

MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR October 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Darlene Berber led the invocation.

Present at time of roll call: Mayor Ana Beltran, Council members Judith Rivera, Justina Cruz, Larry Ritchie, and Xavier Mendez

Due to the stay home notice council meeting is not open to the public but available via zoom in telephone, also present were City Attorney Mitch Driskill, Chief of Police Perry Monita, Public Works Ramiro Barrajas and Westmorland Fire Department Michael Ginnis

Oral Communication:

Larry Ritchie - The ICTC there was a small presentation on a meeting that was held down in El Centro about all the trash haulers, and what they're saying is that new guidelines for the methane gas that are coming up is going to drive up the trash pick-up for organic waste. They are going to have to go to have to charge us more for that and the reason for that is the state is saying that they can't have a certain number of particulates of methane gas, and the reputation that organics have is that it releases methane gas. So they're saying in order to circumvent that they will have to raise the rate and buy some serious equipment. Mr. Ritchie also states so we can look for current payment to go up. Ms. Berber asked if they gave him an idea of how much it will go up? Mr. Ritchie replied with no right now but the county is talking to Sacramento now because of all the agriculture here we have so many towns of organic waste that has to be disposed of from the fields. There is going to be more discussion on it. Mr. Ritchie would like to see it happen within 6 months to a year just depends on how serious Sacramento is about sending someone down here to see the state were in.

Mr. Driskill gave an update on AB992 as of last month on September 18th the governor signed AB992 which is a revision to the Brown Act which address the use of social media by the legislation or body or here on the city council. Mr. Driskill gives reminder what the Brown Act is. AB992 which it adds to that is it addresses social media. Just two people (governing body) is not a meeting but you still can't decide on social media to circumvent that or decide on what should go before the city council. More details were provided to council and is available for public viewing online.

Mr. Ritchie reverted back the ICTC discussion the governor signed an executive order that in 15 years he wants all vehicles to be Hybrids so now ICTC is now scrambling to figure out where are they going to get all these funds to put in all the recharge stations up over the 8 and up 86 and where's all this money going to come from? Because these recharge stations are going to be an certain amount of cash, but we have to come up with it because it's one of those non funded directives. Justina Cruz replied with It's only a recommendation not that it's a bill that you should do. (too much chatter city clerk couldn't catch every word) Multiple discussions of off-road vehicles. Moving on

Ramiro B. informed the council that he spoke with Mr Johnson Jas Johnson from DJ Miller he said to go ahead and order that slide they are going to pick up the cost. He wanted to thank the city for allowing him to pick up some other projects and putting this one on hold (referring to the Little Citizens Park) Mr. Mendez asked, who allowed them? Ms. Beltran asked who did they speak to about this? Mr. Ritchie asked Did the county come in? Mr. Mendez addresses the fact

that he didn't know about it. Ana Beltran acknowledged Ms. Teri Nava was on the phone. Ms. Nava asked what was the comment being made she couldn't hear. Ms. Beltran repeated DJ Miller said thank you for giving them the extension to put our park on hold and who discussed that with him? Ms. Nava replied it wasn't that the park was placed on hold it was according to what Jess had informed her was that we couldn't move forward because we were waiting for the shade covering to be completed. Ms. Nava asked Who from DJ Miller said thank you for the extension? Replied Jess Johnson. Mr Ritchie asked Ms. Nava if she heard what Ramiro said? Ramiro asked by Ms. Beltran to step forward and repeat to Ms. Nava. Mr. Barajas addressed Teri there was a slide that was not placed on order it was missing at time of walk thru so we asked for a cost estimated he just got back to us and said he's going to pay for it and he said thanks to the city for allowing him to take care of some other projects first then he'll get back to us Ramiro stated something like that. So he's going to pick up the cost on the slide. Ms Nava just to clarify No one gave him an extension it was a delay in the shade covering coming in they couldn't move forward because they have to put in shade and post in. There was no extension there was a delay in the shade. They do feel bad that it has taken this long but it is the least they can do at this time is to donate the slide.

Ms. Beltran asked Ms. Nava again about the contract. Ms. Nava stated she has not come in she's been super busy on housing authority issues, but she does have the copies and binder for the project.

Ms. Nava stated as a reminder the US Census is being extended to October 31, 2020 she did received some flyers. Ms. Beltran let Teri know we have not received any flyer and asked Teri to email them to Darlene. Ms. Nava stated one final thing She has been working on the parks project and we have to have a minim public meeting maximum 4 so we get the maximum points she would like to schedule 3. Public meeting will be the 21st she will forward Darlene all the information, one will be the October 24th that's on a Saturday at the park, and on the 29th she's going to ask Mr. Cordero with the school if she can have something in that area so we can get some other participants. We have to have it documented that we had several meetings because don't get to choice the projects we have to have the communities input. She will get the ladies in the office flyers to get the info out. Clarifies and apologies for the contract.

Ms. Berber has a few things for public comment there is a voting ballot drop off box located in the lobby of city hall on the table it was delivered on the 6th and will be there till 3pm on November 3rd and moved to the Youth Hall for in-person voting. Also on September 29th, 2020 there was a Flu Shot Clinic at the Youth Hall there was 38 of Westmorland residents that received the flu shot at No-cost there were 3 that did pay but at a very low cost. The pharmacy is working getting approval thru medical to be able to cover the under 18 and vaccines to talk to the school to bring more resources to the community.

New Business:

Discussion/Action To adopt/approve Resolution 20-13 Declaring a Public Nuisance (dirt in the parkway) at 396 N. H Street – Joel Hamby not present Mr. Larry Ritchie, Ana Beltran, and Ramiro B. were present earlier to view the property because of all the complaints. There has been a bunch of dirt on the city right away and blockage of water. Nuisance Abatement will be posted. Discussion of broken pipe, Mr. Ritchie and MR. Driskill discussion (inaudible) **Motion by Mr. Ritchie Second by Ms. Rivera AIF PASSED**

Mr. Driskill asked for item to be placed on next agenda November 4th, 2020 Mr. Ritchie inquired about translator. Ms. Beltran stated Ms. Cruz was handling that. Ms. Cruz mentioned the university that was used before is working remotely and will locate one if needed.

Discussion/Action 2021 Virtual Northern Nuts and Bolts Workshop –Ana Beltran/Darlene Berber. Enclosed in packet if non-member is \$25 per non-member and over all briefing on the topic of workshop. the deadline in January 29th,2021 Mr. Berber also informed the council she does attend League of City Free Workshops and Weekly meetings. (phone chatter inaudible) **Ms. Rivera makes a motion to Approve Second by Mr. Mendez AIF Pass**

Council, Staff &Consultants –

Discussion/Action: Purchasing of Vehicles for Public Works by Ramiro Barajas just for discussion he's been meeting with Mr. Hamby regarding street money there's also money from the water and sewer. Awhile back there was a question to Mr. Hamby if there was any street money for equipment for the street like a dump trailer or backhole possibly a couple service trucks. Wanted to meet with council to see if it is in the budget. It's in the CIP to when the raise of water rates. Now that he looks at it dump trailer and a truck that's strong enough to pull it or a gas truck or smaller truck and the money could go back in after purchase. Ritchie refers to the Ranger and the cop car they could sell. The New ranger works well looking it purchase similar. (too much chatter inaudible) Ms. Berber asked if we are going to Table. Mr. Driskill addresses the issue of using the title commissioner instead of liaison or chair heads avoid using the word commissioner. The city has not had any commissioners since 1935. **Item Tabled**

Discussion/Action: Purchasing Sensor for WWTP (Water Waste Treatment Plant) EFFLUENT Flow Meter by Mr. Perez not present Mr. Barajas presented **Motion by Ms. River and Second by Mr. Mendez AIF PASSED**

Discussion: Repairs to City Hall/Police Department by Perry Monita no backups just discussion of the adobe wall and cracks after the earthquake Item will defer to Mr. Barajas to look into. **Item Tabled**

Discussion/Action: Utilizing Eladio Reyes to complete background investigations. Fees to paid out of NTF asset/forfeiture funds by Perry Monita motion the benefits to has the officer paid. **Motion by Mr. Mendez Second By Ms. Rivera AIF PASSED**

Consent Agenda:

Approval of September 16th, 2020 and City Warrants: **Motion by – J. Rivera, Second by L. Ritchie , AIF- Passed**

(Mentioned the Minutes for March 12 (Special) & 21, 2018 have to be reviewed and brought back)

Closed Session:

Residential Complaints and Public Employee discussion on employee's vacation time (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).) –Council

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:40pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 8:06pm Nothing to report from closed session

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:07pm by Motion by X. Mendez, Second by Ms. Rivera AIF - Next regular meeting in October and will be held on Wednesday 21st, 2020.

/s/ Darlene Berber

Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 10/21/20

Approved 10-21-2020