

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

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Judith Rivera, called the meeting in order at 6:00 PM.

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

Regular City Council Meeting:

Oral Communication

- Stella Mata – (Resident) spoke about the city event on July 1st how she would like to see more council to attending the city events.
- Anne Mallory – (Resident) asking of council if they can consider to remove the meter from her property to become a residential due to no longer being a company for the past ten (10) years. Mrs. Rivera (mayor) reported back to Mrs. Mallory that due to her zoning Industrial they'll have to look further into the situation to figure out if there could be a leak or meter for the excessive water use.
- Fernanda Vega – (Resident) approached council with the AB 617 Community Comity are requesting three (3) representatives from Calipatria, Westmorland and Brawley. The Community workshops Lithium comity of Imperial County will be meeting Wednesday July 19th at 6:00pm and Thursday July 20th at 6:00pm in Salten City.

Old Business:

1. Discussion/Action: Discussion of City 2023-2024 FY Budget – Teri Nava City Treasurer. **To be Brought back after Closed Session.**
2. Discussion/Action: Discussion/ Review and approve CDBG hardship policy and procedures - Teri Nava City Treasurer. **Tabled to July 19th.**
3. Discussion/Action: Approval on Resolution of Program Supplement Agreement for Project 5278(020) – Teri Nava City Treasurer & Judith Rivera Mayor. **Teri Nava requested to drop item.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval on Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023 & City Warrants. **M** – Xavier Mendez **S**- Justina Cruz **M/C** 4-0.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief-** on July 4th there was a RV fire it was accidental there was no damage to residential homes. As well to report there was a homicide at the Family Apartments it is currently still being investigated by the local Imperial County Sheriff Department. In 7/5 there was a vehicle arson the person who was responsible for the fire was found shortly after. Finally, there was lots of calls made for the illegal fireworks but unfortunately, they were not able to attend.
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** – reported there were lots of fireworks legal and illegal fireworks some residents were willing to stop.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas-** Nothing to Report
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro-** Absent.
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – reported she on 7/5 submitted USDA to receive back funds from grants in possible 2 weeks. The Leap grant was originally for \$58,000 there is currently \$3,000 remaining. PLHA funds should be allocated in July. CDBG & Housing report should be submitted soon. CRRSAA grant funds was spent but the letter she had submitted into the state was lost in the process.
- **City Clerk Christine Pisch** – Nothing to Report.

Closed Session:

City Council into Close session: **6:21pm**

Back from Closed session city council brought back to discuss the following at **7:11pm** approval on part time water clerk to full time water clerk not to exceed 32 Hours, Office Supervisor raise to \$24.50 an hour. #1 Discussion/Action: Discussion of City 2023-2024 FY Budget – Teri Nava City Treasurer. To be tabled till July 19th regular scheduled meeting.

Adjournment:

Adjourned Meeting Motioned by Council member **M-** Ana Beltran **S-** Xavier Mendez **M/C** 4-0

Time ending at 7:12PM.

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

/s/ Christine C. Pisch

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Christine Pisch, City Clerk

/s/ Judith Rivera

Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera, Mayor

Submitted for Approval: July 10, 2023.

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