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#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING



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# **City of Paramount**



Safe, Healthy, and Attractive

# **Emergencies and The Role of Elected Officials**

Presented by Reva Feldman

# **Woolsey Fire**

November 8, 2018

# Life in California One Day Away from Disaster

What to do during an Earthquake:











# **Paramount: Preparing for Natural Hazards**

Flood, Heat, Earthquakes and Severe Weather

- Enhanced Communications and Early Warning Alert Systems
  - Prepare communications in multiple languages
- Community Awareness and Education
  - Coordination of volunteer organizations
  - Development of community resiliency
- Staging of Emergency Supplies
- Establishment of Community Gathering Areas
- Cooling Centers
- Use of Technology and AI-Based Solutions

#### **Man-Made Hazards**

#### **Could include:**

- Industrial accidents
- Transport accidents
- Chemical spills
- Explosions
- Mass shooting incidents
- Cybersecurity attacks
- Power outages
- Civil disorder



Preparation and response to man-made hazards is similar to that of natural hazards

# **Before the Emergency**

#### **Prepare the Community for Disasters**

- Communication to residential and business communities
  - Enrollment in alert systems
  - Enhance emergency section of the City's website
  - Public Safety Preparedness campaigns
  - Encourage participation by volunteers

#### **Prepare Staff to Support the Community**

- Conduct regular EOC trainings with City staff and partner agencies
  - Staff should be poised to provide continuity of City services
  - Keep a "go bag" in your vehicle





## What Happens when Disaster Strikes

- The City Manager will notify the City Council of an emergency
  - Expect a brief update via text or email or phone
  - Expect updates as the situation changes
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated
  - Designated staff will report to the EOC
- Emergent information will be provided to the community
  - \* EOC Staff will send out updates on official City platforms
    - Only verified information will be released from the City
    - Verified information is provided by law enforcement/fire department or other lead agencies involved in the incident
- Elected officials are held to the same standards as all residents
  - Follow directions from law enforcement
  - Evacuate or shelter in place as directed
  - Be mindful of road closures and blockades
  - Keep your official ID with you but do not take advantage of its use
  - Make sure your family is safe
- ❖ A Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) may be established post-disaster

# **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- The City's primary EOC is located at the LASD Substation at 15001 Paramount Boulevard
  - ❖ A secondary EOC site is located in the City's Public Works Yard at 15300 Downey Avenue
- EOC equipment and supplies are stored in both sites
- City staff are trained and prepared to activate the EOC in the event of a disaster



The EOC operates using the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)

#### **Press Conferences and Media Releases**

The Mayor is the designated spokesperson for the City
The Vice Mayor is the designated alternate spokesperson

- City staff working from the EOC will help prepare official statements and talking points for the Mayor or designated spokesperson
  - News agencies will frequently request on camera interviews via video or in person
- Elected officials should notify the City Manager or EOC Director when contacted by the media
- Community meetings may be convened to provide information to the community
- Press conferences may be convened by the lead agency or agencies to update the public
  - The City's designated spokesperson may have a speaking role at press conferences

## **Emergency Declarations**

Emergency Declarations are declared to allow the City to procure resources or address emergent issues in a fast and effective manner

#### **Types of Declarations**

- Local Emergency
- State of Emergency
- Presidential Declaration of Emergency
- Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster
- US SBA Designation
- USDA Disaster Declaration

#### Local Emergency

- The City can declare a local emergency by calling a special or regular City Council Meeting
- The City adopts a resolution and must re-affirm the resolution as long as the emergency situation needs to remain in affect

State and Presidential Emergency Declarations allow for the City to receive state and federal disaster funding

## **Best Practices for Elected Officials**

DO	DON'T
Direct concerns and questions to the EOC and/or lead agencies	Don't make specific promises without City Council consideration
Be empathetic	Avoid comparisons to other disasters and response efforts
Support the City's messaging	Avoid commenting on unofficial information
Take care of yourself and your family	Avoid commenting on response efforts by lead agencies
Follow official orders and directives	Don't jump to conclusions
Keep your official ID with you	Don't take advantage of your official role



# Thank you



#### **BACKGROUND**

- On August 2, 2022, City Council authorized the installation of a temporary traffic circle, as a pilot project.
- Temporary Traffic Circle located at the intersection of Madison St. and Orizaba Ave. selected with law enforcement input.
  - Staff was directed to analyze this for a period of one year
- Temporary Traffic Circle installation completed on October 31, 2022
  - Considered a potential tool to diminish street racing and donut markings at local intersections

### **TEMPORARY INSTALLATION**



#### DISCUSSION

- Technical memorandum has been prepared by Willdan Engineering (Willdan)
- Analysis studied the effectiveness of the temporary traffic circle, it examined:
  - Prior traffic collision data
  - Service calls for the last 6 years
  - Traffic volumes
  - Roadway Geometry

#### CONCLUSION

- The installation of the temporary traffic circle does not appear to have eliminated street racing/ stunt driving (donut markings)
- 2. The temporary traffic circle acts as a deterrent to reckless driving
- 3. Recommended to use the traffic circle as a traffic calming measure
- 4. The analysis provides guidelines to be considered for review of future requests by residents for installation of traffic circles on local streets.

# Table 5 - Warrants for Establishing a Traffic Circle

ltem	Value	Reference – Madison St. & Orizaba Ave
Entering Traffic Volume	Less than 5,000	3,126
Collisions within 5 years	3	3
Service Calls to Public Safety related to stunt driving within a 24-month period	10 Calls or greater	2 Calls
Number of Lanes	1 lane in each direction	1 lane in each direction
Roadway Width	40 feet or greater	56 feet
Corner Radius	20 feet or greater	25 feet

# Table 5 - Warrants for Establishing a Traffic Circle

Item	Value	Reference – Madison St. & Orizaba Ave
Speed Limit	25 mph or less	25 mph
Roadway Classification per Paramount General Plan	Local	Local
AASHTO Guidelines for Traffic Circle Design	Satisfies	Satisfies
Truck Route	Not on a truck route	Not on a truck route
Pedestrian Circulation	Light pedestrian traffic	Light pedestrian traffic
Emergency Services Approval	Yes	Yes
Nearest school, park, or senior center	500 feet or greater	600 feet – Lincoln Elementary School is approximately 600 feet north





#### **OPTIONS**

- 1. Eliminate temporary traffic circle
- 2. Keep the traffic circle as is temporary configuration
- 3. Make the traffic circle permanent
  - Survey Neighborhood
  - Review at Public Works Commission
  - Return to Council at a future date for approval





# RECOMMENDED ACTION

• It is recommended that the City Council receive this report and provide direction.

#### **STRATEGIC OUTCOMES**

- No. 1: Safe Community
- No. 5: Attractive and Well-Maintained Infrastructure







# AMENDMENT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN



#### BACKGROUND

- City Council approved ARPA Project Expenditure Plan on March 15, 2022
  - **\$18,895,185** in federal funds
  - Required to be obligated by December 2024 → spent by December 2026
- Allocated \$1.5 million (8%) ARPA funds for community's input
  - Staff engaged community stakeholders to provide recommendations on use of funds
- Today's Action: Amend ARPA spending plan and budget specific expenditures to \$1.5 million for community priorities

# **Current ARPA Expenditures**

TABLE 1 - FY 2022-23 ARPA PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN Project Name	ARPA Fund 216 FY 2022-23		ARPA Fund 216 Expenditure
Pariaria Palara	Budget		as of 06.30.23
Beginning Balance	\$	18,895,185	\$ 18,895,185
All-American Park Lighting Upgrades		29,703	(29,703)
City Hall LED Retrofit Lighting		97,668	(97,668)
Electronic Message Boards in Trailers		31,862	(31,862)
Grant Administration		22,457	(22,457)
Homeless Shelter Services		207,252	(207,252)
Paramount Al Fresco Program		24,667	(24,667)
Paramount E-Gift Card Program		64,790	(64,790)
Paramount Park Ballfield Lighting		242,647	(242,647)
Paramount Park Interior/Exterior LED Lighting		16,308	(16,308)
Progress Park Ballfield Lighting		297,663	(297,663)
Property Acquisition for Water Infrastructure Project		623,713	(623,713)
Purchased Water		7,168,925	(7,168,925)
Road Barricades		186,085	(186,085)
Small Business Assistance		712,000	(712,000)
Water Infrastructure Analysis		62,517	(62,517)
Well # 16		1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Mask Giveaways		5,612	(5,613)
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Total	\$	10,793,869	\$ (10,793,869)
Ending ARPA Balance Transferred to General Fund	\$	8,101,316	\$ 8,101,316

# Proposed Changes

TABLE 2 - FY 2023-24 ARPA PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN	General Fund FY 2023-24			
Project Name	Budget		Amendment	
Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/23	\$	8,101,316		
Grant Administration		10,000		
Paramount Al Fresco Program		737,500		
Homeless Shelter Services		312,500		
Water Master Plan		100,000		(100,000)
Residential Turf Replacement Program		200,000		
Demolition - 16305 Hunsaker Ave				100,000
Emergency Operations Equipment		200,000		
HVAC/Condensing Unit Replacement at Paramount Gym		85,000		
Property Acq. 16638-16675 Paramount Blvd/Sr. Housing		1,700,000		
Progress Park Exterior Lighting Upgrades		245,000		
Paramount Saw / Museum		2,000,000		63,000
Business Attraction		332,500	_	315,816
Community Input / Survey		1,500,000		
LED Lighting Conversion	= 1,	50,000		
All American Park Lighting Control System		250,000		
Total FY 2023-24 Budget		7,722,500		378,816
Amount Unassigned		378,816		(378,816)
Total	\$	8,101,316	\$	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - 6/30/24	\$			

# **Remaining Balance**

» Proposed changes for remaining unassigned balance of \$378,816

(-\$100,000)	Cancel Water Master Plan Project
\$100,000	Demolition Project at 16305 Hunsaker
\$315,816	Business Attraction Projects
\$63,000	Paramount Saw/Museum Project

# **Community Priority Funds**



\$1.5 Million of total \$18.9 Million



Used for community benefit



Priorities determined by resident survey



# **Community Priority Survey Conducted by FM3**

Dates	August 16-31, 2022			
Survey Type	Online Resident Survey			
Research Population	Adult 18 years of age and older living in the City of Paramount			
Total Responses	166			
Contact Methods	15,000 residents contacted Email Text Invitations Invitations			
Data Collection Mode	Online Interviews			
Languages	English and Spanish 89% of responses in English; 11% of responses in Spanish			

#### **SURVEY RESULTS**

# In order from highest to lowest, the community survey showed the following 10 areas as the community's top priorities:

- 1. Education Investment\*\*
- 2. Traffic Safety
- 3. Environmental Protection
- 4. Keeping Residential
  Neighborhoods Looking
  Good
- 5. Streets, Roads, and Infrastructure Upgrades
- 6. Health and Wellness

- 7. Mental Health Services
- 8. Neighborhood Parking
- 9. Workforce Development
- 10. Substance Abuse Services

\*\* Members of the focus group felt that, in addition to the City's support of education through the STAR After-School Program and PEP, investing in education is the responsibility of the Paramount Unified School District.

#### **FOCUS GROUP PRIORITY RANKINGS**

Avg Rating	Priority	Recommendation	Cost
8.4	Address Street Takeovers	Four (4) additional LASD Deputies (overtime shifts) to support Street Racing Taskforce Enforcement, including citing spectators. One year, Weekends only.	\$179,712
8.4	Commercial Safety and Security	Increase Security Camera/System Rebate <b>ty and Security</b> Program for businesses. Fifty (50) \$2,000 rebates per year for two (2) years	
8.2	Reduce Traffic Collisions	Add one (1) traffic Deputy (overtime shift) to monitor/enforce traffic hazards. Every weekend for six (6) months.	\$44,928

#### **FOCUS GROUP PRIORITY RANKINGS**

Avg Rating	Priority	Recommendation	Cost
7.6	Increase Lighting in Public Areas	Complete LED lighting retrofits of park pedestrian lighting. Will cover all remaining parks: Salud, Spane, Dills, Pequeño, Progress, and Paramount.	\$100,000
7.4	Improve Intersection Safety	Installation of two (2) permanent (not temporary) traffic circles at neighborhood street locations determined by staff. Recommendation includes design, construction, and inspection costs.	\$350,000
6.6	Public Safety and Crime Reduction	Add six (6) additional license plate reader cameras which are proven to alerting law enforcement to stolen vehicles. Cost includes lease of cameras and Aero-bureau services for three (3) years.	\$133,000

### **FOCUS GROUP PRIORITY RANKINGS**

Avg Rating	Priority	Recommendation	Cost
6	Increase Health Education	Annual Health Fair to include free health screenings, wellness services and programs, entertainment, raffles, First Aid training, and distribution of wellness kits. Five (5) years.	\$150,000
6	Small Business Assistance	Return Business Spotlight Videos. Hire firm to create up to 20 small business advertisement/social media campaigns. Two (2) years.	\$100,000
5.8	Baseball/Softball Field Renovation	Renovate 2 baseball fields and 2 softball fields; includes grading and portable pitching mound.	\$300,000

TOTAL \$1,557,640



#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Opportunity to revisit list of community priorities:

- Survey conducted in summer 2022
- Data and analytics have been updated
- Cost estimates have changed for some recommended programs

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

• **\$7,722,500** appropriation included in FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget

- Amend expenditure plan to allocate remaining \$378,816 from General Fund reserves for projects
- Community Funding programs estimated at \$1,500,000





# RECOMMENDED ACTION

#### STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

It is recommended that the City Council 1) amend the ARPA Project Spending Plan and appropriate \$378,816 for the projects outlined in Table 2, and 2) approve the \$1.5 million plan for the ARPA community priorities.

This item aligns with Strategic Outcome No. 6: Efficient, Effective, and Fiscally Responsible.



# AMENDMENT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN





# ALTAIR COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT AMENDED YEAR ONE SPENDING PLAN

#### BACKGROUND

- This item is a request to approve an amendment to the year one spending plan for the AltAir/World Energy Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)
- April 2022, the City Council approved the AltAir refinery conversion project (Amended Conditional Use Permit No. 757)
  - Stop producing petroleum-based products
  - Only produce renewable jet and other fuels
- Project approval included the CBA
  - \$1,000,000 yearly contribution from AltAir for a minimum of 5 years
  - Promote projects that implement the Climate Action Plan
  - Children's and youth programs
  - Civic programs
- March 2023 Council approved a spending plan for the first year of the CBA

## **Discussion**

- A wide range of programs and projects approved
- To be carried out by:
  - Community Services Department
  - Public Works Department
  - Planning Department

# **Community Services**

- Free summer swim for Paramount residents
- Free youth sports registration
- Paramount Teen Leadership program
- Mariposa Building and Spane Park Paramount Activity League (PAL)





## **Public Works**

- Citywide tree maintenance and replanting
- Electronic message boards on Downey Avenue alerting travelers to approaching trains
- Climate Action Rebate program













# **Planning**

 Solar panel rebates for low-tomoderate-income single-family homeowners.



## APPROVED YEAR ONE SPENDING PLAN

Community Services	Budget	Public Works	Budget	Planning	Budget
Free Summer Swim for Paramount Residents	\$25,000	Climate Action Plan Rebate Program	\$100,000	Solar Panel Rebate	\$100,000
PAL Program at Mariposa	\$40,000	Tree Services Citywide	\$100,000		
Free Youth Sports Registration	\$20,000	Electronic Message Boards for Trains	\$500,000		
Pop-up FNPs	\$10,000	AIT			
Spane Summer PAL Excursion/ Transportation costs	\$5,000				
Paramount Teen Leadership (PTL) Program Scholarships	\$20,000				
Additional PTL Program Supplies	\$5,000				
Partial Costs for Senior After-hour Events	\$10,000				
Yoga on the Park	\$10,000				
Additional Paint Nights (2 free family nights)	\$5,000				
Additional Adaptive Recreation Trips	\$20,000				
Children's Day Camp	\$30,000				
Subtotal	\$200,000	Subtotal	\$700,000	Subtotal	\$100,000
Total	\$1,000,000				

#### AMENDED YEAR ONE SPENDING PLAN

- Electronic message board
  - •Design and construction requires more than one year
  - •Recommend that design be completed in year one of the CBA
  - •Reduces cost from \$500,000 to \$108,437

\$391,563 unallocated

Propose the following expenditures

\$114,450: Neighborhood preservation (ACTION) project \$140,000: Downtown holiday lighting and decorations \$33,113: Mental health app for residents (trial period)

\$60,000: Aquatics operations

\$44,000: Landscape design services for median enhancements

# **ACTION PROGRAM**













# RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the amended year one spending plan for the AltAir Community Benefits Agreement

#### STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

No. 2: Community Health; No. 5: Attractive and Well-Maintained Infrastructure; and No. 6: Efficient, Effective, and Fiscally Responsible Government.





# ALTAIR COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT AMENDED YEAR ONE SPENDING PLAN



### **Work Done to Date**

- Willdan has evaluated the entire City's energy use over the past year.
  - 15 projects were recommended
  - 3 projects took priority for the City
    - Water meter upgrades
    - Solar panels
    - Level 3 DC Fast Chargers

SCOPE ITEM	ENERGY/WATER CONSERVATION MEASURE	SITE(s)		
1	Water Meter Upgrades	CITY WIDE		
2	Public EV Charger			
3	Exterior Light Fixture Upgrade	All SITES		
4	Interiors Lighting Retrofit/Replacement	All SITES		
5	Resiliency - Backup Generator	PARAMOUNT PARK-COMMUNITY CENTER		
6	Resiliency - Backup Generator	PARAMOUNT PARK-GYM /POOL BUILDLING		
7	Gym AHU Condesing Unit Replacement			
8	Solar Photovoltaic Roof-Mount			
9	Pool Boiler Replacement	BOILDEING		
10	Pool Pump Control Upgrade	1		
11	HVAC Upgrades - Road Shop RTU Replacement	PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING-FULL SITE		
12	Solar Photovoltaic Carport			
13	HVAC Upgrades - Boiler, Compressor and Condenser	CITY HALL		
14	Solar Photovoltaic Roof-Mount			
15	HVAC Replacement of RTU Heat pump	PARAMOUNT SHERIFF STATION / PUBLIC SAFETY-FULL SITE		



#### **OBJECTIVES**



Reduce utility and operations costs



Advance the City's climate action plan & conservation goals



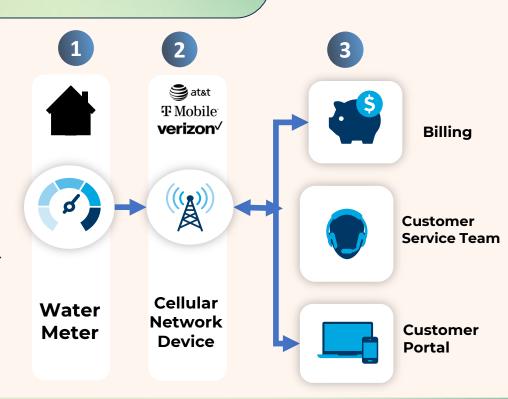
Implement sustainable practices



Address aging water metering system

### **How Does AMI Work?**

- A meter and a cellular network device are installed
- 2. The meter measures your actual water usage
- The cellular network device sends meter data to your utility and is immediately available to you through an online customer portal



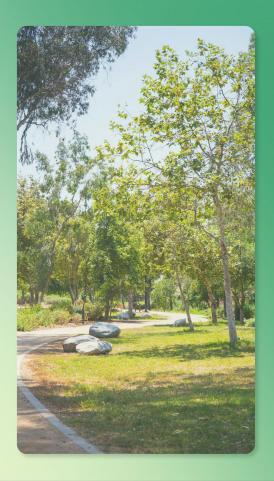
### **HOW DOES AN AMI UPGRADE BENEFIT THE CITY?**

	Today's System	AMI Upgrade
1	Aging infrastructure – many existing meters are 20-40 years old	New meters provide more accurate readings and customer billing
2	A person drives to locations and physically cleans off and reads meters	Meter data is automatically sent and makes the process more efficient, reduces fuel use, and allows City staff to focus on customer service
3	Reported data is at least 30 days old	Real-time data allows proactive management of water usage and detected leaks
4	Missing data that's needed for water conservation	<b>Easily create reports</b> to meet state requirements and enhance City water conservation



#### **How Does AMI Benefit the Customer?**

- · Accurate Billing
  - Accurate billing for all
  - Bills will likely go up phased in approach
- Control your Bill
  - Monitor your water usage in dollars
  - Be notified when your usage is trending higher than usual
- Customized Notifications
  - Receive alerts by your choice (text, email, or phone)
  - Set usage notices to avoid surprises on bills
- Identify Leaks Early
  - Save money and water while helping prevent property damage
- Online Customer Portal
  - Access your usage from anywhere on any device



# **Example of AMI in Action:**Billing Questions

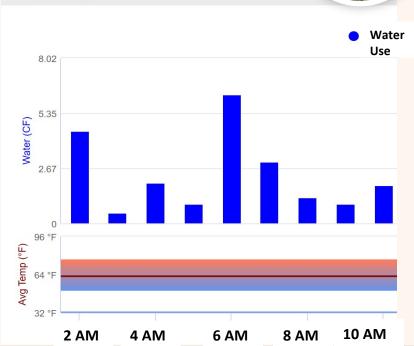


#### Situation:

- You have concerns on usage
- Usually, billing support could only provide last month's total

#### With AMI:

- Call billing support
- Support staff walks through hourly usage to help diagnose the problem
  - You realize you accidentally scheduled your irrigation to run morning and night
- · Correct it
  - Programming is now scheduled to only run at night



48 hours 72 hours 30 days 45 days



## **Solar Photovoltaic (PV)**

#### Scope

- Paramount Park
- Gym Building Roof-mount System

#### **Public Works Building**

- Parking Lot Shade Structure
- Height at low side to be 13'6" to allow clearance for fire trucks

#### **Benefits**

- Make progress towards Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals
- Generate electricity and utility savings
- Parking shade for public works
- Saves money



Paramount Park Gym Building



Public Works Parking Lot Shade Structure









#### **Electric Vehicle Quick Charge (Level 3)**

#### Scope

Public Works Building

• Install (1) Level 3 Charger for electric fleet and staff use at Public Works Yard

#### **Benefits**

- The Terra 184 charger can add 100 miles of range in as little as 10 minutes as well as fast-charge two vehicles at the same time in less than 20 minutes
- Supports all open charging standards in flexible configurations
- The most widely deployed DCFC family in the world
- Make progress towards Climate Action Plan goals





CITY OF PARAMOUNT

Climate Action Plan

Adopted July 2021



# **Overall Project Benefits**



Brand New Water Meter System with Reduced O&M



Enhanced water meter customer service and experience for community



Improved revenue recovery & billing accuracy



Reduce Carbon Footprint and advance CAP with Solar & EV Charger



Locked into NEM 2.0 rates for 20 years



Ability to fast charge EV vehicles



Generate \$19.2 Million net savings over the project life, after pay for all project costs



Deliver operating efficiencies for city staff



#### WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

TODAY • Informational Session

Nov 14 Notice of Public Hearing

Nov 28 Project Approval

Construction Contract

Financing Agreement

**Dec 2023** Notice to Proceed Issued

Implement | Implementation Period - Following Notice to Proceed

- Estimated Completion 6-8 Months for Meters
- Estimated Completion 8-12 Months for Solar Projects







