

MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR October 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and Darlene Berber 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 Public Hearing Interpreter

Oral Communication:

Xavier Mendez- Ana Beltran and himself had been in contact with Katy Santillian and Has funds available thru Sonia Corina Inc. She named the company in memory of her daughter Sonia Santillian who was killed by a drunk driver on Christmas Day on 1975 at the age of 4. So that is the non-profit where the funds are coming for Monos Gym in the amount of \$23,000 and has also donated desks and helping out a lot. Thank you to Katy Santillian of Brawley.

Teri Nava- Census Extension info to be distributed.

Ms. Moreno- Mentioned prizes always help participation and asked when would the community have a time frame to discuss public hearing.

Darlene Berber- Mentioned the postings of and receiving of applications to fill the City Treasurer position.

Teri Nava- mentioned info of mask but (was not auditable)

Larry Ritchie – Announcement to make. It is with great regret due to my advancement in years and health issues that I am sending a dismissive to inform the city of my intent to retire the city council the effective date of my retirement will be November 30,2020. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community for over 22 1/2years. I thank the people of this wonderful city for supporting me. Thank you

Fellow City Council Members send Thank you and express their appreciation for Mr. Ritchie

New Business:

Discussion of IID water pipeline project in the City of Westmorland – Alex Cardenas/ Mike Pacheco, Water Manager via phone the cost of the capital \$334,000 not impact to general fund will be paid by IID hopes the project is completed by the end of the year. Presents the positive impact on the city. Water Manager Mike Pacheco review photos to council members. 19,000ft of pipeline and by the end of the year it should be complete starting end of November. Traffic control will be needed for 7<sup>th</sup> street when needed by city. **NO ACTION NEEDED**

Adjournment to Public Hearing-

Public Hearing regarding Nuisance Abatement Resolution 20-13 to hear objections and take an action. – Joel Hamby Mentions some of the neighbors have had several issues with the property. Also there has been dirty and mud in public walk and driveways with out permission from the city. Mr Hamby addresses other issues of the property also urges that the council hears the property owner. To much over talk from audience as the translator discusses with city council the issues that he has been having. Asked why he has processed when he has been told not to. Non auditable discussion from council. Mr. Hamby addresses the questions about how the communication has been done thru translation. Translator Min Lee excused herself due to the son being able to translate. Ms. Rivera asked if the Gentlemen understands the difference between residential and farming. Speaking in Chinese language Translation by son replies He was under the understanding that he can't have pond or pool. Discussion of procedures. Asked what are the plans reminded that permits need to be requested. No more request can be made at this time till issues are addressed and fixed and no digging is allowed with out dig alert. Council providing a 2week timeline to fix and cover out holes and uncover fence on street sides dirt must be completely removed or the city will bill if Public works has to go and fix if not completed at his expense.

Public comments Community urges the City to move to action before someone gets injured or worse because of the digging being done without proper precautions. Overtime and after hours need to be billed to property November 5, 2020 Mr. Barajas will be out to check if further action by city needs to be done. CITY COUNCIL MOTION TO ACTION to reject the Objections presented –and also Motions To prepare an order directing the owner to remove all the dirt the parkway which is on city right away removal of weeds planets grass fix water leak causing standing water on city street removal of unsightly material the drapes on fence both on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street The side fence the maximum height is to be reduced to 4ft. This list the nuisance as identified on memo date Oct. 6,2020. TO be cared out by Nov 4, 2020 if not completed by Nov. 4, 2020 Public works will complete the work ounce their work is completed the property owner will be billed. Motion Seconded by Xavier Mendez AIF Motion PASSED

Public Hearing Closed

Adjourned back to meeting

Council, Staff &Consultants –

Discussion/Action: California Department of Park and Recreation Statewide Park Program & Park Design Public Meeting – applying for 5 million dollars Teri Nava to discuss the requirements to proceed with the community to meetings for input for how the community would like the monies spent. Ms, Beltran directed Ms. Nava to get with Rachel to put on website and to get with Darlene to post on community social media pages. Mr. Mendez would like to see the community input. **No Action Needed**

Discussion/Action: Community Development Block Grant Leap Program Update - Teri Nava thanks Mr. Hamby to hire an consultant to move forward to go with the housing development. Congratulates to the City of Westmorland for being granted \$65,000 and thanks to Mr. Hamby for submitting the application. **No Action Needed**

Discussion/Action: Purchasing of Vehicles for Public Works – Ramiro Barajas – (discussion of reviewing budgets) looking at measure D funding - **Tabled**

Discussion/Update: Repairs to City Hall/Police Department – Ramiro Barajas – repairs can be made by public works

Consent Agenda:

**Approval** of Minutes for October 7, 2020 and City Warrants Motion to **Approve by Mr. Ritchie and Second by Ms. Rivera**

Closed Session:

Discussion of City Employees Cost of living increase, Public Employee Appointment, Employment, or evaluation (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)- Council

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:12pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 8:10pm Nothing to report from closed session

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:10pm by Motion by X. Mendez, Second by Ms. Rivera AIF - Next regular meeting in November and will be held on 4, 2020.

/s/ Darlene Berber

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Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

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Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 12/2/20

Approved 12/02/2020