



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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

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

Xavier Mendez- Mayor Pro- Tem

Ana Beltran- Council Member

Justina Cruz- Council Member

Ray Gutierrez- Council Member

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, Xavier Mendez

Member, Justina Cruz

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.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Fire Department – Chief Sergio Cruz, nothing to report, except for the need of fund for the stocking that the Fire Department give out to the children in town something he does every Christmas Holiday requesting if it can be pulled by the events funds, Mr. Mendez stated the donations were for the city events only as of Christmas in the Park and other events hosted by the city.

Police Department – Chief Lynn Mara, reported he will be going to Field Training Class to get certified the first week of December. Two potential new officers are in background

City Manager- Laura Fischer, Provided a written report.

Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas, discussed they are looking into the Storm Drain Project on 7th street, as well 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 November 20, 2024
2. Approval of City Warrant List.

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

Regular Business:

1. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2024-20 ON ACCEPTING OFFICIAL COUNT PROVIDED BY THE IMPERIAL COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS- Christine Pisch, City Clerk. Ms. Pisch reported the final voting proceeds provided by the Imperial County Elections Department of the following Re-elected City Council, Xavier Mendez- percentage 38.36%, Justina Cruz- percentage 31.31%, Ray Gutierrez- percentage 100.00%.
AYES: (1) Mendez, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera, Beltran
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
2. Action on appointing the City of Westmorland City Mayor- City Council. Council woman Beltran elected Council man Mendez to be Mayor, no sconced was passed, Council man Gutierrez elected Council woman Rivera to be mayor Council woman Cruz second the motion. Council woman Rivera appointed Council woman Cruz to be her Mayor Pro-tem.
Streets Commissioner- Ray Gutierrez
Parks and Rec. Commissioner- Ana Beltran
Fire and Police Commissioner- Xavier Mendez
Water Commissioner- Justina Cruz
City hall Commissioner- Judith Rivera

Closed Session: 7:34 pm

- 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))
Claim: Rogers #CR081424

After reconvening to open session Mayor Rivera reported that action of Claim: Rogers #CR081424 was Denied anonymously by City Council.

Adjournment: 7:34 pm

Next regular scheduled meeting December 4, 2024.

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

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