

**MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR November 3, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, November 3, 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

Richard Cordero with the Westmorland Union School District – Thanking the City for allowing the FD Chief and PD Chief for Participating in the Red Ribbon Week Parade

Darlene Berber – Comite Civico del Valle sent me a flyer for November 17th, 2021 for a Lithium Valley Commission Community Forum. Also gave an update on the Trunk or Treat collaboration with Park and Recreation and the Westmorland Community Presbyterian Church went well we are invited to have it again at the same location.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action

Discussion/Update: Condition of City Street Sweeper and CR & R's plans for repair. – Mayor Ana Beltran/ Matt Gray the sweeper was sent to Haacker for repairs will take about 3-4 months. Also will be giving a route and scheduled days soon.

Discussion/Action: 2021/2022 CR&R trash rate increase. – Matt Gray/Mayor Ana Beltran. Matt states if the rate increase of 4% is the approved, they will wait till January 1st to try and provide comfort for the customer service and to show the city they are serious about maintaining and improving the working relationship. City Clerk asked if we can set up a public forum so CR &R can hear the communities concerns. Further discussions about roll offs at IID site. **Motion to approve the 4% increase but hold off until January to review again for the increase in January by J. Cruz 2nd by X. Mendez 4 Yay 1 Abstain Motion Passed**

Discussion/Action: Fire Department request use of Youth Hall and Kitchen area – FD Chief Sergio Cruz **Motion to Approve from the 12th till the 24th to have access to the keys by J. Rivera 2nd by R. Gutierrez AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Action: Approval to pay invoice for emergency repair on filter flow meters- Ramiro Barajas **Motion to approve the Gold Coast invoice for \$2064.49 by J. Rivera 2nd by R. Gutierrez AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Action: Approval of Change Order for CHRP Account. – Terri Nava Council directs Mrs. Nava to see if the property owner will cover cost because the city has already received \$40,000 to improve property. **Motion to contact and let the property owner know they will be responsible for \$4,000 by J. Rivera 2nd J. Cruz AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Approval: Resolution 21-14 PERMA alternates for Board. – Justina Cruz – Discussion on Resolution clarification Resolutions are to be provided by City Clerk and City Attorney. **Motion to Approve Board Rep. to be Justina Cruz as Board Member, Darlene Berber City Clerk as 1st alternate and Tami Castro as 2nd alternate by X. Mendez 2nd by R. Gutierrez**

Discussion/Approval: Approval requested for Front Office Supervisor to be added as an additional designee to view and receive confidential taxpayer information per Resolution 17-02. – Tami Castro **Motion to Approve by J. Cruz 2nd by X. Mendez AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Approval: Allow for Love's tax reimbursement to be made before November 15th, 2021. – Joel Hamby Approval to pay and bring back the reported amount at the November 17, 2021 meeting. **Motion to pay before November 15th, 2021 by X. Mendez 2nd by J. Rivera AIF Motion Passed**

Old Business – Discussion/Action

Discussion/Action: City staff requesting option to opting out of City paid insurance benefits and receive differential allowance after providing proof of enrollment - Mayor Ana Beltran/Ramiro Barajas - **TABLED**

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Police Department – Trunk or Treat went off with out a hitch and Dog Vaccine Clinic December 18th, 2021 from 1pm- 2pm. Council Member Rivera asked Chief if we are short staffed at this time. PD Chief replied said yes and they are working with partnering agencies, and we are accepting applications and have been conducting interviews.

Fire Department – Asking to look into getting another fire engine introduced some of the FD Staff.

Public Works- No Present

Front office Supervisor Nothing to report

Treasurer Please look into changing the domain name for emails on non-staff or previous employees names removed

City Clerk – We are still having issues with emails and we are getting in contact with IT and server company to fix. If anyone is having problems, please report them and bring in devices so we can get to the bottom of tech. issues. We are here to help and this information is to vital to just think it's going to fix itself.

Consent Agenda:

Approval/Action: Approval of City Warrants, Special & Regular September 15th, 2021 and October 6th, 2021 Minutes. **Approval of City Warrants, Special September 15th, 2021 and to amend Regular September 15th, 2021 to table and bring back Oct. 6th, 2021. By J. Rivera 2nd by J. Cruz.**

Closed Session:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov't Code §54956.9(b) – one case.

Public Employee Appointment, Employment, or Evaluation (Fire Department) (Gov.t Code §54957(b)(1).)

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:12pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 8:43pm from closed session

After Closed Session

Discussion / Action: Claim for money damages from Imperial Hay Sales in the amount of \$1,125. – Council – Bill Will be split Motion to pay in part and deny in part \$560.50 by J. Rivera 2nd by J. Cruz AIF
Motion Passed

Discussion/Update: For reclarification of Councils decision on paying the firemen from council's previous approval to pay firemen. – FD Chief Sergio Cruz – Fire Department will get reimbursement from September 15th NO Action Needed

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:50pm by Motion by J. Rivera and 2nd by X. Mendez AIF - Next regular meeting in November and will be held on Wednesday 17, 2021.

/s/ Darlene Berber

Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 11/17/2021

Approved