

**MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING
COMMISSION
BOARDS OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND
November 1, 2023
6:00PM**

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 1, 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, Councilman Xavier Mendez, Councilman Ray Gutierrez, City Attorney Mitch Driskill & City Clerk Marissa Crenshaw.

Absent: City Treasurer Teri Nava.

Regular City Council Meeting:

Oral Communication – Public

1. City resident Stella Mata wanted to make council aware that the Fall Festival had a great turn out! Also announced there will be a Veterans Walk on the 10th of November at 7 am. We need volunteers, coffee, water bottles, a big coffee pot & donut!

Old Business:

1. Discussion/Action: Blue Shield insurance renewal- Christine Pisch City Clerk **Tabled until Nov. 15th**. David West will meet with staff Thursday at 10am. Mr. David West notified council of the renewal date, which is December 1, 2023.

Council, Staff & Consultants – Discussion/Action:

1. Appointment of Marissa Crenshaw for City Clerk Position- Christine Pisch City Clerk. Ms. Pisch swore in Ms. Crenshaw as City Clerk and stepped down.
2. Discussion/Action: Approval and Adoption of RESOLUTION No. 23-14. There was an extended cost on earwigs \$5,400. The total for the Halloween bags & bracelets for students and children was \$6,335.57. Took it from the 2021-2022 Cops Fund. There is still \$59,000 left for next year. We need to use the Cops Fund money by December 15th, 2023, the rest will come from wages/incidentals. Funds the city got from other agencies got put on standby. \$30,000 is supposed to cover the unit from the COPSFUND from 2022-2023 and it still has \$197,000. Funds designated only for unit vehicle can ONLY be used for a new unit vehicle, cannot be used to maintenance the current vehicles it is Proven difficult to get the reimbursement from the 2021-2022 COPSFUNDS **IF** it were to be used on the Unit car. If the imperial county were to decide to unfreeze the funds originally designated for

2022-2023 USDA Fund. If so then the city will have to stand by longer. **M:** A.Beltran
2nd:X.Mendez **Passed**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval on meeting minutes from October 15th, 2023 & City Warrants.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- **Police Department Perry Monita Police Chief-** Ramiro and Perry are not getting communication, which is proving difficult with them doing the planning. J.Cruz (in contact with the Chamber) will give Ramiro and Perry zoom Information for meeting.
SHOP-WITH-A-COP: Joe Espinoza has been going to meetings. He has got 170 turkeys getting donated. Perry talked to the Food Pantry; they can take them.
- He also reported that the USDA Fund- Edgar is waiting on the state, they will notify by/on November 15th. (there is a shutdown).
- **Fire Department Sergio Cruz Fire Chief** –Nothing to Report.
- **Public Works Ramiro Barajas-** Absent.
- **City Hall Supervisor Tami Castro-**Absent.
- **City Treasurer Terri Nava** – Absent.
- **City Clerk Marissa Crenshaw** – Nothing 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).) Appointment of City Trespure – City Council

City Council into Close session: **6:14pm**

Came back from closed session at **7:04pm**

Brawley Police Department and Westmorland signed off Chief Perry Monita officially signed out. City Council reported back Tami Castro as City Treasurer next meeting, November 15th,2023.

Adjournment:

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

Time ending at 7:06PM.

Next Regular Meeting: November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

/s/ Marissa Crenshaw

Marissa Crenshaw

Marissa Crenshaw, City Clerk

/s/ Judith Rivera

Judith C. Rivera

Judith C. Rivera, Mayor

Submitted for Approval: November 8, 2023.