



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL
AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Mayor Judith Rivera

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Rivera

Roll Call:

Mayor, Judith Rivera

Council Member, Justina Cruz

Council Member, Ray Gutierrez

Absent:

Mayor Per- tem, Xavier Mendez

Council Member, Ana Beltran

Mayor's Message

This is a public meeting. You may be heard on an agenda item before the Council takes action on the item upon being recognized by the mayor. During the oral communications portion of the agenda, you may address the Council on items that do not appear on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Personal attacks on individuals, slanderous comments, or comments, which may invade an individual's privacy, are prohibited. The mayor reserves the right to limit the speaker's time. Individuals wishing accessibility accommodations at this meeting, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), may request such accommodations to aid hearing, visual, or mobility impairment by contacting City Hall at (760) 344-3411. Please note that 48 hours advance notice will be necessary to honor your request.

Brown Act AB 361:

Location: Westmorland City Hall Council Chambers 355 S Center Street

Judith Rivera- Mayor

Xavier Mendez- Mayor Pro-Tem

Ana Beltran- Council Member

Justina Cruz- Council Member

Ray Gutierrez- Council Member

Regular City Council Meeting:

Oral Communication-Public Comment: Now is the time for any member of the public to speak to the Council. Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- Fire Department - Sergio Cruz. Reported back on 6131.
- Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas. ABSENT.
- City Manager- Laura Fischer -Part-time Manager. - PRESENT.
- City Hall Supervisor/City Treasurer– Tami Castro – PRESENT.
- City Clerk – Marissa Crenshaw. ABSENT.

Old Business:

Public Hearing: Abatement Notice

1. Parcel: APN 035-250-006
Location: 396 N H Street Westmorland CA
Applicant: Mr. Jack He

Council granted an extension till February 15th.

New Business:

1. Discussion/Action: Authorize Empire Cat to provide maintenance to the City's Backhoe in an amount not to exceed \$2,062.57 -Ramiro Barajas
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
2. Discussion/Action: Authorize Diving Services for Potable Water Tanks Cleaning and Inspection in an amount not to exceed \$3,150.00 -Ramiro Barajas
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
3. Discussion/Action: Authorize the purchase of new tires for maintenance of the Backhoe in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 -Ramiro Barajas
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
4. Discussion/Action: Adopt Resolution 24-01 for accepting funds from the 2022-2023 COPS fund grant (ab-1584). – Perry Monita
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
5. Discussion/Action: Authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents related to the procurement of the City's audits for Fiscal Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 -Laura Fischer
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
6. Discussion/Action: Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Fechter and Company to perform the FY 2023 audit in an amount not to exceed \$28,810.00 – Laura Fischer
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez
7. Discussion/Action: Taking action as the Successor Agency to the City of Westmorland Redevelopment Agency

- a. Approve the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 24-25 A and B and Adopt Resolution 24-01-SA of the Successor Agency to the Westmorland Redevelopment Agency for the Period of July 2024 through June 2025 – Laura Fischer
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez

- b. Approve the Request to the Imperial Countywide Oversight Board requesting that the Oversight Board Adopts a Resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for 24-25 A and B for the Successor Agency to the Westmorland Redevelopment Agency for the period of July 2024 through June 2025 – Laura Fischer.
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera
NONES: 0
ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval/Action: Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2023
2. Approve/Action: Approval of City Warrants.

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)

Adjournment into closed session: 6:38PM

End of closed session: 7:10PM

To reportable action was taken.

Adjournment: Next regular scheduled meeting January 17, 2024.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM

AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, Rivera

NONES: 0

ABSENT: Beltran, Mendez

Submitted for Approval: March 21, 2024.

Audio Transcription: Laura Fischer, Manager
Transcript Record: Christine Pisch, City Clerk