

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 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 Diane J. Martinez at 6:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Martinez.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist Church.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Hansen to excuse Councilmember Guillen's absence.

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
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
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
John King, Planning Manager
Diana Lopez, Human Resources Analyst

Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Anthony Martinez, Crime Analyst
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst
Tony Pena, Neighborhood Counselor
Suleyma Rosales, Recreation Supervisor

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESENTATIONS
EDUCATION MONTH**

- Proclaiming May 2018 as Education Month
 - Recognition of PEP Scholarship Recipients
 - Recognition of PEP Donors
 - Recognition of PUSD Teachers of the Year
 - Recognition of Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Paramount High School, Class of 2018
 - Recognition of the 2018 Gates Millennium Scholarship Winners
- CF 39.7

Mayor Martinez proclaimed May as Education Month. The City Council, joined by the members of the Paramount Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education, Superintendent, and members of the Paramount Education Partnership (PEP), recognized the PEP Scholarship Recipients, PEP Donors, PUSD Teachers of the Year, Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Paramount High School (Class of 2018), and 2018 Gates Millennium Scholarship Winners.

2. **PRESENTATION
Recognition of Former
Public Safety
Commissioner Carmen
Gomez**
CF 27.27

Former Public Safety Commissioner Carmen Gomez was recognized for her service on the Public Safety Commission. (Ms. Gomez was unable to attend the meeting.)

Following the presentations, Mayor Martinez recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m. She reconvened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Mr. Gerald Cerda at the April 17, 2018 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

Mr. Gerald Cerda addressed the City Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 3 and April 17, 2018

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of April 3 and April 17, 2018. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None
4. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

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

AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None
5. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2018
CF 47.3

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None
6. Parade Permit Application for Hynes D.E.S. Inc.
CF 75.1

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve the parade permit application with the understanding that Hynes D.E.S. Inc. reimburses the City for approximately \$3,500 for the cost to provide traffic control. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. RESOLUTION NO. 18:011
Approving the Engineer's Report for Certain Landscaping Improvements for Landscaping and Maintenance Assessment District No. 81-1
- AND
- RESOLUTION NO. 18:013
Declaring Its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Within Landscaping and Maintenance District No. 81-1 for FY 2018-2019 and Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon
CF 25.3
- The Engineer's Report was presented, and it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 18.011, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CERTAIN LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 81-1." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
- ABSTAIN: None
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 18.013, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 81-1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
- ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. ORAL REPORT
Protocol on Homeless Encampments and Homeless Individuals by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
CF 69
- Lieutenant Geff Deedrick, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, gave a report on the homeless outreach services and homeless encampment protocol.
9. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1102 (Introduction)
Zone Change No. 229 Amending Ordinance No. 178, the
- Assistant City Manager Chun gave a combined report on items 9 and 10, and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing. Mr. Michael Wooten, representing the Los Angeles International Church of Christ (LAICC), spoke in favor. There being no further

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Paramount from R-M (Multiple-Family Residential) to C-3 (General Commercial) to Allow the Expansion of a Church at 6838 Somerset Boulevard in the City of Paramount
CF 109:229

testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to adopt a mitigated negative declaration and the mitigation monitoring program relative to Zone Change No. 229; and to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1102, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF A CHURCH AT 6838 SOMERSET BOULEVARD 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 Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

10. PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO.
18:012
Setting Forth Its
Findings of Fact and
Decision Relative to
General Plan
Amendment No. 18-1, a
Request to Change the
General Plan Land Use
Designation from
Multiple-Family
Residential to
Commercial at 6838
Somerset Boulevard in
the City of Paramount

Assistant City Manager Chun gave a joint report regarding this item during his presentation of item 9.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Hansen to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

CF 102

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 18:012, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 18-1, A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL AT 6838 SOMERSET BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Installation of Speed
Humps on Richfield
Street Between Texaco
Avenue and Garfield
Avenue
CF 94

Public Works Director Cash gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hansen to approve the installation of speed humps and all appropriate signage on Richfield Street between Texaco Avenue and Garfield Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Applications for
Fireworks Permits
2018
CF 75.2

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the application to sell fireworks submitted by the eight eligible community groups. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 18:008
Opposing Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018
CF 47.6, 58
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 18:008, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT OPPOSING TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None
14. PUBLIC HEARING
Adoption of the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2018-2019) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs
CF 54.9 CDBG
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmembers Lemons to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Hofmeyer, Lemons
Vice Mayor Hansen, Mayor Martinez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to adopt the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2018-2019). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Lemons commented on attending the April 27th Metro Light Rail community meeting (hosted by

Supervisor Hahn) and encouraged attendance at the upcoming May 3rd Metro Light Rail community meeting. She also reported on the well-attended Arbor Day event and expressed appreciation to Assemblyman Rendon for the Veterans' Resource Fair event.

Councilmember Hofmeyer and Vice Mayor Hansen reported that they also attended the Arbor Day and the Veteran's events. Councilmember Hofmeyer noted that he learned some interesting information at the Veteran's event and Vice Mayor Hansen commended the Recreation Department on a successful PEP event.

Mayor Martinez commented on attending the April 27th Metro Light Rail community meeting and the Arbor Day and Veteran's events. She also extended an invitation to attend the National Day of Prayer event on May 3rd.

Staff

City Manager Moreno noted that the upcoming Metro Light Rail meeting will be held at Progress Park Plaza and that the Homelessness community meeting will be held at the Paramount Park Community Center. He also announced that City Council meetings will be back at the City Council Chambers. Lastly, he commented on the successful Arbor Day event and showed a video.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting in honor of former Councilmember Manuel Guillen at 7:43 p.m. to a meeting on May 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall (Council Chambers), 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount.

/s/ Diane J. Martinez

Diane J. Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk