oral Communication - Public: 1). Councilman Landrum brought up the need for speed bumps on Cook Street after receiving a complaint about cars driving too fast on this residential street. Council to direct the Public Works Director to install "Reduce Speed, Child at Play" signs at Baughman and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets and post the area at 25MPH. The Mayor also requested the Police Department to keep a closer eye on Cook Street for speeders. 2). The Mayor questioned why the Gas Bill is averaging \$1k a month, but noticed some usage and dates the same. The bill at the Hardware was high, marked Jake James Sports Park. The Mayor is concerned about the lack of care for a tractor that the city purchased for Public Works. If they are not going to use it the City needs to sale it or Trade it stated the Mayor.

SCAG Presentation – Rosanna Bayon Moore, Regional Affairs Officer. Ms. Moore came before the board to inform them that SCAG is in the process of decentralizing many of their resources and changing some of the way they do business to invent technical and community resources, hence her being the first staff person to occupy their Imperial County office. Her job is to make SCAG more accessible to the local communities that they serve. Their office has video conferencing capabilities to share valuable information throughout the Imperial County stated Ms. Moore. Council received two Fact Sheets ("What is SCAG?") and (Senate Bill 375). Rosanna expressed the importance of SB375 and how it is going to change how a lot of communities address land-use and transportation. There is a meeting set up for November 12<sup>th</sup> that she invited council members to attend.

Rosanna also gave the Clerk the Growth Forecast Development and Local Input materials for review and input in confirming the existing city boundaries, land use and zoning designations for population growth estimates for the years 2020 and 2035. The first Thursday of the month Rosanna drives to LA and would be happy to give any councilman a ride that would like to attend the SCAG Regional meetings. Rosanna finished up with the city's interest in working on the Compass Blueprint Demonstration project in receiving planning dollars to assist with a proposed scope of work.

Adjournment to Planning Commission Meeting: The City Council adjourned into the Planning Commission meeting at 6:16 PM.

Properties located at 256 & 262 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – Matilde Carmona: The property owners and Mr. Hamby were not present for this meeting. No action was taken on this item. The City Attorney will put this on his calendar to re-review in sixty days to address any concerns regarding these two properties.

Adjournment back to the Regular City Council Meeting: The Planning Commission adjourned back to the regular Council Meeting at 6:20 PM.

Approval to purchase Alarm System for Concession Stand at Sports Park – Teri Nava: Back in September Teri was asked to get price quotes on the purchase of an alarm system for the concession stand. The only proposal she received back was from Jade Security in the amount of \$703.91 which covers installation and one year monitoring service. This will be paid for out of the 05-STBG-1530 grant. The Mayor

questioned Teri on this being an allowable expenditure, who stated yes. The system comes with a three year warranty, 90 days of labor and they gave us three months of monitoring free. M – Thomas Landrum to approve the purchase of the Alarm System using grant funds S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C Continuance of the monitoring after the year will be decided when the year is up.

Discussion of eligible projects list and cost estimate to prepare the application by staff personnel to apply for Statewide Park Development funds – Teri Nava: Teri met with Park Commissioner Sanchez who would like to concentrate on improving the City Hall Park before continuing with the Sports Park because for every project a separate application has to be submitted. Some proposed suggestions was a splash pad and more lighting. No action taken.

Award on Bid on 7<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation Project – Wayne Walker: The city received \$302k from the Reinvestment Recovery Act from IVAG for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street project. The bid opening was done on October 26<sup>th</sup> with the city receiving ten bids with Pyramid Construction coming in as the lowest at \$149,950.50. Granite was second and IPS was third, but for the record their bid was non-responsive stated Wayne. This would move Hazard Construction up to position three. It is the recommendation of Mr. Lai, Director of Development Service and Mr. Walker that the bid be awarded to Pyramid Construction. M – Thomas Landrum to award the bid to Pyramid per the recommendation in the amount of \$149,950.50 S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C The administration of this grant will be done by Hui and Wayne.

Update on removal of the abandoned trailer on I Street – Mitch Driskill: The notice to abate the nuisance has been mailed out with a list of violations to the property owner for correction within 30 days. If this is not corrected within the 30-days, the city will contract someone to cleanup this property. There is an outstanding tax lien on this property in the amount of \$9k stated the City Attorney. Council will re-review this after the 30-day wait period. No action taken.

Repair/Replacement of Distribution Variable Speed Control panel at Water Plant – Lucas Agatep: Lucas provided the board with two estimates; one to refurbish the damaged Flex 58 controls for the Motor Control Equipment (\$4,238.75) at the Water Plant and one to install a new panel (\$7,501.25). This is a backup unit for the plant and has lasted for seven years. M – Freddie Beltran, Jr. to refurbish the unit at a cost of \$4,258.75 with a backup warranty being included S – Thomas Landrum M/C

Replacement of Wastewater Wet-well Pumps Controller at Sewer Plant - Lucas Agatep: Lucas reported to the board that this controller operates both of the wet-well pumps at the Sewer Plant with a bubble system that is not working correctly so Lucas has been using the backup, which is now starting to go out. It was the recommendation of RSIS, Inc. to install an ultrasonic level sensor and new backup floats system that can be retrieved when cleaning at a cost of \$5,020.94. M – Thomas Landrum to approve this expenditure and installation at a cost of \$5,020.94 S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C

Mayor Graham questioned Lucas if he uses the tractor he discussed earlier under oral communication. The tractor was purchased to cut grass but is not made for that stated Lucas. Lucas does not have any use for the tractor.

Adoption of Resolution 09-16, 2009-2010 COPS Grant Funding – Clerk: The city received notification that we can submit for the 2009-2010 COPS Grant funding in the amount of \$100k that will be paid quarterly once the money is received from the State, stated the clerk. M – Thomas Landrum to adopt Resolution 09-16 for the COPS grant S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C

Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2009 and City Warrants: M – Thomas Landrum to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009 as presented and to pay the city warrants S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C

Adjournment: With no further business, council adjourned this meeting at 6:50 PM.

/s/Sally Traylor  
Sally Traylor, City Clerk

/s/ Henry Graham  
Henry Graham, Mayor