



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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**

**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:**

Was lead by Mayor Rivera

**Roll Call:**

Present at the Council Meeting:

Mayor, Judith Rivera

Mayor Pro-Tem, Justina Cruz

Member, Xavier Mendez

Member, Ray Gutierrez

Member, Ana Beltran

**Staff Present:**

City Clerk, Christine Pisch

Fire Chief, Sergio Cruz

PW Director, Ramiro Barajas

Police Chief, Lyn Mara

Manager, Laura Fischer

**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.

- Ana Beltran, Council member announced Christmas in the Park Event on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Sergio Cruz, Fire Chief announced the Fire Department was doing the Santa and City Route at 11am.
- Judith Rivera, Mayor made her statement about all reimbursements will no longer be cut but to be brought to council to be approved.

**Staff Reports Non-Action Items:**

**Fire Department** – Chief Sergio Cruz, reported one of the trucks is down and need new tires.

**Police Department** – Chief Lynn Mara, reported two potential new officers are in background in final steps for Psych and Physical.

**City Manager**- Laura Fischer, Provided a written report.

**Public Works Director** - Ramiro Barajas, reposted in the process of starting the Sanitary Sewer Report coming up at the Wastewater Plant.

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2024
2. Approval of City Warrant List.  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera, Mendez  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0
3. Ratify the Employment Agreement with Laura Fischer  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera, Mendez  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**Regular Business:**

1. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2024-21 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND RELATING TO ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2022-2023 COPS FUNDS GRANT (AB 1584)- Chief Lynn Mara, Police Chief  
  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera, Mendez  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0
2. Discussion ~~and action~~ to acknowledge the city’s commitment to implementing the final deliverables for a REAP Grant for Planning Grant and acknowledge that staff time will not be reimbursed to the city- Laura Fischer, Manager
3. Action on rescheduling January 2025 Meeting Dates- Christine Pisch  
  
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Mendez, Gutierrez, Rivera, Cruz  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

4. Discussion and review on City of Westmorland Holidays and city events- Christine Pisch, City Clerk

**Closed Session: 6:20pm**

- 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))

After reconvening to open session Mayor Rivera reported that nothing to be reported

**Adjournment: 7:24pm**

Next regular scheduled meeting December 4, 2024.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

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