

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND
August 2, 2023
6:08 PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 6:08 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, Councilwoman Justina Cruz, City Attorney Mitch Driskill, City Treasurer Teri Nava & City Clerk Christine Pisch.

Absent: Councilman Xavier Mendez & Councilman Julian Villalon.

Regular City Council Meeting:

Oral Communication – Public

1. Air Pollution Representee- approached council and gave a small explanation to council about the up coming meeting for the Imperial County Air Pollution stating the meeting will be held at the Westmorland Elementary School 8/14 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm inviting council to attend the meeting.
2. Stella Mata- City resident- wanted to make council aware there is a local resident who continues to over water to where the water goes into the street from 2nd to D street to the post office. Mrs. Rivera asked if Mr. Perez can follow up on that address and see who the resident was. Chief Monita as well stated he'll go over by there and check as well.

Oral Communication:

1. IID – Community Economic Resilience Fund Information (CERF) – IID Reversative Cari Augusta & Cari Cruz. Mrs. Augusta and Mrs. Cruz presented to council that there is a grant in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 out for small communities and it was part of the COVID Funding the state had given out needs to be spend by December 2024. Requesting that council is local participants in the board meetings.
2. Imperial Valley 9/11 Memorial Event & Stair Climb by - Ana Beltran Mayor Pro- Tem & Robert Amparano. Mr. Amparano was not present and Mrs. Beltran continued the presentation and stated after the video provided once we receive the flyer for the event, we will be posting to the city website.

Old Business:

1. Discussion/Action: Discussion/ Review and approve CDBG hardship policy and procedures - Teri Nava City Treasurer & Judith Rivera Mayor. Mrs. Rivera requested to **table till September 6th** meeting.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action:

1. Discussion/Action: Approval of RESOLUTION 23-10 SUPPORTING SB1 LPP CYCLE 3 AND CYCLE 4 FUNDED PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULES - Joel Hamby Streets Director. Mr. Hamby presented to council that Resolution 23-10 was to have and submit into the state to receive the funding for the LPP cycle 3 and cycle 4 project delivery schedule. The state funding amount is \$51,000.00 the city must match the amount of \$59,500.00. **M-** Ana Beltran to approve the Resolution 23-10 **S-** Justina Cruz. **M/C-** 3-0.
2. Discussion/Action: Awarding the contract for the South Center Street Paving Project- Joel Hamby Streets Director. Mr. Hamby presented his recommendation to award the project Aggregate Products, Inc., in the amount of \$249,640.00, contingent on Caltrans approval and procurement of the additional \$102,881.00 in federal funding. **M-** Ana Beltran motioned to approve the awarding of Aggregate Products, Inc., in the amount of \$249,640.00, with the contingent on Caltrans approval. **S-** Justina Cruz. **M/C-** 3-0.
3. Discussion/Action: Awarding a contract for design of the filter replacement project under SCDR grant program - Joel Hamby Streets Director. Mr. Hamby presented his recommendation to award the project to Dudek, Inc., in the amount of \$289,439.00, contingent on SCDR concurrence and approval. **M-** Ana Beltran motioned to award Dudek, Inc., in the amount of \$289,439.00 the under the SCDR Grant. **S-** Justina Cruz. **M/C-** 3-0.
4. Discussion/Action: Awarding a contract for design of the water distribution piping project under SCDR grant program - Joel Hamby Streets Director. Mr. Hamby presented his recommendation to award the project to BJ Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$20,160.00, contingent on SCDR concurrence and approval. **M-** Ana Beltran motioned to award BJ Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$20,160.00, contingent on SCDR Grant. **S-** Justina Cruz. **M/C-** 3-0.
5. Discussion/Action: Reviewal and update of ORDINANCE 13-01 An Ordinance of the City of Westmorland Zoning Ordinance – Xavier Mendez Council member. **Tabled till September 6th meeting.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval on Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2023 & City Warrants. **M** – Ana Beltran **S-** Justina Cruz **M/C** 3-0.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief**- Chief Monita reported that there is only one applicant for the Chief position and he's still currently working on creating an interview board with the local Chief in the Imperial valley he has 4-5 applications.
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** – Chief Cruz reported that the Nuisance of Abatement to the residents is currently still in process he's going door to door and checking the properties.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas**- Ezequiel Perez Water Waste Department represented Mr. Barajas and had nothing to report.
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro**- Absent.
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – Mrs. Nava had a few questions relating to the budget, Mrs. Rivera reassured Mrs. Nava and answered every question she may have.
- **City Clerk Christine Pisch** – Nothing to Report.

Closed Session:

City Council into Close session: **7:03pm**

Came back from closed session at **7:33pm** with nothing to report.

Adjournment:

Adjourned Meeting Motioned by Council member **M**- Ana Beltran **S**- Justina Cruz **M/C** 3-0

Time ending at 7:34PM.

Next Regular Meeting: September 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

/s/ Christine C. Pisch

Christine C. Pisch

Christine Pisch, City Clerk

/s/ Judith Rivera

Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera, Mayor

Submitted for Approval: August 31, 2023.

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