

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 5:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings led the pledge of allegiance.

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
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works 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
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
Pauline Jauregui, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Financial Services Manager
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. VIDEO
Paramount Youth T-Ball
and Mommy & Me and
Daddy Too Programs
CF 39.7 | Videos highlighting the City's Paramount Youth T-Ball and Mommy & Me and Daddy Too programs were shown. |
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4	There were none.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3	There were none.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. 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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| 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1172
(Adoption)
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 | Adopted. |
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- California Historical
Building Code, 2022
California Referenced
Standards Code, and
2022 California Fire
Code
CF 29
3. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Perimeter Wall on 70th
Street (City Project No.
9385)
CF CIP 9385
Accepted the work performed by Parsam
Construction, Inc., Glendale, California, for
construction of the perimeter wall at 70th Street and
authorize payment of the remaining retention.
4. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Paramount Pool Interior
Upgrades (City Project
No. 9354)
CF CIP 9354
1) Appropriated an additional \$31,976 from the
available General Fund; and 2) awarded the contract
for the Paramount Pool Interior Improvements to
Remmi Construction, Inc., Riverside, California, in the
amount of \$210,888, and authorized the Mayor or her
designee to execute the agreement.
5. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Substation Building
Interior and Exterior
Painting (City Project No.
9474)
CF CIP 9474
Awarded the contract for the substation building
interior and exterior painting project to Perfection
Painting Corporation, Palmdale, California, in the
amount of \$53,777, and authorized the Mayor or her
designee to execute the agreement.
6. APPROVAL
Agreement with Los
Angeles County District
Attorney – Community
Prosecutor Program
Fiscal Year 2023-24
CF 43.748
1) Appropriated an additional \$4,588 from the
available General Fund, 2) approved the agreement
with Los Angeles County through the District
Attorney's Office for the Community Prosecutor
Program in the amount not to exceed \$156,588
through June 30, 2024, and 3) authorized the Mayor
to execute the agreement.
7. APPROVAL
Parade Permit
Application for Our Lady
of the Rosary Church –
October 7, 2023
CF 75.1
Approved the parade permit application with the
understanding that Our Lady of the Rosary will
reimburse the City for approximately \$2,350 for the
cost to provide assistance for their annual parade,
acquire appropriate liability insurance for the event,
and contract with a third-party motorcade agency to
provide eight motorcade units for their event.

NEW BUSINESS

8. ORAL REPORT
Community Service
Organization Updates –
Mujeres Unidas
Sirviendo Activamente
(MUSA)
CF 62

Rosalva “Rosie” Salazar, Chief Operations Officer with MUSA gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the services MUSA provides to Paramount and the surrounding communities.

9. PUBLIC HEARING
Fiscal Year 2022-23
Consolidated Annual
Performance and
Evaluation Report
(CAPER)
CF 54.9 CDBG

Management Analyst Bejarano 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 Cuellar Stallings 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 authorize staff to submit the FY 2022-2023 CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 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

10. APPROVAL
Community Benefits Agreement with Adam Lentz/Madison Capital Group Management, LLC
CF 43.1216
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that staff was informed that Adam Lentz/Madison Capital Group Management, LLC has changed its name to GSI Paramount Owner, LLC. A revised copy of the agreement reflecting the name change was placed on the dais for the City Council's consideration.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the Community Benefits Agreement with GSI Paramount Owner, LLC, formerly Adam Lentz/Madison Capital Group Management, LLC and approve the proposed uses of this funding source as outlined in the report. 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
11. APPROVAL
Installation of a Disabled Parking Zone in front of 8340 Ackley Street
CF 73.3
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the request for the installation of a disabled parking zone in front of 8340 Ackley Street and authorize the removal of the current disabled parking zone at 8402 Ackley Street as requested by the property owner. 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
12. APPROVAL
Agreement with Piece by Piece for an Art Sculpture adjacent to the Paramount Park
- Assistant Community Services Director Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Community Center
CF 43.1217

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to 1) appropriate \$24,500 from the Art Fund for this project; and 2) award the contract for professional services to Piece by Piece for the development and installation of an art piece as part of the Paramount Part Entry Improvements project (City Project No. 9454) in the amount of \$49,500 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

13. ORAL REPORT
2023 Holiday Tree
Lighting Event
CF 39

Recreation Supervisor Andres Gonzalez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a preview of the event enhancements planned for the 25th Anniversary Tree Lighting event.

Discussion ensued concerning the entertainment and plans for enhancing the Downtown (Paramount Boulevard) holiday decorations and the City Council provided feedback.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

14. RESOLUTION NO.
23:031
Declaring October 4,
2023 Clean Air Day in
the City of Paramount
CF 31.20

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:031. 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the Eco-Rapid Transit Board meeting. She commented that she attended the LA Kings Day on the Pond and PUDS's Hispanic Family Heritage Day Celebration at Zambon Middle School.

Councilmember Lemons commented that she attended the LA Kings Day on the Pond.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings commented that she also attended the LA Kings Day on the Pond and reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities Annual Conference noting that the sessions were very beneficial. She commented that she also attended the Pitch-in Paramount event and PUSD's Hispanic Family Heritage Day Celebration.

Councilmember Olmos commented that recently she has been meeting with residents that live in different areas of the City to hear their thoughts and concerns and has been encouraging residents of the importance of being involved to help take care of the community together. She also reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities Annual Conference.

Mayor Aguayo commented that she was sorry to miss the Pitch-in Paramount event, but she heard great things about it. She expressed appreciation to the Public Works team for responding so quickly to graffiti removal requests. She reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities Annual Conference including a meeting with the Governor's Office regarding the issues with bringing high speed internet to underserved communities.

Staff

City Manager Moreno provided further details regarding meeting with the Governor's Office about the issues with bringing high speed internet to

underserved communities, noting that the Gateway Cities COG will serve as the lead agency in making this happen by 2026.

He encouraged the City Council and the public to continue to report graffiti. Lastly, he commented that Area E Disaster Management Coordinator David Ashman, DMAC Area E provided first aid kits for City Council they have been placed on the dais.

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 6:20 p.m. to a meeting to be held on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 10, 2023