

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND
April 5, 2023
6:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Judith Rivera, called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM and City Treasurer Teri Nava led the invocation during meeting.

Present at time of Roll Call: Mayor Judith Rivera, Councilman Julian Villalon, Councilman Xavier Mendez, Councilwoman Justina Cruz, City Treasurer Teri Nava, City Attorney Mitch Driskill & Christine Pisch City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Ana Beltran

Old Business:

1. Discussion: Discussion of Prop 68 Funding- Teri Nava City Treasurer. Mrs. Nava discussed to city council the current application for the Prop 68 was made out to add a new shade over the community swimming pool. As she mentioned city council previous meeting, they have decided to request the change of the application to re-nervating the public restrooms to ADA compliant. Mrs. Nava, mention she has gotten into contact with the state and they informed her the city can make the change she'll be getting back with the city council with an update in the near future.
2. Discussion/Action: Discussion & approval of ARPA Funding (modifications) - City Treasurer Teri Nava. Mrs. Nava discussed to confirm the modifications on the ARPA account will be split to the Fire Department and Public Works Department. She mentioned there is \$2,000 remaining in the ARPA account she suggests to just continue the split between the two departments. City council agreed to continue with the new modifications.
3. Discussion/Action: Discussion on Campesinos Unidos, Inc. to dedicate (donate) Assessor's Parcel Number 035-221-013-000 to the City of Westmorland for Street right of way Purposes. - Christine Pisch City Clerk. Mrs. Pisch mentioned to city council that she has been in contact with the Attorney representing the Campesinos Unidos, Inc. they have submitted a Quitclaim to the city indicating the details of the Parcel. She did mention she had submitted the Quitclaim to the city attorney. Mrs. Pisch requested to council the next step in the process in accepting the Quitclaim. Mr. Driskill City Attorney directed to city council the next step to accepting Quitclaim is to create a resolution accepting said Quitclaim with all information of the parcel.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action:

1. Discussion/Action: Resolution 23-06 for accepting funds from the 2021-2022 COPS funds grant (AB 1584). Perry Monita Police Chief. Mr. Monita presented to council the Resolution 23-06 will be through his COPS Grant. The items will be paid from the Grant Dario Salazar December 2022- March 2023, Israel Garza December 2022- March 2023, Desert RV Service & Repair and Airwave Communications Imperial for a total of \$25,301.73. City council approved; Mrs. Cruz motioned seconded Mr. Villalon. 3-0 Approved
2. Discussion: Update filter/ clarifier #1 at Water Treatment Plant – Ramiro Barajas Public Works Department Supervisor. Mr. Barajas reported to council that the inspector to check the Filter/ Clarifier #1 the filter damage wasn't as bad as they have suspected. That he's

currently waiting on a quote for the repairs of the filter/ clarifier but he's currently trying to figure out if the payment will be from capital improvements or what funds. he reminded council he'll bring back the quote once he receives the amount.

3. Discussion/Action: System for Award Management (SAM) – Teri Nava City Treasurer. Mrs. Nava mentioned to council that the System for Award Management (SAM) is a system to receive an ID number for the city to receive grants of this coming year. The past year they were grants requiring this ID to apply. City council approved for the year payment of \$400.00 payment motioned by Mrs. Cruz seconded by Mr. Villalon
4. Discussion/Action: Approval to attend the League of Cities Summit Conference – Ana Beltran Mayor Pro- Tem. DROPED
5. Discussion: Discussion of SB 797 Lithium Extraction Tax Citizens Oversight Committee – Ana Beltran Mayor Pro- Tem TABLED 4/19/2023

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval on Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2023 & City Warrants. Motioned Mrs. Cruz second Mr. Mendez. Approved 3-0.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief** – Mr. Monita reported Officer Soberanas will be back in the next month. The new vehicle will be up and ready for service the old vehicle will be removed from use.
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** – Mr. Cruz reports 6131 valves are down, 6160 is being used temporary used and the command vehicle is down needing a new engine.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas**- request to talk in closed session on street sweeper.
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro**- Absent
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – Mrs. Nava reports the USDA has almost been spent up, the remaining balance with the city hall has to be spent. Mr. Mendez questioned why the remaining funds can't be used to renovate the city hall. Mrs. Nava mentioned to city council that she wasn't aware the handyman can do the cosmetics of the city hall. She stated she'll get into contact with Edger from USDA for more details.
- **City Clerk Christine Pisch** – Noting to report.

Closed Session: Public Service Employees Job descriptions and salary scales, as well as Appointment, Employment, or evaluation and possible management position (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).) – **No Action.**

Adjournment:

Adjourned Meeting Motioned by Council member Mr. Mendez second by Mrs. Cruz 3-0 Approved.

Time ending at 7:06PM.

Next Regular Meeting: April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

/s/ Christine Pisch

Christine C. Pisch

Christine Pisch, City Clerk

/s/ Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera, Mayor

Submitted for Approval: April 18, 2023.

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