

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

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Joel Hamby led the invocation.

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

Oral Communication – Public & Staff

Irma Miralda – Concerns that the city has no animal control and cat issues. Also, water drainage issues.

FD Sergio Cruz - 3 members have resigned from the department and the department has promoted Julian V. and Brandie Dahm stated the excellent job they are doing. The other things that were assigned to the department they have completed billing. Thanked All staff for the work being put in.

Jackie Loper - Questions on the monies that the city pays to the fire department, the stipends, and audits. Mayor explains the process. Back and forth on non-profit status and spending of monies. Requires request presented to the City Clerk.

Darlene Berber- Reminder September 14th is a special election 7am- 8pm at the youth hall

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action

Moved Item 1 to Item 2

Discussion/Action: League of Cities Sacramento conference for Regional Conference and Committee members – Mayor Ana Beltran **Motion by X. Mendez to allow Mayor and City Clerk to go to conference on behalf of the city. 2nd by R. Gutierrez. 2nd by J. Rivera and J. Cruz. NEW Motion to allow City Mayor only to attend by J. Rivera 2nd by J. Cruz AIF Motion Passed for one person to go.**

Discussion/Approval: Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Day Proclamation – Mayor Ana Beltran/ Daniel Sohn stated how the chambers is going to help advance the efforts of the city for the community and upcoming events. **Proclamation read by Mayor Beltran and declaration that September will be Imperial Valley Chamber of Commerce Month and posted to city website.**

Discussion/Action: iWorQ Systems proposal. – Mayor Ana Beltran/Ramiro Barajas **Moved to closed session discussion and Tabled after closed session.**

Discussion/Update: Presentation by Daveline/IVRMA and approval to pay annual dues. – Mayor Ana Beltran/ Daveline Villasenor present via phone for explanation for dues shared. **Motion to approve by A. Beltran and 2nd by J. Rivera AIF Motion Passed**

Discussion/Action in response to conference call regarding the SRF Water Plant grant. – Joel Hamby **Moved to Discussion in closed session**

Discussion: Mono's Bad Boxing & Recreation Center collaboration with Imperial Valley Probation Department behalf of the city – Mayor Ana Beltran/ Mayor Pro Tem Xavier Mendez – **Met with Mr. Prince and PO Department focusing on 9-12yrs but all children are welcome they will be funding the program working with the school and city to the benefit the community and will be starting in early fall.**

Discussion/Action: Approval to purchase lab equipment for WTP/WWTP using ARPA funds. – Ramiro Barajas presented list of equipment. Various vendors. **Motion to Approve by J. Rivera 2nd by X. Mendez AIF Motion Passed**

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

City Clerk- Reminder September 6th is observed as Labor Day and working with the Regional Chambers

Public Works- Working on the room know as lion’s den for paint and cleaning.

Discussion on Fire department Meeting room.

Consent Agenda:

Approval/Action: Approval of August 18th, 2021 Minutes and City Warrants. **Motion to Approve by J. Rivera 2nd by J. Cruz AIF MOTION PASSED**

Closed Session:

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

Public Employee Appointment, Employment, or Evaluation (consider employee status for part-time/on-call/as-needed employee with pay rate) (Gov’t. Code §54957(b)(1).)

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

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:12pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 10:10pm from closed session

After Closed Session

*Discussion/Action: Public Employee Appointment (consider employee status for part-time/on-call/as-needed employee with pay rate) – Council – **Letter will be written up for Mr. Hamby by City Attorney***

*Discussion / Action: Claim for money damages from Imperial Hay Sales in the amount of \$1,125. – Council - **Tabled***

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:12pm by Motion by J. Cruz and 2nd by X. Mendez AIF - Next regular meeting in September and will be held on Wednesday 15th, 2021.

/s/ Darlene Berber

Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 9/15/2021

Approved 9/15/2021