



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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 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

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 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 - ABSENT

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.

- Judith Rivera, Mayor- announced the passing of retired City Tresure Anne Graham services being held on following Mondy morning, stating city sends their regards to the family.

Staff Reports Non-Action Items:

Fire Department – Chief Sergio Cruz reported the following Friday he will get his fire engine back from the mechanic.

Police Department – Chief Lynn Mara, reported two potential new officers are in background in final steps for Psych and Physical as well as new Part time hire of officer Nunez.

City Manager- Laura Fischer, Provided a written report.

Public Works Director - Ramiro Barajas, stated he'd like to speak in closed session. He also update council on the filter project which looking good, and they will be draining the pond soon for maintenance.

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2024
2. Approval of City Warrant List.
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez

Regular Business:

1. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for Technical Assistance, Education, and Training between the City of Westmorland and the Institute for Local Government- Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez
2. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Agreement for Redistribution of American Rescue Plan Act funds from Public Health to the City of Westmoland in the amount of \$6,185.45-Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Gutierrez, Cruz, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez
3. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Water Master Plan via Resolution Number 2025-01- Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez
4. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Sewer Master Plan via Resolution Number 2025-02- Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez

5. Discussion and Action to Approve project Change Order #1 in the amount of negative \$75,000, which reduces the total project cost – Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez
6. Discussion and Action to Authorize the submittal of Reimbursement Request #1 in the amount of \$712,835.35 – Laura Fischer, Manager
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Cruz, Gutierrez, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez
7. Update on the EDWG Water Plant Project- Ramiro Barajas
8. Discussion and Action to Approve the City of Westmorland Holidays and City Sponsored Events Calendar- Christine Pisch, City Clerk. The council voted to remove the half day of December 24th to be removed so it's not a mandatory half day for employees.
AYES: (1) Beltran, (2) Gutierrez, Cruz, Rivera
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Mendez

Closed Session: 6:32pm

- o Public Service Employees Job descriptions and salary scales, as well as Appointment, Employment, or evaluation (Gov't. Code §54957(b)(1).)
- o 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 staff was given directed during closed session.

Adjournment: 7:27pm

Next regular scheduled meeting January 22, 2024.

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

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