



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
355 South Center Street
Westmorland, CA 92281

Mayor's Message

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Brown Act AB 361:

Location: Westmorland City Hall Council Chambers 355 S Center Street

Judith Rivera- Mayor

Justina Cruz - Mayor Pro- Tem

Ana Beltran- Council Member

Xavier Mendez - Council Member

Ray Gutierrez- Council Member

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Rivera.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rivera.

Roll Call:

Council Present

Judith Rivera, Mayor

Justina Cruz, Mayor Pro-Tem

Ray Gutierrez, Member-**Absent**

Xavier Mendez, Member

Anna Beltran, Member

Staff Present

Laura Fischer, Manager

Ramiro Barajas, PW Director

Sergio Cruz, Fire Chief

Anthony Lyn Mara, Police Chief

Christine Pisch- City Clerk

Mitchel Driskill- City Attorney

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. Three (3) minute maximum time.

1. Ronda Fox, WESD (Westmorland Elementary School District) Superintendent- Ms. Fox wanted to introduce herself as the new superintendent and is looking forward to working in the City of Westmorland and looking forward to working with the city.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- Fire Department – Chief Sergio Cruz, reported that the down Fire truck is finally back up and running.
- Police Department – Chief Lynn Mara, Chief Mara stated he had nothing to report other than an officer will be out on training the following week.
- City Manager- Laura Fischer, prepared a written report that presented an attached letter as well from United Families she had received.
- Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas, Mr. Barajas reported that the filter project filer #2 will be up in running in two weeks, approximately 1 month they will be up and ready to start using the filters, the 7th street paving project is almost completed.

Consent Agenda: Approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-2.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025
2. Approval of City Warrant List.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2 except for the spelling correction of the month of “June”.

AYES: (1) Mendez, (2) Beltran, Cruz and Rivera

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Gutierrez

Regular Business: 6:00pm

1. Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 Adopting a Salary Schedule Included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Laura Fischer, Manager
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-11 Adopting a Salary Schedule Included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Mendez and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Gutierrez
2. Discussion/Action Authorize staff to submit a reimbursement request to State Water Board for payments to Cora for \$77,187.5; The Holt Group \$26,690; and Rove \$277,755.30 for a total of \$381,632.80 and Authorize staff to pay the invoices. -Laura Fischer, Manager
Motion to approve of submitting a reimbursement request to the State Water Board.
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Mendez and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Gutierrez
3. Discussion/Action Authorize the State Controller’s Office, Division of Audits to prepare the City’s FY 2024-25 Annual Street Report on a cost-recovery basis not to exceed \$3,000. -Laura Fischer, Manager
Motion to approve the State Controller’s Office, Division of Audits to prepare the City’s FY 2024-25 Annual Street Report
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez, Cruz and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Gutierrez

4. Discussion/Action Execute a Professional Service Agreement with The Holt Group to prepare the Service Area Plan, as required by LAFCO, for an amount not to exceed \$85,000. Laura Fischer, Manager- **Ms. Fischer requested to council to table item so she had more time to review since she was out of the office and unable to review information.**

Closed Session: 6:08pm

- ~~○ Public Service Employees Job descriptions and salary scales, as well as Appointment, Employment, or evaluation (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)~~
- ~~○ Conference with legal Counsel Pending Litigation (Gov't. Code §54956.9 (d) (1))~~
~~Two Matters: APN #035 393 010 / APN #035 260 016~~

Motion to Adjourn.

AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez, Cruz and Rivera

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Gutierrez

The council Adjourned at 7:01pm.

Adjournment: Next regular scheduled meeting July 2, 2025.

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