

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 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 5:03 p.m. at in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Lemons led the pledge of allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
Pauline Jauregui, Comms. & Engagement Manager
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Finance Services Manager
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

1. VIDEO Veterans Living History Celebration
CF 39.7 A video highlighting the City's Veterans Living History Celebration was shown.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 There were no public comment updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alex Yanez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3 as shown below. 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

2. AWARD OF
 CONTRACT
 Installation of 8" Fire
 Service at 15932
 Minnesota Avenue
 (City Project No. 9410) Awarded the contract for the Installation of 8" Fire Service at 15932 Minnesota Avenue (City Project No. 9410) to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc., Pico Rivera, CA, California, in the amount of \$65,150, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.

3. APPROVAL
 Housing Navigator
 Agreement with Kingdom
 Causes Bellflower Approved and authorized the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Housing Navigator Agreement with Kingdom Causes Bellflower in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.

OLD BUSINESS

4. CONTINUED
 PUBLIC HEARING
 ORDINANCE NO. 1177 Staff reported that the applicant has again requested that the public hearing on this item be continued.

 Approving Development
 Agreement No. 23-1 with
 Daniel Freedman/Jeffer
 Mangels Butler &
 Mitchell, LLC for Sobeida It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to continue the public hearing to December 12, 2023.

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Construction,
Installation, and
Operation of a Freeway-
Oriented Digital Billboard
on Vacant Land North of
Rosecrans Avenue,
between the Los
Angeles River and 710
Freeway [Assessor
Parcel Number 6236-
035-013] in the M-2
(Heavy Manufacturing)
Zone
CF 43.1221

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. ORAL REPORT
Community Service
Organization Update –
Elks Lodge No. 1804

Elks Lodge District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Maloney presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the services Elks Lodge #1804 provides to the Paramount community.

6. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program Construction
Services at 14910 Calle
Las Brisas

Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to award the contract for construction services to Bashford Enterprises in the total amount of \$23,712.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 14910 Calle Las Brisas. 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

7. APPROVAL
Professional Services Agreement with Gail M. Goldman Associates, LLC to prepare the City's Public Art Master Plan
- Management Analyst Bejarano gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings approve the agreement with Gail M. Goldman Associates, LLC for the development of the City's Public Art Master Plan and authorize the Mayor or 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
8. APPROVAL
Professional Services Agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. to prepare Residential Objective Design Standards (ODS) Citywide.
- Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings seconded by Councilmember Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. to prepare residential objective design standards citywide with the total amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 and authorize the Mayor or 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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OLD BUSINESS

9. ORAL REPORT
Follow up on Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Improvement Project Analysis performed by Willdan Energy Solutions
- Public Works Director Figueroa and representatives from Willdan Energy Solutions (WES) gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing additional information regarding the water meter replacement portion of the Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Improvement Project Analysis performed by WES and the next steps for moving the project forward.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS
(Recommended continuance)
Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Improvement Project by Willdan Energy Solutions
- City Manager Moreno stated that staff is recommending that this public hearing be continued to the December 12, 2023 City Council meeting.
- There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to continue the public hearing to December 12, 2023. 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

- a) RESOLUTION NO.
23:037
Adopting certain findings and approving Energy Service Contract for energy related improvements to City facilities and infrastructure with Willdan Energy Solutions

- b) APPROVAL
Adopt certain findings
and approve a
finance agreement
and related loan
documents with Banc
of America Public
Capital Corp to fund
energy related
improvements for the
City of Paramount

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Lemons thanked and commended staff for the beautiful holiday decorations that were added around the hay tree.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the re-grand opening of Walmart and expressed appreciation to Walmart for the grant funding they provided to the various community organizations. She thanked staff for their hard work on the Senior Thanksgiving event. She commented that she also attended the turkey give-a-way hosted by Xclusive Wraps and thanked them for supporting the community with a well-organized event. She reminded residents about tomorrow's Tree lighting event. Lastly, she asked staff if there is a process for inspecting streetlights to be sure they are working. In response, City Manager Moreno stated that the lights are inspected twice a year and any non-working lights are reported to Edison.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the Senior Thanksgiving event noting that several seniors commented that they are very appreciative for all that the City does for the senior community. She thanked staff for their hard work on the event. She reported that she also attended the Chamber of Commerce's Thanksgiving Potluck and had an opportunity to meet several new business owners.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she attended the Walmart re-grand opening and the turkey give-a-way hosted by Xclusive Wraps. She also reported on her attendance at the PTA roundtable event along with Mayor Aguayo and two PUSD board members. She commented that she attended the Senior Thanksgiving event as well as Pastor Grady Jone's 80th Birthday event. She invited the community to come out for the Tree Lighting event and encouraged residents to participate in the holiday home decorating contest.

Councilmember Aguayo reported that she attended the Walmart re-grand opening and thanked Walmart for all they do to support the community. She also thanked the various community organizations, agencies and individuals for hosting several turkey give-a-ways. She commented that she also attended the Senior Thanksgiving event noting how much the seniors enjoy the event and they love the downtown holiday decorations. She reminded residents that the Christmas event season kicks-off tomorrow with the Tree Lighting followed by the Santa Train and Snow Fest the following week. Lastly, she reported that she along with several elected officials for other local communities worked together earlier today to create a press kit to support the opposition to the Zero-Bail policy.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reported that the video of the downtown holiday decorations posted on the City's social media channels got 1,400 likes on Instagram and several positive comments. He reminded residents about the Holiday Home Decorating contest. Community Services Director Johnson provided samples of the apples that will be distributed during next week's Santa Train event.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) – One (1) case
Communities for a Better Environment; East Yard
Communities for Environmental Justice; and Center
for Biological Diversity v. City of Paramount – Case
No. 22STCP01875

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the closed
session item listed above will be taken off calendar
and will be brought back to the City Council at a
future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the
City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at
6:08 p.m. to a meeting on December 12, 2023 at 6:00
p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: December 12, 2023