

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 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 6:01 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Peggy Lemons.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Father Julio Gonzalez, Our Lady of the Rosary.

**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
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Recreation Supervisor
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Diana Lopez, Human Resources Analyst
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS
Outgoing Mayor Peggy
Lemons
CF 39.7, 11.5

Outgoing Mayor Lemons was honored for her leadership.

Mayor Lemons expressed her appreciation to everyone for their support, partnership, and recognition.

MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
March 6 and March 20,
2018

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of March 6 and March 20, 2018. 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

REORGANIZATION

3. REORGANIZATION
Selection of Mayor and
Vice Mayor
CF 11.3

City Clerk Chikami opened nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Hofmeyer nominated Councilmember Martinez. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Councilmember Martinez as Mayor:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hansen, Hofmeyer,
Lemons, Martinez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Diane J. Martinez was declared **Mayor**.

Mayor Martinez thanked her colleagues for the honor to serve as Mayor and stated that she is proud and committed to serve the City of Paramount. She also thanked her family, friends, members of Our Lady of the Rosary Church for their support and encouragement.

City Clerk Chikami opened nominations for the office of Vice Mayor. Mayor Martinez nominated Councilmember Hansen. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Councilmember Hansen as Vice Mayor:

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

Tom Hansen was declared **Vice Mayor**.

Vice Mayor Hansen thanked his colleagues and voiced that he will assist the Mayor, City Council, and Paramount residents.

PRESENTATIONS

4. PROCLAMATION
Arbor Day
CF 39.12
Mayor Martinez announced that the City will be celebrating its first annual community Arbor Day celebration on April 28, 2018 and stated that the proclamation will be sent to the Arbor Day Foundation.
5. PROCLAMATION
National Library Week
April 8-14, 2018
CF 39.12
Mayor Martinez, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 8-14, 2018 as National Library Week and presented a proclamation to Library Manager Iris Illagan.

Mayor Martinez noted that Iris will be leaving and wished her well. Iris expressed her appreciation to the City Council and staff for supporting the library.
6. PROCLAMATION
DMV/Donate Life
California Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Martinez, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as DMV/Donate Life California Month and presented a proclamation to Ms. Paulina Guevara. Ms. Guevara thanked the City Council and encouraged everyone to become a tissue and organ donor.
7. PROCLAMATION
Fair Housing Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Martinez, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month and presented a proclamation to Ms. Martha Torres. Ms. Torres thanked the City Council for the recognition.
8. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
Captain James Wolak
CF 39.6
Mayor Martinez, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to new Commander James Wolak. Commander Wolak expressed his appreciation and also introduced his replacement, Captain Rick Harpham. Captain Harpham commented on the honor and privilege bestowed upon him.

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Martinez recessed the City Council meeting. She reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Mr. Gerald Cerda at the March 20, 2018 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

Mr. Gerald Cerda addressed the City Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Councilmember 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 306254 and 306348 made payable to her former employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 306254 and 306348. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Hansen to approve check numbers 306254 and 306348. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. RESOLUTION NO.
18:006
Ordering the Annual
Engineer's Report for
Landscape Maintenance
District No. 18-1

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 18:006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ORDERING THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 81-1." The motion was

CF 25.3

passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. ORDINANCE NO. 1101 (Adoption)
Amending Ordinance No. 178, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Paramount within Area No. 2 of Zone Change No. 228, Along the North Side of Alondra Boulevard, Generally from Vermont Avenue to Colorado Avenue, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to C-M (Commercial Manufacturing) at 15750 Vermont Avenue and 7831 Alondra Boulevard
CF 109:228
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1101, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT WITHIN AREA NO. 2 OF ZONE CHANGE NO. 228, ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF ALONDRA BOULEVARD, GENERALLY FROM VERMONT AVENUE TO COLORADO AVENUE, FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO C-M (COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING) AT 15750 VERMONT AVENUE AND 7831 ALONDRA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

12. General Plan Annual Report Calendar Year 2017
CF 102
- Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to receive and file the Calendar Year 2017 General Plan Annual Report and direct the City Clerk to file said report with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. Proposed Change to the Existing Public Safety Scarecrow Program
CF 79
- Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Following the report, discussion ensued about air filter rebates, and there was City Council consensus to have staff look at the implementation of an air filter rebate program.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to authorize the City Manager or his designee to make the proposed change to the existing Public Safety Scarecrow Program and include residences as part of the program. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
14. ORAL REPORT
Heritage Fair and Summer Concerts
CF 39
- Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Lemons commented on the youth soccer kickoff, Day of the Children, and Sustainability Fair events. She also thanked her colleagues and staff for their hard work and support during her year as Mayor.

Councilmember Hofmeyer also commented on the soccer and Sustainability Fair events.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the Day of the Child event and commended Mr. Frank Barraza and Tepic Sister Cities on a great event.

Councilmember Guillen echoed her colleagues' comments about the soccer, Day of the Children, and Sustainability Fair events. She also commented on a great turnout at the Healthy Paramount event at Salud Park and relayed that residents are requested to attend the upcoming AQMD meeting in Diamond Bar.

Mayor Martinez recognized Mr. Frank Barraza for the excellent Dia Del Nino event and noted that Channel 7 anchor woman, Anabel Muñoz (a former Paramount employee) was in attendance.

Staff

City Manager Moreno thanked the City Council for their patience during the City Council Chambers remodel and provided an update on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting in honor of Mr. Kirk Korver to a meeting on April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount.

/s/ Diane J. Martinez

Diane J. Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk