

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND
September 21, 2022
6:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Xavier Mendez, called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and led the invocation during meeting.

Present at time of Roll Call: Mayor Xavier Mendez, Councilwoman Justina Cruz, and Councilwoman Judy Rivera, Councilman Ray Gutierrez and City Attorney Mitch Driskill.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Ana Beltran.

Public Comments:

- Mrs. Justina Cruz Westmorland Council Woman - Wanted to express her Thanks to the Westmorland Fire Department, Public works and 4-H Program for providing sand bags to the citizens in this recent storm we just encountered.
- Mrs. Stella Mata Westmorland Citizen - Discussed to council about having the basketball court repainted as well as suggesting to have the Green Bus parking for the Brawley High School pick up and drop off located by the public pool. Additional as painting Blue Handicap parking by the Youth Hall as well as Red Lines indicating the Fire Hydrant.
- Mr. Cordero Westmorland Elementary School- Spoke to council about how well the program with the Westmorland Police Department being on school campus. The Westmorland Police Department has made a great connection with the children they as well helped some families with problems and as well spoke to the students one on one with issues they may be having.
- ❖ Public inquiry regarding a City Manager. By Mayor Pro- Tem Ana Beltran & Edith Woodring. **ITEM DROPED.**

Council, Staff & Consultants - Discussion/Action:

1. Discussion/Action: Approval of allowing the 4-H Program to utilize the Senior Citizens Hall. By, Council Woman Justina Cruz. - Mrs. Cruz discussed that her 4-H program was coming up and went along with the tour at the Senior Center and asked Council for permission to use the building. Approved motion by Mrs. Riviera second by, Mr. Gutierrez.
2. Discussion/Action: Discussion on Sending Officer Dario Salazar to POST 40-hour field Training Officer Course at Rio Hondo Regional Training Center from Oct. 10-14, 2022 By, Police Chief Perry Monita. - Chief Monita explained to council about the training for

Officer Salazar in October he proceed to mention about the cost for lodge, meals and travel. Mrs. Nava mentioned due to inflation the rate has gone up from \$50 to \$60 rate per day for meals. Chief Monita stated the new amount for meals will roughly be \$300. Motion was passed to Approve Checks for the lodge, meals and travel for Officer Salazar's Training by Mrs. Rivera seconded by Mrs. Cruz.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief** – Chief Monita informs council on the good progress the WPD is having with the school the officers are helping lots of students and families in the city.
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** – Mrs. Cruz spoke on behalf of Chief Cruz that the Fire Department had a rough amount of 25 emergency calls and they are still continuing training.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas** – Mr. Barajas stated that he has current projects coming up in the city such as paving patch work in the streets and cleaning up local graffiti around the city.
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro** – Absent
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – Updated the council on the USDA Grants that she was approved to submit that she talked to the Reversative Edger from USDA and informed her that we should be hearing something by the middle of October. As well to mention she has a meeting for funding for housing projects, in the meantime she's waiting on a response for the grant from CDBG that we as well applied to
- **City Clerk Christine Pisch** - Nothing to report.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval/Action: Approval of September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes, and City Warrants. Motion by Mrs. Cruz, second by Mrs. Rivera. Approved 3-0.

Adjournment:

Adjourned Meeting Motioned by Council Man Mrs. Gutturize second by Mrs. Rivera 3-0
Approved.
Time ending at 6:18PM.

Next Regular Meeting: October 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

/s/ Christine Pisch

Christine C. Pisch

Christine Pisch, City Clerk

/s/ Xavier Mendez

Xavier Mendez

Xavier Mendez, Mayor

Submitted for Approval: September 26, 2022

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