

MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF WESTMORLAND FOR March 4, 2020

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Councilmen Henry Graham led the invocation.

*Present at time of roll call:* Council members Mayor Ana Beltran, Larry Ritchie, Henry Graham, and Xavier Mendez, also present were City Attorney Mitch Driskill, City Clerk Judith Rivera, Chief of Police Perry Monita, City Treasurer Anne Graham, absent was Justina Cruz

Oral Communication:

1) Councilmen Larry Ritchie stated that he attended a meeting at ICTC and they have received all the information, reports and audit from the City and now they are in good standing with them.

New Business:

Discussion/Action of Building Permit for Adrian Castañeda 200 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Ana Beltran: Mayor Ana Beltran stated they would move item to the end after closed session, asked Mr. and Mrs. Castañeda to hand around until then.

Discussion/Action Nuisance Abatement Clean Up Notice for Escobar Property – Henry Graham: Councilmen Henry Graham stated item was brought back to let everyone know its still an issue and asked City attorney Mitch Driskill what's the next stage is next to have some type of legal actions.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion and Action:

Update of Housing Element – Teri Nava: Mrs. Teri Nava, CDBG Consultant stated that she and Mr. Hamby have been meeting on the Housing Element and have been talking to Sacramento and they have been told that the numbers they are requesting the City to have has low housing units has decreased significantly, thanks to Cheryl Walker who has been helping them. Mrs. Nava is waiting for the exact number. Mrs. Nava stated there's is a new law stating the residents are able to build auxiliary dueling units what used to be called granny flats, where any R1 properties are allowed to build a separate or attached living space this law allows property owners to bypass local zoning ordinance, also if property owners have taken a garage and converted without a permit they can have those permitted under the new state law, it's now retroactive. Mrs. Nava stated that for every R1 unit can be potentially two, not necessary build but have the access to do so.

Update of Little Citizens Park Project – Teri Nava: Mrs. Nava stated she has met with DJ Miller they have been given the letter of award, a meeting has been set for Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> to review and sign contracts. DJ Miller has asked to hold off about two weeks to start they had to order the equipment, so project should get started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March it's a 90 day contract. Project includes extension of the sandbox, two sets of slides, replacement of the slide and park lighting.

Update of CHRP account – Teri Nava and Mitch Driskill: Mitch stated there is no additional information, funds shall remain where it's at.

Discussion/Approval purchase of work boots for Public Works – Ana Beltran: Mayor Ana Beltran recommend Council to approve \$150.00 per Public Works employee for work boots. M – Larry Ritchie approval not to exceed \$150.00 per employee S – Henry Graham M/C.

Discussion/Action to designate Office Clerk position to receive Sales and Use Tax information from the Department of Tax and Fee – Ana Beltran: Mayor Ana Beltran stated that this is to add Rachel city staff to add her to the list giving authorization to communicate and provide information to the agencies needed. City attorney stated that the other issue is that City representative needs to have contact and be able to give information to Loves station regarding the offsite cost of the gas tax numbers. M – Larry Ritchie designate and add Rachel to the list S – Henry Graham M/C.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2017, March 12 (special) and 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, February 19, 2020 and City Warrants: M – Henry Graham approval of February 19, 2020 meeting minutes and City Warrants S – Larry Ritchie M/C.

Closed Session:

Discussion of Public Employee's Health Benefits modification request/opt out, (Gov't Code §54957(b)(1).) – Council:

Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:16 PM readjusted back to regular meeting at 6:53 PM opened backup with item No. 1 Councilmen Henry Graham informed Mr. and Mrs. Castañeda that there will be no decision tonight due not all the parties involved are present, a meeting will be scheduled with them, City attorney and two of the Council members to discuss and physically see what their intension is, it would be much easier to see it. There was several options and concerns discussed, neighbors, possible variance granted or not granted. Item will come back with recommendation from the committee and legal. Mr. Castañeda asked about what was discussed on the Housing Element item about the granny flats, he asked if a city resident already has one built all they need to do is come in and get a permit. City attorney Mitch Driskill stated if they built it and meets certain requirements the City can't make them tear it down.

M – Larry Ritchie to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 pm S – Xavier Mendez M/C. Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2020.

/s/ Judith C. Rivera

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Judith C. Rivera, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

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Ana Beltran, Mayor