



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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order – Mayor Judith Rivera

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Rivera

Roll Call:

Mayor, Judith Rivera

Mayor Pre- tem, Xavier Mendez

Council Member, Justina Cruz

Council Member, Ray Gutierrez

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.

- Carrie Augusta, Food Bank Representative: Ms. Augusta wanted to invite council and the locals to an event the Food Bank will be hosting. She as well mentioned the SCAN Foundation Grant funds they have received will be contributing to event, there will be games and more for all ages.
- Ryan Kelly, Board of Supervision Member: Mr. Kelly begin to mention to the council of him possible being on next coming agenda to explain the Latium benefits to the local cities in the Imperial Valley.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

- Fire Department - Sergio Cruz. ABSENT
- Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas. Mr. Barajas wanted to thank the Imperial County Public Works for cleaning out the gutters leaving city limits.
- City Manager- Laura Fischer -Part-time Manager. ABSENT

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2024
2. Approval of City Warrant List. Ms. Rivera made note on Demand list to deduct the \$180.00 from list due to finance error.

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

Regular Business:

1. Discussion/Action to approve Resolution 24-04 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND RELATING TO ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2021-2022 COPS FUNDS GRANT (AB 1584). Mr. Montia brought to council Resolution 24-04 for the previous background checks for the new Police officers, he began to mention to council that he's still waiting on a final official amount for a background check on the chief position. He requested from council to approved that he doesn't exceed \$3,500.00 on the final background check. Mrs. Rivera approved for his request no to exceed the \$3,500.00 amount.

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

2. Discussion/Action to purchase new security cameras for outside of Police Station & City Hall - Laura Fischer, Manager. Council Dropped Item.
3. Information/ Discussion to amend ORDINANCE NO. 16-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND, REGULATING PERSONAL INDOOR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA, BANNING OUTDOOR PERSONAL CULTIVATION AND BANNING MARIJUANA USE IN CITY FACILITIES - Ana Beltran Council Member. Mrs. Beltran introduced Alex Dos Santos – Director of Compliance & Licensing, Cake Enterprise, INC. to council. Mr. Dos Santos informed council if they have any questions to please ask and he can answer. Mr. Gutierrez asked what type of Security they will be providing. Mr. Dos Santos informed that they will be trained security for the security of the place to prevent any robberies and or minors from entering the location. Mrs. Cruz asked where they location they are thinking of putting the company at. Mr. Dos Santos mentioned the location of the Date Shake possible still looking into other locations. Mr. Mendez ask the city attorney about if this ordinance also bands the growth of marijuana in the city, Mr. Driskill said he'll need to read more into the ordnance. Ms.

Rivera asked what is the percentage the city will receive back. Mr. Dos Santos mentioned that that's based on what the city wants back, he was in contact with the city attorney recently him and his company will create a document for the city if they decide to keep or to alter the document. Mrs. Beltran and Ms. Rivera thanked Mr. Dos Santos on his time and stated there will be a follow up soon.

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).) Legal Counsel Pending Litigation Claim – 100 S H Street (Gov't. Code §54956.9(d)(1).)

Adjournment into closed session: 6:25 PM

End of closed session: 6:48 PM

To reportable action was taken.

Adjournment: Next regular scheduled meeting April 3, 2024.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM

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

NONES: 0

ABSENT: 0

Submitted for Approval: April 10, 2024.

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