

**MEETING MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR DECEMBER 1, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in special/regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:00PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00PM and Darlene Berber led the invocation during special meeting.

Present at time of roll call: Council members Mayor Ana Beltran, Mayor Pro Tem Xavier Mendez, Judith Rivera, Ray Gutierrez, Justina Cruz Also Present City Attorney Mitch Driskill and City Clerk Darlene Berber

**Oral Communication – Public & Staff**

Ms. Alicia Cruz – briefly commended on noticing the calendar was on the agenda and asking for Veterans day not be moved for a different day off.

**Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action**

Appointment of Mayor and Chairpersons – Council – Mayor Ana Beltran nominated Current Mayor Pro tem Xavier Mendez to be Mayor and asked if there were any other nominations Council member Judi Rivera nominated council member Justina Cruz. **Motion to Appoint Mayor pro tem to Mayor by Mayor Ana Beltran 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Gutierrez - Motion Passed. Mayor Xavier Mendez appointed his Mayor Pro Tem to be former Mayor Ana Beltran as Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Appoints Chairmanships as follows;**

**Park and Recreation – Council member Ray Gutierrez**

**Police and Fire – Mayor Pro Tem Ana Beltran**

**Public Works – Council member Judi Rivera**

**Streets – Council Member Justina Cruz**

Discussion/Update: IID Energy Department Update – Mayor Ana Beltran/Alex Cardenas, Board of Directors-Division 1 /Connie Bergmark, Deputy Manager – Mr. Cardenas introduces accompanied IID board members and the 1.1 billion dollar budget and plan for Westmorland. Ms. Gilbert introduces her self (most of speaking is inaudible) Discussion on when power goes out process to restore in different grids and what might cause the power to go out. Public works director Ramiro Barajas addresses the extended power outages and the affect on the city water plant and lack response of service to the elderly or those with medical devices. Mr. Cardenas agrees to meet with Mr. Barajas to address these issues. Continued to discuss IID's setbacks with equipment manufacturing defects that has been out of IID's hands. Mayor Xavier Mendez asks what is going on with the substation build on North B and East 7<sup>th</sup> the sign is blown over. **NO Action Needed**

Discussion/Approval: Master Tax Sharing Agreement between cities. – Mayor Ana Beltran/Marcela Pierda is the City Manager for the city of El Centro. The process of annexation and the past 12 years. Proposal from AV Economics analysis for \$210,000. All the shared cities have agreed and confirmed with the exception of Westmorland. The formula from LAFCO is Brawley &29,205, Calexico \$36,042, Calexico \$5,340, El Centro \$50,310, Holtville \$4,446, Imperial \$17,556 Westmorland's shared cost would be \$2,442. Imperial County will pay shared cost of \$64,659. **Motion to accept the proposal for the shared agreed by Mayor Pro Tem A. Beltran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rivera AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Approval: Paid Observed Holiday Calendar – Mayor Ana Beltran **TABLED for Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Discussion/Action: Approval to repair lift station pump motor not to exceed \$2,500- Ramiro Barajas amount \$1062.40 for the waste water plant. **Motion to Approve by Mayor Pro Tem A. Beltran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Gutierrez AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Action: First reading of Ordinance 01-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND MANDATING ORGANIC AND GREEN WASTE RECYCLING FOR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS – Joel Hamby **Tabled for Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Discussion/Action: Resolution 21-18 DECLARING A NEED TO HOLD COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA TELECONFRENCING PURSUANT TO CA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 – Mayor Ana Beltran **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem A. Beltran 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rivera AIF Motion Passed**

**Staff Reports Non-Action Items:**

**City Treasurer – Terri Nava Nothing to Report**

**Police Department – Perry Monita Honey Festival went well just a few glitches and follow up meeting with chamber**

**Fire Department - Sergio Cruz needs to figure out what to do about the fire truck it's been sitting for repairs for 2 months. Fire department was backed up with calls. Mayor states we can discuss later.**

**Public Works- Ramiro Barajas Traffic Control**

**City Hall Supervisor- Tami Castro Not Online**

**City Clerk - Darlene Berber, we are making progress with the server issues but is also causing extra work. Explains the process of having to get the emails in all at once. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Toy drive and Light parade and Light parade route will be posted after we have a meeting with to discuss. Mayor asked about how monetary donations are being handled they may be turned into city hall with a memo for Christmas in the park.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval/Action: Approval of City Warrants, Revised Regular September 15th, 2021, Special November 9th, 2021, and November 17th, 2021 Minutes. **Motion to approve City Warrants only by J. Cruz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rivera**

**Closed Session:**

Public Employee Appointment, Employment, Evaluation or Dismissal (Fire Department) (Gov.t Code §54957(b)(1).) Public Employee Compensation (Government Code 54957.6) City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:07pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 8:46pm from closed session

Nothing to Report After Closed Session

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:50pm by Motion by R. Gutierrez and 2nd by Mayor X. Mendez AIF - Next regular meeting in December and will be held on Wednesday 15, 2021.

/s/ Darlene Berber

/s/ Xavier Mendez

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Darlene Berber, City Clerk

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Xavier Mendez, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 1/5/2022

Approved 1/05/2022