

MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR JULY 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Mr. Henry Graham led the invocation.

Present at time of roll call: Mayor Ana Beltran, Council members Larry Ritchie, Justina Cruz, and Xavier Mendez Due to the stay home notice council meeting is not open to the public but available via zoom in telephone, also present were City Attorney Mitch Driskill, City Clerk Judith Rivera, Chief of Police Perry Monita, and Westmorland Fire Department Michael Ginnis

Oral Communication:

1) Westmorland Fire Department Michael Ginnis gave an update on the COVID-19 in the Imperial County, positive numbers keep going up its now No. 1 in the State of California. The Stay Home order has been put back in place. (2) Councilmen Larry Ritchie stated that the City requested the employees to get tested, he suggested the City should pay the employee's copay or test charge if it does not get covered by their insurance. 3) Ana Beltran, stated that regarding the properties they City was trying to obtain are no longer available, property owners have paid their past due amounts and are no longer being purchased by the City. The property on the alley of East 2nd and 3rd is available and the City will submit the paper work needed. Councilmen Larry Ritchie stated Council will give an update when more information is available.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Council member appointment of successor – Council: M – Larry to appoint Judith Rivera as Council member S – Justina Cruz M/C. City attorney Mitch Driskill sworn in Ms. Rivera. M – Larry Ritchie nominated Judith Rivera to continue to take minutes and act as City Clerk until new clerk is appointed S – Xavier Mendez M/C.

Discussion/Action Bid for 18/19 Audit RFP – Ana Beltran: Mayor Ana Beltran stated the City received two bids to complete the 18/19 Audit one from Karina Alvarez in the amount of \$59,500.00 and 2nd bid was from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP in the amount of \$29,500.00 to complete audit. M – Larry Ritchie to approve Moss, Levy & Hartzheim to complete the 18/19 Audit S – Xavier Mendez M/C.

Discussion/Action Adoption of Resolution 20-09 Calling for November 2, 2020 Election – Mitch Driskill: City attorney Mitch Driskill presented Council with a copy of Resolution 20-09 required by the Imperial County Elections department in order for the City to participate in the November 2020 elections. The City of Westmorland will have two seats coming up. M – Larry Ritchie adoption of Resolution 20-09 as stated above S – Justina Cruz M/C.

Old Business:

Discussion/Action appointment of RDA Representative – Council:

Old Business: Council appointed City Mayor Ana Beltran for RDA representative M – Larry Ritchie to appoint Ana Beltran as RDA representative. S – Xavier Mendez M/C.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion and Action:

Appointment of Mayor and Commissioners – Council: Item/action will be put on hold until after the November 2020 elections.

Approval of 2019/2020 Budget and other budgetary items – Council: Council members have reviewed the 2019/2020 budget and are ready to approve. M – Larry Ritchie approval of the 2019/2020 Budget and other budgetary items. S – Justina Cruz M/C.

Discussion/Approval of Change order to purchase new shade for the Little Citizens Park – Teri Nava: Mrs. Teri Nava was not available for the meeting, council discussed purchase and decided to approve if it has been budgeted purchase in the project. M – Larry Ritchie tentatively approve based that its included and budgeted in the project S – Xavier Mendez M/C.

Discussion/Approval to purchase Level Sensor for the WTP not to exceed \$1,500.00 – Ezquiel: Public Works Ramiro Barajas provide Council with a quote for the purchase of a level sensor. M – Judi Rivera approval to purchase Level Sensor for the WTP not to exceed \$1,500.00 S – Justina Cruz M/C.

Approval of Emergency Repairs sewer line on West 5th Street Primo Construction – Ramiro Barajas: Ramiro Barajas Public Works Director stated there will be additional charges, plus trying to figure out per villeine wages, will bring back item on the next meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2017, March 12 (special) and 21st 2018, June 17, 2020 and City Warrants: M – Judi Rivera approval of June 17, 2020 meeting minutes and City Warrants S – Xavier Mendez M/C.

Closed Session:

Discussion of Public Employee's Resignation, hiring process and evaluation (Gov't Code §54957(b)(1).) – Council: City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:42 PM readjoined back into regular meeting at 7:40 pm and City Mayor Ana Beltran informed that Council women Judi Rivera will take over as Police and Fire Commissioner.

M – Xavier Mendez to adjourn this meeting at 7:43S – Judi Rivera Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

/s/ Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor