

MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR September 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Xavier Mendez led the invocation.

Present at time of roll call: Mayor Ana Beltran, Council members Judith Rivera, Justina Cruz, Larry Ritchie, 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, Chief of Police Perry Monita, Public Works Ramiro Barrajas and Westmorland Fire Department Michael Ginnis

Oral Communication:

Justina Cruz- Updated the council that Westmorland Chambers had a board meeting and the Honey Festival we're postponing it it's not going to happen in November - Questions asked by council members Larry R. asked till next year ? Ms. Cruz reply No, hopefully till December but we'll see what they say. Ms. Beltran replied, Well that will be nice if we can have it. Low sounding responses of Yes! Mr. Litchie is growing his beard for Christmas in the park! Mayor replied Well, if we have it we have it, it is (not auditable)

Michael Ginnis - had update on the fire truck #6121 is complete on repairs everything seems to be working. Major Beltran expressed appreciation for staff services especially to Mr. Ginnis and Mr. Loper and all that were there to help.

Ms. Nava reports she has been talking to DJ Miller and they have ordered the shade and the shade is back ordered and they can't do any ground work until the shade is here to put in the post. Blame it on the Corvid like everyone else is and she apologizes and she's been on the phone with them and they apologies but everything is back. Mr. Mendez asked The equipment that is right there does it belong to DJ miller or are they renting it? Ms. Nava it does. Mr. Mendez okay, just need to make sure we're not being charged for it. Ms. Beltran asked about the forms that were redone and were warped will we be charged for it. Ms. Nava that is no extra cost to us that is on them because the city ids not the one holding up the work. The city has not put a hold on anything. No other question for Ms. Nava

New Business:

Discussion/Action: City Clerk requesting authorization to access and maintain city website (agendas and minutes) – Mr. Ritchie expressed he has no problem with that. Mrs. Cruz questioned is it just loading the minutes and agendas but not control over the whole thing? Ms. Berber reply No its just for that potion of the website. Ms Beltran also replied Rachel already started working on making access with password that only gives access to the website to do what she needs to do for city clerk business and that's about it. Ms. Berber gave an update of working out the kinks today. So once approval is made and a few more kinks are worked out we'll go live. Mr. Driskill also informed the council and actually to the extent the city has a website they are obligated to post the minutes and agendas on the website. Ms Beltran stated correct and we need to get up-to-date with that. Motion by L. Ritchie Second By X. Mendez – AIF – Motion Passed

Council, Staff & Consultants –

Discussion/Action: Calif. Dept. of Park and Recreation Grant - Teri Nava bringing to the attention she received a email from on September 4th from Kristen with CA Department of Park and Recreation has been in contact with Ramiro and her for funds available. She hasn't done much research on the matter because she needs the council's authority. She would us to know there is an application is able thru The State of California Parks and Recreational grants and local services is providing \$395.3 million in grounds for the statewide parks program and they are looking for us to applied for funds. This is a community based application and there will have to be community meetings and go before council for public hearings. She touched on the fact that she wants us to have the info and doesn't want the city for lose out on any grants that are coming out. Ms. Beltran asked for clarification on the name of the Grant? The State of California Department of park and recreation statewide grant thru-out the state of California. Ms. Mendez referred to workshop attended for procedures to follow thru with getting the grant. Ms. Betran would like to move forward with that. Mr. Ritchie inquiries about Teri needing a list of potential projects? Ms. Nava reminds the authority from council to move and then community involvement. Ms. Beltran clarifies we need to apply and get community involvement for what the community would like to see happen with the funding. Ms. Rivera Motions to give Teri direction to Apply for the CA Department Parks and Recs Grant. Second by Ms. Cruz AIF- Passed

One more question by Ms. Beltran We have been asking for the contract for parks and recs? Ms. Nava will hand deliver by Friday. The contract because something seems to be happening to the system no idea if it's on our side or her system but emails have not been connecting and she will hand deliver personally to Rachel. Ms. Rivera asked Ms. Nava if there is an update on The little Citizens park is there an update? For the sake of not being out of order refer to public comments above ...

Discussion/Action: Resolution on accepting funds from the 2018-2019 COPS fund grant (AB 1584) for the following item: Approx. \$42,000.00 for a 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptor to Penske Ford La Mesa. – Perry Monita \$38,433.11 final cost vehicle and paint. Only drawback is 6-8 months wait. Ms. Rivera motion to approve Second by Mr. Ritchie –AIF – Passed

Discussion/Action: Repairs for Patrol Car #813 (Ford Explorer) for the air conditioner evaporator and the water pump estimated cost of \$2,868.30 to Wright & Knight, to be paid out of NTF asset forfeiture state funds. – Perry Monita leak in water pump NTF are will in to pay cost and repairs. Motion by Mr. Mendez Second by Ms. Rivera –AIF- Passed

Chief Monita wanted to inform the council Sergeant Reyes will be back to work Friday –Sunday and then he's going to be going over to Imperial PD. Mr. Ritchie asked if there's an update on Anne condition? Mr. Monita responds she's in San Diego expecting 4-5 days days there hopefully back next week. Ms. Beltran Yes, and in Good Health

Update for COVID Trailers - Presented by Micheal Ginnis sent emailed and nothing was returned back email sent two weeks ago.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of September 2nd, 2020 and City Warrants: Motion by – L. Ritchie, Second by J. Cruz, AIF- Passed

(L. Ritchie mentioned the Minutes for March 12 (Special) & 21, 2018 has to be searched for Mitch had electronic minutes but they have to be found.)

Closed Session:

Residential Complaints and Public Employee discussion on employee's vacation time (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).) –Council

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:14pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 6:23pm Nothing to report from closed session

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:25pm by Motion by J. Rivera Second BY X. Mendez, AIF - Next regular meeting in October and will be held on Wednesday 7th, 2020.

/s/ Darlene Berber

Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 10/07/2020

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