

**MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR January 20, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Xavier Mendez called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Darlene Berber led the invocation.

Present at time of roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Xavier Mendez, Judith Rivera, and Justina Cruz, and City Attorney Mitch Driskill Via Zoom and Phone Mayor Ana Beltran came in to call later, and Ray Gutierrez.

Due to the stay home notice council meeting in the chamber room is not open to the public but available via zoom in telephone, also present were Chief of Police Perry Monita, Westmorland Fire Department Michael Ginnis, Ramiro Barajas present via zoom/phone 7 callers

Oral Communication:

City Clerk Darlene Berber has a RoundTable for the city clerks on the 26th of this month, The issues being discussed are on Homelessness. There is a survey and Q&A if anyone would like to call or email me so I can address before the meeting anyone is free to do so. Mayor Pro Tem asked will that be via Zoom. Answer Yes via Zoom for the city clerks.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if anyone else has anything they'd like to add or present?

Michael Ginnis Has seen CR&R picking up the trash and then right after picking up the recycles again. Asked why do we bother separating it if they are just going to dump it all in one same trash bin. They just blow it off. Council woman Justina Cruz mentioned they came way early like at 4:30am and no one had their dumpster out. Picking up trash and they don't usually come until 10am or 12pm. Darlene Berber mentioned she did put out a public notice on Facebook on the community pages to remind people to put their trashes can out because Monday Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not considered a trash holiday. That's the only thing that I could think of to do. Council woman Judi Rivera mentioned Mayor Ana Beltran couldn't hear the zoom. Issue resolved. Roy Durantes said he could hear.

New Business:

Discussion/Action: Outreach for Covid-19 Testing at the City Park- Xavier Mendez, Alex Cardenas, Dr. Tien Vo. Dr. Vo not present Roy Durantes on call as well. Alex Cardenas Good evening Honorable councilmembers and Mayor also on the call is Roy Durantes We have a really exciting opportunity for the City of Westmorland. Do want to thank Ms. Darlene for helping us put together there is a flyer. Looking at Covid-19 Testing for the city of Westmorland we are looking on doing it on January 30th from 8am-10am and so again it an exciting opportunity for the city of Westmorland and again we appreciate the opportunity to partner up in terms of using your guys property and we want to be able to test as many people as we can we will be using the rapid test and it does involve a nasal swab and once we get the nasal swab, we will then do what's called a rapid test that takes about 10-15mins. It's available to anyone who is insured uninsured or doesn't have health care all we're asking is that they provide a valid ID and that they stay on their vehicles. So, this is going to be a drive thru COVID-19 testing once they get tested we will have them park and we will communicate their results. Again, Darlene reached out to us and Dr. Vo Medical Center and they are willing to do this for the community. Even if members do not

have insurance, we will get them tested and if there is anyone without transportation, we will get them set up. So just wanted to put that out there We also have Roy Duarantes who's going to help with some of the media when you guys approve the flyer as soon as the flyer and you guys are okay with the flyer, we want to just really blast it and put it on Facebook and maybe do a follow-up video after again this is an exclusive to Westmorland. Thank you for the partnership and again I will open up for any questions. Mayor pro tem Xavier Mendez stated he knows the flyer says from 8-10 but what time is set up that way you can direct the traffic. Alex replied we will probably be there about 7:15 and coordinate the traffic with hopefully the police chief. Mayor pro tem states the Police Chief is present and is shaking his head yes. Council member Justina Cruz asked Alex about him stating that they are going to blast this all over Facebook. Does that mean that potentially all of imperial county will potentially be here? Or is this exclusively Westmorland residents only. Alex replied I might have miss spoke let me try that again How would you like us to advertise it? Mayor Ana Beltran via phone stated she thinks it will be great if it were for set appointment. Multiple statements from council and room That isn't going to work. Madam Mayor was under the impression this was for the vaccine and showed concern for the residents not to be camping out. Clarification this is not for the Vaccine. Alex asked again who would you like to proceed? Council woman Judi Rivera relied what you said the first time Alex is fine. Also, Mayor Pro tem will be present during the event. Alex relied it goes quick they can do about 200 tests in 2 hours. Here's the interesting thing you have to have a negative test prior to getting the vaccine so for any eligible senior they will have to have a negative test result from a current COVID-19 test which is going to be great for them. Alex states the are going to put the current flyer on their Facebook page and do a live follow up with Roy when they are at the park encouraging people to come and if the Police Chief has any questions. Chief recommends entering from 2nd street. Justina Cruz asked about the in-home testing. Roy asked if it can be restated. Justina Cruz replied Didn't I understand from some Facebook advertising the Dr, Vo does go to people that can't leave their houses to test them? Roy replied Yes there are some cases in which there are emergencies in which they have gone to people house that are elderly and cannot leave their homes and in those unique cases we do Make the exception and we do go to their homes however due to the extreme lack of resources we can not do that in every single case. We prefer for people to come to the clients but will make the effort for extreme and unique cases. ***Motion to Approve Dr. Vo and his team to have a Drive thru testing by Justina Cruz Second By Judi Rivera AIF Motion Passed.***

Council, Staff & Consultants –

Discussion/Approval: Reimbursement for lodging for backflow testing training -presented by Ramiro Barajas council members you should have in front of \$659.75 for 6nights in Ontario for backflow training I'll be staying 6 nights Sunday thru Saturday I looked around for the best deal. Council Member River asked if this was a weekly rate? Replied Yes ***Motion to Approve Reimbursement for \$659.75 for lodging by Judi Rivera Second By Justina Cruz AIF Motion Passed***

Discussion/Action: Approval of Audit 2018/2019 – Council Presented by Council Member Judi Rivera. Darlene made a copy of the of the first page of the audit but there is an audit complete if the council would like to look at it. It has been brought to us serval time we just need to make a motion. ***Motion to Approve by Mayor Ana Beltran Second by Judi Rivera AIF Motion Passed***

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes for January 6, 2021 and City Warrants. **Motion to approve By Judi Rivera and Second by Justina Cruz AIF Motion Passed**

Council woman Judi River mentioned the council wants to bring back the Staff reports. Staff can always type something up, verbal, or place on the agenda whatever the staff would like.

Closed Session:

Discussion/Review First draft of Public Service Employees Job descriptions and salary scales, as well as Appointment, Employment, or evaluation and possible management position (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)- Council

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:19pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 7:00pm Nothing to report from closed session.

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:03pm by Motion by Ms. Rivera Second by Justina Cruz AIF - Next regular meeting in February and will be held on Wednesday 3, 2021.

/s/ Darlene Berber

Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 2/3/21

Approved 2/3/2021