

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018**

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 Peggy Lemons at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Laurie Guillen.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Laura Warth, Chapel of Change.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Present: Councilmember Laurie Guillen
Councilmember Tom Hansen
Councilmember Daryl Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Diane J. Martinez
Mayor Peggy Lemons

STAFF PRESENT:

John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Kevin Chun, Assistant City Manager
Christopher Cash, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Karina Liu, Finance Director
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager
Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Recreation Supervisor
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

City Manager Moreno introduced this new part of the meeting's agenda. He replied to comments made by members of the public at the November 7, 2017 City Council meeting, which included topics such as sidewalks, a dog park, and the Sheriff's Department. He then covered the December 12, 2017 meeting, with comments about a list of metal businesses in town and the number of homicides that happened in Paramount during 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Cindy Nelson, Ardi Davari, Tammy Koegle, Morelia Quiroz, and Tom Canas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
December 12, 2017

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of December 12, 2017. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Mayor Lemons requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar. She stated that she had a conflict of interest and disqualified herself from voting on check numbers 305493 and 305511 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 305493 and 305511. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez to approve check numbers 305493 and 305511. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Mayor Lemons

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1093
(Adoption)
Approving the Joint
Powers Agreement to
Join the Los Angeles
Community Choice
Energy Authority and
Authorize the
Implementation of a
Community Choice
Aggregation Program
CF 43.1070, 112, 112.2

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1093, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1094
(Adoption)
Amending Section
29-6.4 of Chapter 29,
Article II of the
Paramount Municipal
Code by Adding
Sections 29-6.4 (p) and
(q) Limiting or Stopping,
Standing or Parking in
Designated Tow Away
Zones
CF 73

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1094, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTION 29-6.4 OF CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 29-6.4 (p) AND (q) LIMITING OR STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. ORDINANCE NO. 1095
(Adoption)
Authorizing Staff to
Submit an Application

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1095, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT

for Tree City USA
Designation
CF 74.1

AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR
TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION." The motion was passed
by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. ORDINANCE NO. 1096
(Setting a Public
Hearing)
Amending Sections 29-1
and 29-1.1 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Regarding
Incorporation of the
County Traffic Code
CF 98.1

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by
Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further
reading, and set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1096,
"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTIONS 29-1 AND 29-1.1
OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY TRAFFIC CODE," at
the next regular meeting on February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1097
(Setting a Public
Hearing)
Amending Sections 24-1
and 24-6 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Regarding
Incorporation of the
County Health and
Safety Code
CF 61.23

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by
Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further
reading, and set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1097,
"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTIONS 24-1 AND 24-6
OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH AND
SAFETY CODE," at the next regular meeting on February 6,
2018 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following
roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Community Organization
Funding Request for the
Paramount Friends of
the Library

Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson gave
the report.

CF 59, 62.13

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to authorize \$2,000 in community organization funding for the Friends of the Library and adjust the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget as part of the Midyear Budget review. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

9. Sports Facilities Fee
Modernization
CF 82.6

Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Following his report, there was a brief discussion regarding insurance providers.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the modernization of sports facilities fees. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Agreement for Contract
Professional Planning
Services
CF 43.1072

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Michael Baker International for contract professional planning services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1098
(Introduction)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Vice

Amendment No. 9,
Amending in Full
Chapter 11G (Cannabis
[Marijuana]) of the
Paramount Municipal
Code, Amending
Sections 44-1 and 44-2
of Chapter 44 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code, and Adding
Chapter 44, Article
XXVII (Cannabis
Cultivation, Indoor) of
the Paramount
Municipal Code to
Address Marijuana
(Cannabis) Operations,
Uses, and Activities in
the City of Paramount
CF 22.5, 109:Zota 9

Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to close the public hearing.

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1098, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 9, AMENDING IN FULL CHAPTER 11G (CANNABIS [MARIJUANA]) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 44-1 AND 44-2 OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING CHAPTER 44, ARTICLE XXVII (CANNABIS CULTIVATION, INDOOR) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS MARIJUANA (CANNABIS) OPERATIONS, USES, AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Vice Mayor Martinez mentioned that the City plans to become a Tree City and announced that a workshop will be held.

Councilmember Hofmeyer talked about the grand opening of Ono Hawaiian BBQ.

Councilmember Hansen conveyed Artesia's Mayor appreciation for being able to ride on the Santa Train over the holidays.

Councilmember Guillen mentioned an email she received that referenced a survey on the City's website.

Mayor Lemons commented on Horchateria Rio Luna. She also talked about attending a MUSA luncheon and expressed appreciation to them for supporting the community.

Councilmember Guillen stated that Alice Anderson Green, who had attended Council meetings for a long time, had passed away and would be missed. Mayor Lemons added that the City Council meeting would be adjourned in her honor after the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Lemons announced that the City Council would go into closed session to discuss the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Number of cases: 2)

Evaluation of Public Employee – City Manager (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

City Attorney Cavanaugh announced that the Evaluation of Public Employee – City Manager closed session item would be continued to the next meeting.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Lemons announced that there was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting in honor of Alice Anderson Green at 7:25 p.m. to a meeting on January 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Chris Callard

Chris Callard, Public Information Officer for
Lana Chikami, City Clerk