

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND  
AUGUST 3 2022  
6:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM. *Mayor Pro - Tem Ana Beltran*, called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and invocation was led by Teresa Nava - *Treasure* during meeting.

Present at time of *Roll Call*: Mayor Pro-Tem Ana Beltran, Councilwoman Justina Cruz, and Councilwoman Judy Rivera.

- Absent 2: Councilman Ray Gutierrez, Mayor Xavier Mendez

**Oral Communication:**

1. Mrs. Edith Woodring asked for the City Clerk to ask a question on her behalf. Asking if the council has been to any of the lithium meetings. Mrs. Beltran Reassured that we previously had someone here sponsoring the plant.
2. Chief of Police spoke about the Yield Sign and citizens being on close collisions. Suggest to council how we can make the Yield into a stop sign for the safety of the pedestrians crossing and to those driving.

**Public Comments:**

- o Imperial Valley 9/11 Memorial Event & Stair Climb. By Robert Amparano. Mr. Amparano sent one of his colleagues to present the Memorial Event. He talked about the purpose of the event and encouraged the city to help by posting the flyers to the website as well as posting flyer outside of city hall and the post office.

**Council, Staff & Consultants - Discussion/Action:**

- Discussion/Action: Approval on Youth Hall AC Unit(s) by, Tami Castro. Mr. Barajas spoke to council about the quotes for the AC Unit. Council discussed to continue using the Lose Wire motion by Mrs. Cruz second by Rivera. 3-0 approval.
- Discussion/Action: Department(s) Expense Budget by, Xavier Mendez. Mrs. Beltran spoke on behalf for Mayor Mendez on that the Expense Budget is only for the Water and Waste Department. Not being allowed to exceed the \$3,000.00 for only emergence items. To be BROUGHT BACK NEXT MEETING.
- Discussion/Action: RESOLUTION NO. 22-17 Youth Hall Approving the Application and Submittal for USDA Grant Funds for the Youth Hall by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava

stated the grant is for improvements for the Youth Hall such as the current installation of the AC Unit in the Youth Hall. Mrs. Cruz Passed the Motion of approval to Submit the USDA Youth Hall Grant, second by Mrs. Rivera. 3-0 approval.

- RESOLUTION NO. 22-18 Approving the Application and Submittal for USDA Grant Funds for the City Hall by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava is requesting approval on resolution informed the Council the following Grant is for internal improvements not only within the City Hall as well as the Council Chambers. Mrs. Rivera passed the motion to Submit Grant for the City Hall, second by Mrs. Cruz. 3-0 approval.
- RESOLUTION NO. 22-19 Approving the Application and Submittal for USDA Grant Funds for the Police Department by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava is requesting approval on submitting the grant for the Police Department. The grant can provide the Police Department with new safety equipment and vehicles. Mrs. Rivera passed the motion to approve the submittal of the USDA grant, second by Mrs. Cruz. 3-0 approval.
- RESOLUTION NO. 22-20 Approving the Application and Submittal for USDA Grant Funds for the Fire Department by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava is requesting approval on submittal grant for the Fire Department, in this grant will be towards the Departments improvements and equipment needed at the Fire Department. Mrs. Rivera passed the motion to approve the submittal of the USDA Grant for the Fire Department, second by Mrs. Cruz. 3-0 Approval.
- RESOLUTION NO. 22-21 Approving the Application and Submittal for CDBG program Income Funds by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava proceeded to present the Grant for the CDBG Program Income Funds, Council requested for minor changes to be made. Mayor Pro- Tem Mrs. Beltran **TABLED BRING TO EMERGENCY MEETING.**
- ADDED EMERGENCY ITEM RESOLUTION NO. 22-22 Approving the Application and Submittal for USDA Grant Funds for the Pool Chiller by, Teri Nava (Treasurer). Mrs. Nava presented the USDA grant for the City Pool Chiller. Mayor Pro- Tem Mrs. Beltran, **TABLED BRING TO EMERGENCY MEETING.**

**Old Business - Discussion/Action:**

N/A

**Staff Reports Non-Action Items:**

- *City Clerk: Christine Pisch* - Noting to report.
- *Police Department: Chief Perry* - States that Officer Garza is no longer in training. And Officer Salazar will be attending training school that the training will be coming out of the COPs Fund. He then spoke about the recent “gang violence” going on in the city and did say he’s currently working with agencies to help prevent this incident. There’s suspicion on the event but has to follow piratical on receiving search warrants.
- *Fire Department: Chief Sergio Cruz* - Fire Chief wants to address the recent complains about frequent use of the fire tucks being used. He states that the fire department is

currently in mandatory training and wanted to make council and the citizens aware on the situation.

- *Public Works: Ramiro Barajas* - Wanted to update the council on the quotes he's receiving on the repairing of asphalt due to the hydrant replacement. And new development on the sewer and water line along with fixing the 7<sup>th</sup> street. Suggest to put no parking signs due to narrow street. As well mentions the cancelation of the CR&R trash Clean-up Day, lets the council know that there were notices posted at stores and various locations.
- *City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro* - Noting to Report
- *City Treasurer: Teresa Nava* – Nothing to Report

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approval/Action: Approval of July 20 & July 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes, and City Warrants. Motion by Mrs. Rivera, second Mrs. Cruz. Approved 3-0.
- Added Emergency item Resolution no. 22-22. Mrs. Rivera motioned for the Resolution 22-22 to be added as an Emergency item under the Discussion/ Action, second by Mrs. Cruz. 3-0 approval

**Closed Session:**

- Public Employee Appointment, employment, or Evaluation (*Gov't Code § 54957(b)(1).*)- - City Treasurer. **Nothing to Report Back.**

Council adjourned for Closed Session at 6:57PM adjourned back into regular meeting at 7:21PM.

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned Meeting Motioned by Council Woman Mrs. Rivera second by Mrs. Cruz 3-0  
Approved.  
Time ending at 7:25PM.

Next Regular Meeting: September 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM

/s/ Christine Pisch

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Christine Pisch, City Clerk

/s/ Xavier Mendez

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Xavier Mendez, Mayor

*Submitted for Approval: August 29, 2022*