



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WESTMORLAND
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 6:02 pm by Mayor Rivera

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rivera.

Roll Call:

Council Present

Judith Rivera, Mayor- Present

Justina Cruz, Mayor Pro-Tem- Present

Ray Gutierrez, Member - Present

Xavier Mendez, Member- Absent

Anna Beltran, Member - Absent

Staff Present

Laura Fischer, Manager- Present

Ramiro Barajas, Public Works director - Present

Sergio Cruz, Fire Chief - Present

Anthony Lyn Mara, Police Chief- Present

Christine Pisch- City Clerk - Present

Mitchel Driskill- City Attorney - Present

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.

No public comments were presented.

Reports from Council Members Non-Action Items:

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Fire Department – Chief Cruz informed the council that the equipment is operating well, while updating them that the medical truck remains out of service.

Police Department – Nothing to report.

City Manager- She provided a written report stating that she wants to have a retirement party for Mr. Hamby after the November 19th meeting, thanking him for his years of service.

Public Works Director – Mr. Barajas updated the council on the completion of the Boarts Road waterline project. He mentioned that the state had come to examine the filters, and there are some minor corrections that need to be addressed before the filters can be put into operation. He also provided an update on the new lights that have been installed around City Hall.

Consent Agenda: Approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-2. 6:21 pm

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2025
2. Approval of City Warrant List.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes of October 15th and Warrant List.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Mendez, Beltran

Motion passed: 3/0 with 2 absent

Regular Business:

1. Discussion & Action: approval of Resolution 2025-18 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND RELATING TO ACCEPTING THE 2023-2024 COPS FUNDS GRANT (AB 1584)- Chief Mara- Police Department

Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-18 accepting COPS Funds Grant 2023-2024.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Mendez, Beltran

Motion passed: 3/0 with 2 absent

2. Discussion & Action: Authorize Advance Service Inc. to Remove Trees at City Hall Park in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 – Laura Fischer, Manager

Motion to Approve Advance Service Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00 to Remove Trees at City Hall Park.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Mendez, Beltran

Motion passed: 3/0 with 2 absent

3. Discussion & Action: Authorization to Purchase Pipe Locator Equipment in an Amount not to Exceed \$13,000.00 – Ramiro Barajas
Motion to Approve the Purchase of the Pipe Locator Equipment.
AYES: (1) Cruz, (2) Gutierrez, and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez, Beltran
Motion passed: 3/0 with 2 absent
4. Information Only: Information Only: Regarding AB 617 Grant Applications – Laura Fischer, Manager
5. Information Only: Honey Festival Support – Laura Fischer, Manager
6. Information Only: GIS System Development Project for Water and Sewer RCAC Grant and Support – Ramiro Barajas
7. Information Only: Update on REAP Downtown Zoning Overlay Materials for Community Outreach – Laura Fischer, Manager

Closed Session: 6:19 pm –

- Public Service Employees Job descriptions and salary scales, as well as Appointment, Employment, or evaluation (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)
- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (1 case)

Council emerged from a closed session at 6:24 pm having nothing to report.

The council adjourned at 6:24 pm.

AYES: (1) Gutierrez, (2) Cruz, and Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez, Beltran

Adjournment: Next regular scheduled meeting November 19, 2025.

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