

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND
April 19, 2023
6:02 PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:02 PM. Mayor Judith Rivera, called the meeting in order at 6:02 PM and City Resident Stela Mata led the invocation during meeting.

Present at time of Roll Call: Mayor Judith Rivera, Mayor Pro-Tem Ana Beltran, Councilman Xavier Mendez, Councilwoman Justina Cruz, City Attorney Mitch Driskill & Christine Pisch City Clerk

Absent: Councilman Julian Villalon & City Treasurer Teri Nava.

Planning Commission Meeting- Discussion & Action:

1. Discussion & Approval on California FFL Requirements for Westmorland Citizen Roy Rosas II - Judith Rivera, City Mayor
Ms. Rivera reintroduced the application of FFL Requirements to the city council and the Conditional Use Permit application, Police Chief Perry Montia added a list of conditions for Mr. Rosas to sign and agree to comply in order to operate his home business. Mr. Rosas will be notified that he is able to submit his FFL application to the state, once approved he will come in to City Hall and pay all fees required for a Business License and Conditional use permit. M – Councilwomen Ana Beltran S – Tina Cruz M/P

Regular City Council Meeting:

Old Business:

1. Discussion: Discussion of SB 797 Lithium Extraction Tax Citizens Oversight Committee – Ana Beltran, Mayor Pro- Tem
Mrs. Beltran discussed to council that the cities closer to the Lithium Extraction location such as Bomb Bay, Salten City, Niland, Calipatria and Westmorland will be receiving payment from the state to put towards our water department for purifying the health if our water system. She states that Lithium Extraction Tax Citizens Oversight Committee should be locally here in the Imperial County not through the San Bernardino County.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action:

1. Discussion/Action: Approval on RESOLUTION NO. 23-07 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND RELATING TO ACCEPTING THE DONATION/ GIFTING OF QUITCLAM DEED FROM CAMPESINOS UNIDOS, INC. ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 035-221-013-000
- Christine Pisch, City Clerk

Mrs. Pisch Presented to council the resolution 23-07 accepting the parcel gifted/donated PARCEL NO. 035-221-013-000. She reminded city council that she had previously presented to months prior and this most recent meeting the CAMPESINOS UNIDOS, INC. wants to turn this parcel over to the city. Mr. Driskill added stating that the Imperial County Assessor had to have a Certification of Acceptance from the city for their records proof of this gifting transaction. City council approved Resolution 23-07 and the Certification of acceptance motion by Mrs. Beltran Second Mrs. Cruz. Approved 3-0.

2. Discussion/Action: Approval on RESOLUTION NO 23-08 RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE A LIST OF PROJECTS IN THE 2022-23 BUDGET FUNDED BY SBI: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- Ramiro Barajas, Public Works Supervisor

Mr. Barajas brought to city council that Resolution 23-08 is for this year's budget list to be submitted to the county for the road repairs and accountability act. Every year this resolution has to be approved to proceed with this year's street projects around the city. City council approved Resolution 23-08 Motion by Mrs. Beltran Second Mrs. Cruz. Approved 3-0.

3. Discussion/Action: Declaring surplus of parcels and direct staff to except bids.

Judith Rivera, Mayor

Mrs. Rivera directed City Hall Supervisor Mrs. Castro and City Clerk to post Parcel 035-272-006-000 7 035-272-005-000 Lot 6 & 7 for bid starting May 1, 2023 to May 16, 2023 deadline time 5:00pm. The one with the highest bid will be announced at the second meeting of May (May 17th). City council to motion the posting of the bid motioned by Mrs. Beltran Second Mrs. Cruz. Approved 3-0.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval on Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2023 & City Warrants. Motioned Mrs. Cruz second Mr. Mendez. Approved 3-0.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief** – Chief Montia reported a stabbing at the 200 block of D Street in Westmorland the victim survived and the arrest was made. Over the week local kids tried to break into the public restrooms and during this time one of the kids had jumped over the restrooms and got shocked by an open wire and their hair had caught fire. Chief was on duty at the time and he had no success on locating the local kids they have ran off.
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** – Absent.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas**- Mr. Barajas reported he that the basketball court hoop is once again broken that the repair person suggests to replace the full court to save the city time and money due to the court be so old and hasn't been replaced since it was built. He is currently looking into quotes to price point the fill replacement and possible adding on another court due to there being more use of the court with the local citizens. He as well is looking into better paint that'll last longer on the courts. As well reports the possible quote for the filter repair will be roughly \$110,000.00 as well the tank repair roughly \$6,000.00 still looking into quotes.
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro**- Nothing to report.
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – Absent.
- **City Clerk Christine Pisch** – Noting to report.

Closed Session:

City Council into Close session at

Adjournment:

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

Time ending at 7:05PM.

Next Regular Meeting: May 3, 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 25, 2023.