

**MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR August 18, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:03 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, Ray Gutierrez, City Attorney Mitch Driskill and City Clerk Darlene Berber

Oral Communication – Public & Staff

Darlene Berber – Introduced Intern Erika C. Tarin thru IVROP Program and briefly talked about the program.

Brittney Skevington – Comments and concerns regarding fire department and stated resignation 9/1/2021 as last day of service.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action

Discussion/Action: IV 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb – Judi Rivera / Robert Amparano- present on phone Imperial County Sheriffs office discussed the tradition of the stair climb.

Discussion/Update: Change of Name Mono's Bad Boxing & Recreation center. – Andrea Torres / Xavier Mendez- Plans in discussion to open up youth hall side of gym to a recreation center from 4pm-8pm as a safe haven with tutoring, games, movies, and other resources. Name has changed to Monos B.A.D. Boxing and Recreation No action needed.

Discussion/Action: ARPA Funds for police department. – PD Chief Perry Monita communication devices with coding \$38,327.59 for 7- hand radios Motion to Approve by X. Mendez 2nd by J. Cruz AIF Motion PASSED

Discussion/Action: ARPA funds for water plant. – Ramiro Barajas \$259,000 for the first round PD will be using \$38, 000 Public Works will be using the remainder to fix and replace water valve and pumps and equipment for sewer as well. Motion to Approve by X. Mendez 2nd by J. Cruz AIF Motion PASSED

Discussion/Action: Approval to purchase Chlorine pump for WTP not to exceed \$2,400 from USA Bluebook - Ramiro Barajas/Ezequiel Perez Motion to Approve by X. Mendez 2nd by J. Cruz AIF Motion PASSED

Discussion/Action: Approve/Accept completed Phase 3 Street Improvement Project and authorize filing of Notice of Completion and project closeout. – Joel Hamby Motion to accept project as completed and for the filing the notice of the project by J. Rivera 2nd by R. Gutierrez AIF Motion PASSED

Discussion/Action: Approval to make repairs needed for the Fire Station Meeting Room caused by water damage cost approximately \$2,375 for completed repair. – FD Chief Sergio Cruz stated Mr. Ron Davis fixed the roof free of charge. Chief instructed to get 3 quotes in to city hall. Question on insurance by Mayor pro tem (PERMA) more discussion. Question on mold? Instructed to call for inspection. Stated by Chief Cruz no mold found. City Clerk instructed to contact insurance. TABLED

Discussion/UPDATE: Seeking approval to pay invoice for Fire Station back door that has been repaired in the amount of \$4,568 – FD Chief Sergio Cruz discussion as to getting quotes and question on when approved? Motion to approve out of CHIRP by J. Rivera 2nd J. Cruz AIF Motion PASSED

Discussion/Action: 4H is requesting to use the youth hall for this year. – Justina Cruz -discussions will happen between Justina and Xavier for future usage dates. Motion by X. Mendez 2nd by J. Rivera AIF Motion Passed

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Fire Department – Update on Ginnis status and

City Clerk- Darlene discussed the Community Water Day and Thanked everyone involved and dumpsite info repeated.

Public Works- Ramiro update on water plant

Consent Agenda:

Approval/Action: Approval of July 7th, 2021 Minutes and City Warrants. Motion to Approve by R. Gutierrez 2nd by J. Rivera 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 (Front Office Supervisor) (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)

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

City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:55pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 10:30pm from closed session

Front Office Supervisor to be announced next meeting Sept. 1st,2021

Hay Sales Tabled for next meeting

Budget 2021/2022 adopted Motion to Approve by J. Rivera 2nd X. Mendez Yaq 4 Abstain 1Motion Passed

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:40pm by Motion by X Mendez Second by J. Rivera 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 9/1/2021

Approved 9/1/2021