

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Isabel Aguayo at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cristian Cortes, Raices Unidas Club President, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Selvin de Leon, Iglesia Bautista Primera de Paramount, delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS: Present: Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Councilmember Brenda Olmos
Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Vice Mayor Annette C. Delgadillo
Mayor Isabel Aguayo

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Accounting and Budget Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Jocelyn Hernandez, Communications Specialist
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
Pauline Jauregui, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. VIDEO
A Night Under the Hay
Tree
CF 39.7 | A video highlighting the City's recent A Night Under the Hay Tree Event was shown. |
| 2. PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award of
Excellence
CF 39.7 | Mayor Aguayo presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Yeni Hercules. Ms. Hercules was present to accept the award and expressed sincere appreciation for this honor. |
| 3. PROCLAMATION
National Hispanic
Heritage Month
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Cristian Cortes, Raices Unidas Club President accepted the proclamation on behalf of Raices Unidas. |
| 4. PROCLAMATION
National Preparedness
Month
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month. David Ashman, Area E Disaster Management Area Coordinator was present to accept the proclamation. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

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| CF 10.4 | City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Linda Leuvano and Edna Striegel at the August 22, 2023 City Council meeting. |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| CF 10.3 | The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Adrian Landa, World Energy. |
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve Consent Calendar Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 8 and August 22, 2020
Approved.
6. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2
Approved.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1173
(Adoption)
Approving Zone Change
No. 240, changing the
official Zoning Map of the
City of Paramount from
Clearwater North and
Howe-Orizaba to North
Paramount Gateway
Specific Plan; and
changing the zone of the
expanded area between
the two existing specific
plan areas from C-3
(General Commercial),
C-M (Commercial-
Manufacturing), and
PDPS (Planned
Development with
Performance Standards)
to North Paramount
Gateway Specific Plan
CF 102.8
CF 109 ZC 240
Adopted.
8. ORDINANCE NO. 1174
(Adoption)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 25,
repealing and replacing
Adopted.

Chapter 17.84 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code in its entirety to
incorporate the North
Paramount Gateway
Specific Plan into the
Paramount Municipal
Code

CF 102.8

CF 109 ZOTA 25

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| 9. | AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Clearwater Building
Interior Improvements
(City Project No. 9480)
CF CIP 9480 | Awarded the contract for Clearwater Building Interior Improvements to Corral Construction and Development Inc., Commerce, California, in the amount of \$99,971, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |
| 10. | APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase a Graffiti Truck
CF 82.3 | Authorized the purchase of a graffiti truck from Roadline Products, Inc. USA, Downey, CA, in the amount of \$114,500. |
| 11. | APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase and Install
Security Equipment for
Park Facility Security
Enhancement (City
Project No. 9459)
CIP 9459
CF 82.8 | Authorized the purchase and installation of security equipment for Park Facility Security Enhancements by JMG Security Systems, in the amount of \$59,714. |

Mayor Aguayo recommended that Environmental Sustainability Item 20 regarding the Urban Forest Management Plan be moved up on the agenda and taken before the first item of New Business. Hearing no objection, she so ordered. Item 20 was taken next on the agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL
2023 Urban Forest
Management Plan

David Pineda, Operations and Grant Manager with Tree People, gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

CF 74.1
CF 43.1153

Following the report, discussion ensued concerning guidelines for the types of trees that are planted in specific locations. Further discussion ensued concerning the City's current tree trimming cycle and the possibility of increasing the frequency of tree trimming citywide. Following discussion, with City Council concurrence, staff was directed to review the tree trimming schedule to identify specific tree species that fruit, flower or cause some sort of obstruction and incorporate a new tree trimming cycle for those specific trees so they are trimmed on a more frequent basis.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the 2023 Urban Forest Management Plan. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

12. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1172
(Introduction)

Amending Title 15 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code to add Chapters
15.36, 15.40, 15.44,
15.48, 15.52, 15.56 and
15.60, adopting by
reference the 1997
Uniform Housing Code,
1998 California Housing
Code, 1997 Uniform
Code for the Abatement
of Dangerous Buildings,
2022 California Existing
Building Code, 2022
California Historical
Building Code, 2022

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

California Referenced
Standards Code, and
2022 California Fire
Code
CF 29

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1172, and place it on the September 26, 2023 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1175
(Introduction)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 31,
revising regulations
regarding development
review applications to
require public hearing
notifications in the City of
Paramount
CF 109 ZOTA 31

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1175, and place it on the October 10, 2023 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

14. REPORT
Homeless Outreach -
Expansion of Services
CF 69.14
- Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- a) APPROVAL
First Amendment to
Salvation Army Bell
Shelter Agreement
CF 43.1164
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute the first amendment to the Salvation Army Bell shelter agreement, increasing the amount to \$381,900. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- b) APPROVAL
Grant Agreement
with Kaiser
Permanente
CF 43.1215
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Kaiser Permanente Grant Agreement for the awarded \$50,000 grant. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
15. RECEIVE AND FILE
Community Benefits
Agreement (CBA)
Eligibility Guidelines for
Roof Rebate Program
CF 43.1195
- Management Analyst Sol Bejarano gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Following brief discussion concerning the program, the report was received and filed.
16. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program Construction
Services at 6822 San
Vicente Street
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to award the contract for construction services to VV&G in the total

- CF 54.9 HOME amount of \$77,460.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 6822 San Vincente Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
 Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
 and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
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17. AWARD OF
 CONTRACT
 Veterans Memorial
 Renovation Artwork (City
 Project No. 9477)
 CIP 9477 Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to 1) appropriate \$45,750 from the Art Fund for this project; and 2) award the contract for professional services to J.K. Designs, Inc. for the renovation of the Elks Memorial Circle at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in the amount of \$145,720 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
 Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
 and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
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18. APPROVAL
 Proposed 5K/1K Race
 and Walk Event
 CF 39 Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the proposed 5K/1K racecourse. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
 Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
 and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

19. APPROVAL
City Branding Guidelines
and Photography
Standards
CF 39.3
- Management Analyst Jauregui gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the City's Branding Guidelines and Photography Standards. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

20. APPROVAL
2023 Urban Forest
Management Plan
CF 74.1
CF 43.1153
- Taken out of order before New Business (see above).

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos commented that she attended the Public Safety Appreciation lunch, the Commissioners BBQ and the Summer Concert. She also reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities board meeting where Measure H was the main topic of conversation, as well as her attendance at the Local Government Commission meeting and the CCCA Fall Summit. She commended City Manager Moreno and Public Safety Director Matson for their presentation on street vending at CCCA Fall Summit. She also noted that she attended the last summer concert.

Councilmember Lemons reported that she attended the Public Safety Appreciation lunch and thanked all of public safety for their service. She noted that she also attended Chats & Snacks with the Mayor at El

Tapatio and the Commissioners BBQ. She expressed appreciation to all of the Commissioners for all they do for the Community. Lastly, she commended the staff members that gave presentations at tonight's meeting

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings commented that she attended the Public Safety Appreciation Lunch and the Commissioners BBQ. She thanked Public Safety personnel and the Commissioners for their service. She reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management conference and the Gateway Cities COG Retreat, both of which were very informative. She also reported on her attendance at the CCCA Fall Summit. Lastly, she noted that she attended the mass for Sister Brigid from Our Lady of the Rosay and commented that she was a wonderful nun who gave from her heart.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Conference and shared information on the keynote speech from Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton. She also noted that she attended the Public Safety Appreciation lunch and the Commissioners BBQ and thanked both for their service to the community.

Mayor Aguayo reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Conference and the CCCA Fall Summit, noting that both offered excellent session topics. She also commented that she attended Snacks and Chats at El Tapatio, noting that the business owner expressed appreciation to the City's Planning Department for providing excellent service, especially during the pandemic.

Staff

At the Mayor's request, Public Safety Director Matson shared a story about Sgt. Patino and CSO Kurrle who provided above and beyond public safety service for a family in need after a recent Friday Night Paramount by helping deliver a new baby.

City Manager Moreo reported on the latest update from the State on the plan to bring high speed internet to the City as part of the Bridging the Digital Divide plan. He also reminded the City Council and the public about the upcoming LA Kings Night at the Pond, Night Under the Hay Tree, and Pitch-In Paramount events.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. in memory of Sister Brigid Mary. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 10, 2023