

**MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR September 15, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00PM. Mayor Ana Beltran called the meeting in order at 6:19PM and Darlene Berber led the invocation during special meeting.

Present at time of roll call: Council members Mayor Ana Beltran, Judith Rivera, Ray Gutierrez, Justina Cruz via phone Mayor Pro Tem Xavier Mendez Also Present City Attorney Mitch Driskill and City Clerk Darlene Berber

Oral Communication – Public & Staff

FD Chief Sergio Cruz – Needs the policies and procedures when he orders medical supplies. Just needs understanding on the steps to receive department packages. Discussion on a box that was reported not received by department. Multiple discussions going on Mr. Henry Graham asked if the departments still have a plan on how every department is to get orders approved and if it's over a certain amount the department head needs to bring it before council. Yes, and Mayor Ana Beltran clarified the misunderstanding on box.

Darlene Berber – Discussion on Woman's Haven Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Wear Purple to take a stance against Domestic Violence info will go out in the Monthly Newsletter

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action

Discussion/Action: Directing staff to submit an application for grant funds under the Small Communities Drought Assistance Program. – Joel Hamby asked to direct Ramiro Barajas and Intern Erika to help assist in the process of mapping out the water lines with the correct size and or replace water lines that are aging or leaking. \$250,000 estimated for survey. Water meter might be eligible for that we need more clarification. The survey is not eligible for reimbursement. The rest will be covered by the Grant. **Motion to direction staff to submit an application for grant funds under the small communities drought assistance program by J. River 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Cruz AIF Motion PASSED**

Discussion/Action: Approval to repair/replace four 12" valves on CCB #1 at WWTP using ARPA funds – Ramiro Barajas **Motion to Approve J. Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Cruz AIF Motion Passed**

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Fire Department - Sergio Cruz (Nothing to Report) presented department head with gift from 9/11 remembrance stair climb

Public Works- Ramiro Barajas applying for grant

City Clerk - Darlene Berber informed council of emails to be on the look out for Colonial Life benefit to be provided. City Clerk monthly meeting will be starting back-up in person. Grand Opening September 30<sup>th</sup> of Imperial Valley Regional Chambers

Council Member Justina Cruz Invites anyone to come to the honey festival meeting on the upcoming Thursday & Tuesday at 5:50pm at the Youth Hall.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval/Action: Approval of September 1st, 2021 Minutes and City Warrants., 2021 Minutes and City Warrants.. **Motion to Approve with the exception of Ms. Alvarez on the Demand list R. Gutierrez 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (Fire Department) (Gov.t Code §54957(b)(1).)

**City Council adjourned into Closed Session at 6:53pm adjourned back into regular meeting at 7:40pm from closed session**

**After Closed Session**

*Discussion / Action: Claim for money damages from Imperial Hay Sales in the amount of \$1,125. – Council – Tabled*

Discussion/Action: Westmorland Fire Department Volunteer on call/call out stipend. -FD Chief Sergio Cruz / Judi Rivera Announced outcome to have 2 volunteer firefighters’ man the fire department at 8hrs each for \$15 at a total of \$10 per call up to \$55 per day and if there is a structure fire 4 volunteer fire fighters are required so the 2 additional volunteers will receive \$10 per call. (Cross talk and discussion) City Attorney motioned that FD Chief will need to get in contact with the City Treasurer Terri Nava to provide a full description of how the volunteers will be getting paid. Motion is to add \$10,000 in funds from the general account to help the fire department pay for the additional stand by and 2 extras when needed and bring back in January. **Motion to add to the already approved budget for the fire department \$10,000 to cover the volunteer firefighters and will being back and discuss in January by J. Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Gutierrez AIF Motion Passed**

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:46pm by Motion by J. Cruz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by X. Mendez AIF - Next regular meeting in October and will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

/s/ Darlene Berber

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Darlene Berber, City Clerk

/s/ Ana Beltran

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Ana Beltran, Mayor

Submitted for Approval 10/06/2021

Approved 10/06/2021