



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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 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

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## **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

### **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

## **Public Hearing:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance 25-01, Nuisance Abatement- Ramon Castro, Building Inspector.  
Ms. Fischer Requested to Postpone item till further notice.

**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.

Judith Rivera, City Mayor- Ms. Rivera, announced that the month of August will be the Blackout Month, all payments should be continued to be made through the month of August. If there are any meetings in the month of August, it'll be in case of an emergency such as needing council's approval on major events or purchases.

**Staff Reports Non-Action Items:**

- Fire Department – Chief Sergio Cruz, nothing to report.
- Police Department – Chief Lynn Mara, nothing to report.
- City Manager- Laura Fischer, prepared a written report.
- Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas, Mr. Barajas reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> street was completed, the filter project is still in progress.

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 2, 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: 6:11pm**

1. Discussion/Action to approve Rove Engineering payment request #2 and the Notice of Substantial Completion for the pipe replacement project in the amount of ~~\$277,775.30~~ \$215,652.94- Laura Fischer, Manager.

Motion to approve the Rove Engineering payment request #2 in the amount of \$215,652.94.  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez, Cruz Gutierrez and Rivera  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

2. Discussion/ Action to approve Cora Construction payment request #7 and the Notice of Substantial Completion for the pipe replacement project in the amount of ~~\$77,187.50~~ \$40,060.11- Laura Fischer, Manager.

Motion to approve the Cora Construction payment request #7 in the amount of \$40,060.11.  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez, Cruz Gutierrez and Rivera  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

3. Discussion/ Action to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 13-01, Enforcement and Penalties for Construction without a City Permit and Operating without a City License- Ramon Castro, Building Inspector. **Ms. Fischer requested to table item till further notice.**

**Closed Session: 6:16pm**

- ~~○ 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 by Mrs. Cruz.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Rivera

The council Adjourned at 7:05pm.

**Adjournment:** Next regular scheduled meeting September 3, 2025.

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