



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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
355 South Center Street
Westmorland, CA 92281

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
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
Xavier Mendez, Member
Anna Beltran, Member – **Late Attendance**

Staff Present

Laura Fischer, Manager
Ramiro Barajas, PW Director
Sergio Cruz, Fire Chief - **Absent**
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. Michelle Hollinger- Imperial Vally Regional Chamers of Commers,
Ms. Hollinger invited the city council to attend their 2025 Drone Show at the IV Fair Grounds.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- Fire Department – Chief Sergio Cruz, **ABSENT**
- Police Department – Chief Lynn Mara, Chief Mara mentions that he doesn't have anything to report but to thank the city for giving him the opportunity in becoming the Police Chief of the City of Westmorland.
- City Manager- Laura Fischer, prepared a written report that was presented.
- Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas, Mr. Barajas reported that the Water Treatment Plant valves are in process in the project, the restroom project is finally completed, he and Laura are currently working on the consumer confidence report due before the beginning of the following month.

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025
2. Approval of City Warrant List.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2.
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez Cruz, Gutierrez and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

Regular Business: 6:15pm

- 1) Authorize the purchase of the police vehicle in the amount of \$55,086.84 to Chula Vista Ford from the Police Department Capital Outlay- Laura Fischer, City Manager
Motion to approve the \$55,086.84 Police Vehicle
AYES: (1) Mendez, (2) Gutierrez, Cruz, Beltran and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
- 2) Information and Discussion Only: Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Laura Fischer, Manager

Closed Session: 6:57pm

- 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
Claims for Damages Claim #05302025AF

Reportable Action was Taken by Council in Closed Session denying Claims for Damages Claim #05302025AF.

Motion to come out of Closed Session and Adjourn was made.
AYES: (1) Beltran (2) Mendez, Cruz, Gutierrez and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

The council Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Adjournment: Next regular scheduled meeting June 18, 2025.

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