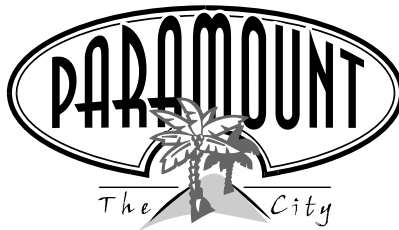


# AGENDA

Paramount City Council  
February 21, 2017



Adjourned Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers

- 3:00 p.m. Mobile City Council Tour (commences at Paramount City Hall)
- 4:00 p.m. Meet & Greet at All-American Park, 13330 Orizaba Avenue
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting at City Hall, Council Chambers

City of Paramount

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## Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer

ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Gene Daniels  
Councilmember Tom Hansen  
Councilmember Diane J. Martinez  
Vice Mayor Peggy Lemons  
Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer

1. [Mobile City Council](#)

1. Tour of Northeast Quadrant of the City  
2. Meet & Greet at All-American Park

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the City Council.

2.     [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)                     January 10 and January 24, 2017

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

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3.     [ORAL REPORT](#)                     School and City Partnership
4.     [ORAL REPORT](#)                     Paramount Station Desk Services
5.     [ORAL REPORT](#)                     Air Quality Update

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## **COMMENTS**

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- Staff
- Councilmembers

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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To a meeting on March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

MOBILE CITY COUNCIL

1. TOUR OF NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE CITY
2. MEET & GREET AT ALL-AMERICAN PARK

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 10  
AND JANUARY 24, 2017.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2017**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer at 6:03 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer.

**INVOCATION:**

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

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS:**

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

**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  
Maria Meraz, 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  
Shelby Cramton, Community Development Intern  
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner  
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager  
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Planning Manager  
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager  
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst  
Patrick Matson, Human Resources Manager

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

**Stephen Kucharczk** discussed his attendance at City Council and Commission meetings and the information and understanding of City government attained from coming to them. He encouraged others to come to meetings, and complimented the City Council on doing a good job and expressed his thanks.

**Michael Valenti** stated that he has been in the City for approximately 20 years and commented on the recent injustice aimed at the City Council. He said that the City has come a long way in the past 20 years and credited the needed changes and improvements to the hard work of the Councilmembers. He expressed his appreciation to the City Council on a professional and personal level and stated that the City will continue to grow under their leadership.

**Laura Warth** told the City Council that it was a privilege for her to come before them. She mentioned that she has lived and worked in the City of Paramount for a combined 25 years and commented on the tremendous impact that some of the non-profit organizations have had on the community. She and her husband (Brian Warth) are both pastors at Chapel of Change and she expressed their gratitude to the City Council and City staff, and commented on the City running smoothly and in peace and unity with the School District and business community. She discussed her participation in the City's visioning session and mentioned the kick-off of the farmers' market and the new development in the city (despite the loss of redevelopment funds). She also talked about the City Council's integrity and love for the city and thanked them for the tremendous job they have done.

**Maria Angel** echoed the sentiments of her daughter (Laura Warth) and Mr. Valenti. She stated that she has read information on the air quality issue and offered the City Council her full support. She said that many negative comments and personal attacks have been made and she said that she did not feel that this was the way to approach or handle the situation. She also said that she has known the City Council for many years and thanked them for always being there to listen and answer questions. Additionally, she said that she is excited about the new changes in the community—the new downtown area and new restaurants.

**Jackie Avila** stated that she resides near the Clearwater Crossing project and said that the street lights on Alondra Boulevard from Paramount Boulevard to Orizaba Avenue (by the Elks Lodge) have been out on both sides since construction began. She said that she has reported the problem to the Public Works Department and there has been no effort to fix the light problem. She mentioned that transients sometimes hang out in this area and requested that the lights be repaired. She also commented on the new restaurants that are coming to the city, but said she has been waiting 14 months for something to happen with the street lights.

Public Works Director Cash informed Ms. Avila that the conduit for the street lights had to be relocated at the site of the Clearwater Crossing project. The conduit work is still under construction, but he told her that he anticipates that the work will be completed soon.

**Phillip Leavenworth** extended Happy New Year wishes to the City Council and fellow Paramount residents. He stated that he represents a small and emerging group of people that seek to create and facilitate a Scientocracy and Technocracy. He talked about populism giving way to a policy of fear and it being terrible to live in fear. He also discussed scientific truth and facts about Vitamin B17 (Amygdalin) and bitter almonds, and talked about the rise in anti-vaccine propaganda and anti-GMO propaganda. Mr. Leavenworth also mentioned that there is an anti-intellectual movement that he wishes could be stopped and wished for a world where intelligence is inspired without feelings of inferiority. He then wished the City Council enough positive vibes to approach future issues more scientifically and technologically.

**Eleanor Mendoza** commented on visiting her cousins and brother that live in town and suggested that the neighborhood has never changed. She told the City Council that they are 20, 20, 23, and said that they are like the Supreme Court. There is no limit on the time that a Councilmember may hold office and she said that the City Council have been here for a very long time and can get stagnant. She told them that they are nice and do things, but that time moves on and young people have new and good ideas. She stated that Laurie Guillen has a lot to offer.

She retired when she was 70 and said that sometimes you need to step back and let the young people come in and do something new and something fresh as they have great energy.

**Lisa Lappin** stated that she has some unresolved concerns. She said that she and residents collected over 500 signatures in 2014 asking the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to test the parks in Paramount, especially the Village Skate Park. After being informed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) of a toxic metal exposure at the first town hall meeting in January 2014, she said she was perplexed, angry and highly disappointed when she found out that the City refused to allow Mr. Haissam Salloum access to any of the parks when he requested City permission on October 15, 2014. And, she said that this fact is now indisputable. At the December 14, 2016 City Council meeting, Ms. Lappin said that she presented evidence attesting to the City's denial, available on the DTSC website and now in the Paramount City Council records. She said that she never received an answer regarding why permission was not granted and asked again for an answer as to why permission was not granted. She added that Mr. Salloum requested access again in 2015 (in writing) and said that there was so much red tape that DTSC chose to pursue and obtain funding from the EPA to conduct site discovery in Paramount instead. Ms. Lappin said she called Mr. Moreno in 2014 to inquire about the City's rationale for the denial and stated that he told her that, "We didn't have one." She said that was an inappropriate response. Next, she asked when the soil in the parks will be tested by DTSC. She requested split samples, transparency, and integrity of sampling when and if it is ever performed. She also voiced concern about the City using the Press Pulse [sic] to state what the City has done on behalf of the community. She and many others spoke under oath at the AQMD vs. Anaplex abatement hearing, and Ms. Lappin said that she was deeply offended when no City Councilmember showed up to defend the community members and workers such as herself in the AQMD vs. Anaplex case. She acknowledged Supervisor Hahn's presence at the hearing and said that the Supervisor spoke passionately on behalf of Paramount. Ms. Lappin then asked about the Mayor and Vice Mayor not being present at the hearing. Ms. Lappin also stated that a City of Paramount representative was sent to the AQMD meeting today to state that the City of Paramount supports the agreement Anaplex



reached last week. She said, however, that this cameo appearance does not begin to erase the insult of the Council's absence last week, especially when a young mother with two children came to that meeting (in the rain) to speak about her concerns.

Next, Ms. Lappin commented on the creation of the subcommittee and it being, in her opinion, an obvious attempt to manipulate and control the people of Paramount. She said that if the Council ran the City like a democracy, they would allow residents to nominate a few people to represent their concerns rather than taking applications and conducting secret interviews before privately selecting three lucky candidates. She charged that the process would probably be very lengthy to keep people from participating. She asked that the games stop and that the City work directly with the people who are interested in participating and are concerned for their health and the health of their children. She also said that the people of Paramount will not be divided for the privilege of sitting on a subcommittee.

Vice Mayor Lemons asked for clarification about the City testifying against Anaplex, and City Manager Moreno told her that the City testified in December regarding both Anaplex and Aerocraft.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
December 13, 2016

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of December 13, 2016. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Register of Demands  
CF 47.2

Vice 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 301261 and 301297 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 301261 and 301297. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve check numbers 301261 and 301297. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1079  
(Setting a Public  
Hearing)  
Adopting by Reference  
the Los Angeles County  
Building and Appendices  
I and J, Residential and  
Appendix H, Green  
Building Standards,  
Plumbing, Electrical and  
Mechanical Codes, and  
Amending Portions  
Thereof  
CF 29, 61

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, and set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1079, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 10-1, 15-1, 27-1 AND 32-1 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING AND APPENDICES I AND J, RESIDENTIAL AND APPENDIX H, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES, AND AMENDING PORTIONS THEREOF," at the next regular meeting on February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1080  
(Setting a Public Hearing)  
Adopting by Reference  
the Los Angeles County  
Traffic Code  
CF 98.1
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, and set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1080, "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 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

5. ORDINANCE NO. 1081  
(Setting a Public Hearing)  
Adopting by Reference  
the Los Angeles County  
Health and Safety Code  
CF 61.23
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, and set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1081, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTION 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 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Authorization to  
Purchase Paramount  
Park Community Center  
Flooring Replacement  
CF 74.2
- Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson discussed replacing the flooring at the Community Center with wear and stain-resistant carpeting and resilient flooring. He reported that KYA Services, LLC offers flooring products that would do well in the center's high-traffic environment, and discussed procurement through a cooperative purchasing program with other public agencies and a piggyback fee (to the Wiseburn School District in the City of Hawthorne).

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to authorize the purchase of replacement flooring at Paramount Park Community Center from KYA Services, LLC. in the amount of \$94,546.27. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Six-Month Review of  
City Council Live  
Entertainment Permit  
Ace Consolidated  
Enterprises, LLC/Blvd  
Cocktails, 8410 Alondra  
Boulevard  
CF 75.4

Public Safety Director Meraz provided a six-month overview of the live entertainment permit for Blvd Cocktails from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. She stated that the applicant has continued to comply with all 37 conditions of approval, proactively and cooperatively reports incidents to the Sheriff's Department, and maintains a strong working relationship with staff.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to receive and file the report with the stipulation for a subsequent twelve-month review. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Six-Month Review of  
City Council Live  
Entertainment Permit  
Aurora and Joaquin  
Lopez/Mariscos Mi  
Lindo Sinaloa, Inc., 7610  
Rosecrans Avenue  
CF 75.4

Public Safety Director Meraz provided a six-month overview of the live entertainment permit for Mariscos Mi Lindo Sinaloa from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. She reported that staff determined that the applicant, Mr. Lopez, was allowing live entertainment slightly outside the approved timeframe. At the end of December, staff reminded Mr. Lopez that he signed an affidavit acknowledging the conditions of approval and was advised to comply with all conditions of approval. Mr. Lopez agreed to comply; however, he expressed some confusion and staff then told him that they would like to meet and go over the conditions of approval with him.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to receive and file the report with the stipulation that City staff meet with the applicant to review all live entertainment conditions and conduct a six-month review. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. AWARD OF  
CONTRACT  
Construction Services  
for Housing  
Rehabilitation – 13838  
Racine Avenue  
CF 69.13

Vice Mayor Lemons stated that she may have a conflict of interest due to close proximity to her residence. She left the dais at 6:43 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report, a request for an award of contract for housing rehabilitation construction services at 13838 Racine Avenue. He stated that the homeowner solicited three construction bids and Cal-Home Remodeling, Incorporated was selected as the lowest qualified bidder to complete the construction services.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to award the contract for home improvement program construction services to Cal-Home Remodeling, Incorporated in the total amount of \$40,400.00 from the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. AWARD OF  
CONTRACT  
Construction Services  
for Housing  
Rehabilitation - 13463  
Fanshaw Avenue  
CF 69.13

Vice Mayor Lemons did not participate on items 9 and 10.

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report, a request for an award of contract for housing rehabilitation construction services at 13463 Fanshaw Avenue. He stated that the homeowner solicited three construction bids and Ever Builders was selected as the lowest qualified bidder to complete the construction services.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to award the contract for home improvement program construction services to Ever Builders in the total amount of \$29,810.00 from the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

At 6:45 p.m., Vice Mayor Lemons returned to the dais.

11. ORAL REPORT  
Air Quality Issue Update  
CF 31.20

City Manager Moreno commented on South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) January 10, 2017 press release regarding the approval of an administrative order requiring Anaplex to immediately shut down all equipment if found to be emitting certain levels of hexavalent chromium.

Next, he provided an update on the latest efforts of the City:

- Testified at South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board meeting on December 2, 2016.
- Testified at the first AQMD Hearing Board hearing on December 14, 2016 and gave testimony on both Aerocraft and Anaplex; provided free transportation to residents to the Hearing Board hearing; live streamed the hearings; and City staff closely watched and monitored the proceedings.
- City staff continues to stay in close contact with the AQMD officials.
- Testified at the County Board of Supervisor's meeting on December 20, 2016 in support of Supervisor Hahn's motion regarding Paramount's air quality issue.
- Met with Supervisor Hahn, State Senator Ricardo Lara, Speaker Rendon's District Director (staff to meet with Speaker Rendon in late January).
- Presentation given to the Youth Commission on the air quality issues.
- Anaplex Roof Dust Issue: City contacted the State Regional Water Control Board, and the Fire Department certified that the cleanup was done properly.
- Subcommittee recruitment in process.
- Moratorium in place—denied new and expansion of metal-related businesses.

- New environmental consulting team hired.
- Purchase of air monitors proposed.
- Developed new Paramount Environment website.
- Tested water for hexavalent chromium.
- Preparing a letter of support in favor of Rule 1430 to be sent to the AQMD Board.
- Provided Code Enforcement Officers to help with the AQMD investigators as they conduct sweeps of the city.

Next, Public Safety Director Meraz discussed the ongoing joint efforts of City and AQMD staff. She referenced the list of 194 Paramount businesses (metal and non-metal related) which were inspected and investigated for air quality issues. To date, she noted that 28 businesses received notices to comply, 5 businesses received notices of violation (Carlton Forge, Anaplex, Procast, Aerocraft, and Golden State Engineering), 6 businesses no longer exist, and 3 addresses are residential properties.

Discussion followed and Vice Mayor Lemons requested a breakdown of the types of metal businesses in Paramount.

City Manager Moreno presented AQMD charts showing the latest results of hexavalent chromium at the monitored location sites. A brief discussion followed regarding the samples to be taken at school sites and the moving of monitors.

Mr. Moreno announced that the City has brought on a new environmental consulting firm, Tetra Tech. He stated that Tetra Tech provides a diverse set of resources, specializing in air, water and soil. He introduced the new consulting team: Brian Jordan, Dr. Eddie Huang, Randy Westhaus, and Miguel Luna.

The following speakers addressed the City Council:

**Veronica Ledesma**, on behalf of Assemblymember Anthony Rendon, read a Statement from him to the City Council. The statement included the following:

- Thanked the City Council for their proactive approach in purchasing additional air monitors.
- Stated that the monitors will help provide vital information about the health of the Paramount community and that it is an important first step but that there are other steps that the Council must consider.

- Hoped that the information gathered from these monitors can be used to better inform the land use decisions that come before the Council.
- Stated that it would be worth examining how the cost of monitoring can be borne by the businesses that produce emissions and not by the taxpayers.
- Encouraged the City Council to be engaged in South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 1430 regarding metal forging, and stated that the City Council should be asking for the most protective regulations considering the concentration of metal working facilities in Paramount, including larger buffer zones for schools.
- Stated that the City should be impressing on the AQMD that Rule 1430 is only acceptable as a first step in looking at a wider universe of metal working facilities.
- Stated that those steps, along with the ten monitors that the City is purchasing, will make a difference.
- Stated that Assemblymember Rendon and his staff are ready to assist in any way to protect the health and safety of the people of Paramount.

**Guillermo Parga** said that he left Paramount for work and school, but has come back. He commented on Paramount being an amazing city and talked about the city's transformation over the last 25 years. He mentioned that public safety was a big concern when he was a little kid, but now he goes running at midnight. He then talked about it being unsettling to hear about things and said that Judge O'Donnell denied the County's request to have one of the companies stop manufacturing. He said that he knows that it is outside of the City's purview but the City must be held accountable for its response. He said that the dissemination of information has been fantastic and then commented on there being a lot of frustration. He stated that he hopes the City Council does not internalize the frustration, but uses it to fuel their leadership. He also said that he hopes the City Council does not go for the bait--when others go low, he asked them to go high. He told the City Council that they are the community's representatives and stewards and hopes they continue to be so. He commented on recommendations having been made and asked that the Council take them into consideration. He also stated that he is glad the concerns brought up at the December meeting regarding the subcommittee have been addressed. He has a new niece and hopes that this is a shining moment for the City of Paramount.



**Magdalena Guillen** inquired about the monitoring of Anaplex and Aerocraft and mentioned that there was a question during today's AQMD call about how long these companies would be monitored. She said that a clear answer was not given and there was mention that the Paramount City Council has more authority than the AQMD. She also commented on supporting Rule 1430 as recommended by Assemblyman Rendon's representative. Ms. Guillen said that she has been "googling" a lot and has been looking at the Chamber of Commerce website. She noticed that the President of the Chamber of Commerce is Gary Johnson and stated that he and his wife run Ace Clearwater. She saw a picture of them in Washington, D.C. on December 14, 2016 and said that they were there to address issues having to do with manufacturing and that the conversations about the policies included addressing regulatory burdens. She then asked about manufacturing companies viewing 1430 as a regulatory burden and commented on it being weird for everyone to be pushing for 1430 when the Chamber of Commerce President calls these regulations a burden. Additionally, she commented on one of the Councilmembers being a part of the Chamber and there being a conflict of interest. She asked the City Council what they had to say about the conflict. She said that there seems to be a lot of conflicts of interest—the Chamber of Commerce and manufacturing companies (like Weber Metals).

City Manager Moreno stated that he was not able to join tonight's AQMD conference call, but offered to contact Ms. Guillen regarding her question about Aerocraft and Anaplex.

**Eleanor Mendoza** told the City Council that they play around regarding whose turn it is to be the Mayor. She said that she looked online and everyone has been the Mayor and everyone takes a turn being the Vice Mayor. She told the City Council that they insult the people who address them. If they had not called the newspaper and picketed, she said that the City Council would not have done anything. She said that the City Council has not done anything for years and that Laurie Guillen and her friends organized a group. She told them that they sit there and take credit for what Laurie did.

**Lisa Lappin** addressed City Manager Moreno about the monitor at Jackson School being moved to Gaines School. She voiced concern and requested that a monitor be placed at both schools, and asked if there would be an ongoing monitor at Jackson due to close proximity to the manufacturing companies and there having been cancer at Jackson amongst the staff and children. She emphasized the importance of both Jackson and Gaines Schools being monitored and asked if a monitor will be going back to Jackson and requested that City Manager Moreno check on this and report back. She also stated that she is very invested in Rule 1430. She said that Rule 1430 would not exist if she hadn't called AQMD numerous times. She said that she called the AQMD when working at Lincoln and said that she watched a child die of leukemia. That was when she said she overcame her fear of the District, the City, and everyone. She said that she called and called until they finally found that there is a need for Rule 1430, which is about grinding and putting pollution controls on companies. Ms. Lappin said that there are four forging companies in Paramount (Press Forge, Matco, Weber Metals, and Carlton Forge). Three of those forging companies are 1,600 feet from Gaines School and .5 miles from Jackson School. She stated that they stopped grinding in the open air just a few months ago. Press Forge voluntarily stopped and Matco stopped when AQMD put out a public advisory for all companies to stop grinding in the open air. Ms. Lappin asked the City to support Rule 1430. She said that there is a petition circulating amongst the Teachers Association of Paramount. She added that she is not speaking on their behalf, but as an individual and as a concerned teacher. She said that there are many concerned teachers and residents and told the City Council that it would be very nice if they would sign the petition which asks that AQMD put the best available retrograde emission controls on the three forging companies given the cumulative impact of them being so close to Gaines and Jackson. Ms. Lappin noted that there are kids with respiratory problems there, related or unrelated. She again encouraged the City Council to sign the petition or vocalize support for it. She also mentioned that there is a strong possibility that all four companies may have the best available emission controls on them and stated that teachers and parents would appreciate the City Council speaking in support at AQMD's January 25, 2017 meeting. She said that it would also help with the other 18 forging companies and other communities with forging companies. Ms. Lappin also stated that they are asking that the distance be set at

2,000 feet instead of 1,000 feet from a school. She also voiced concern that Ms. Lemons is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that as the Vice Mayor, it seems like she has a conflict of interest and asked her to think about who she represents. She asked Vice Mayor Lemons if she represents the companies or the people and said that it seems like it would be very difficult to do both given the current crisis that the community is in. She asked Vice Mayor Lemons to choose one or the other.

**Laurie Guillen** said that she hadn't planned on speaking, but as she was referenced during the meeting, she wanted to tell the City Council that she does appreciate the fact that they have put the ball in motion. The City Council has said that they have been proactive, but she told them that she appreciates the fact that they are being reactive. She commented on the City Council not responding soon enough, but acknowledged that they are now making it a top priority. She then talked about the disconnect—the disconnect from the Council and the community. She said that there is a disconnect when the public asks questions. Her cousin asked a question and wants to know what the City Council plans to do to continue monitoring hexavalent chromium when the levels have diminished to 1 nanogram. Ms. Guillen also thanked Ms. Lappin for bringing the air quality issue to light and getting her involved. She then talked about the Chamber of Commerce representing businesses. She said that most of the metal companies are the large companies in the Chamber of Commerce, and she questioned representing the community. She said that she believes this was also Ms. Lappin's concern and was her concern when she saw the article on Gary Johnson's company. She mentioned that his company was sued a few years back for water waste contaminating the water runoff with things such as arsenic and other metals. She said that is where the disconnect comes and that they do not feel that the City Council recognizes their issues but placates them. She said they are tired of being made to feel like they are bringing these issues to the City Council because they don't like the Council. She said that nobody doesn't like them. They may not like the way the City Council is representing them but, on personal level, she said it has nothing to do with any one of them. She told them that they are upstanding citizens by sitting on the Council. The issue is the disconnect and residents don't feel like they are being represented. She said that it should not make Councilmembers angry and mad and should not make them

say horrible things about residents who speak out—it should make them realize that there is a disconnect and that everyone needs to work together. She commented on there being divisiveness because they have been made to feel that the City Council just wants them to go away. Instead of the City Council trying to keep them away, she said that they should have admitted that they could have done better, but no Councilmember has admitted that they could have done better and been proactive. She told them that when they have been in a seat for 20 years, they are expected to do the right thing. She said that they aren't doing the right thing in their eyes. She also commented on it being almost to the level of criminal negligence that toxins that are cancer causing are being breathed in, and said that it is beyond just saying that they are working on it. Ms. Guillen said we are breathing in hexavalent chromium and it's not going away. She asked that her cousin's question about what is going to be done to continue monitoring be answered. She also asked Vice Mayor Lemons to address whether she believes she has a conflict working for the Chamber of Commerce and being a Councilmember.

12. ORAL REPORT  
Water Quality Issue  
CF 31.20, 113

Public Works Director Cash reported that due to recent concerns about the water being safe, just before Christmas, new water samples were taken by the City's independent lab and water regulator. He also said that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) took separate samples. He then shared the good news that the lab results continue to show hexavalent chromium levels of less than 1 part per billion. This is consistent with the 2014 numbers and Mr. Cash indicated that the City's water system does not have any issue with hexavalent chromium and reported that a joint press release from the City and the State Water Board was sent out earlier today with this information. Mr. Cash also stated that the City is committed to continually affirming that the City's drinking water is safe and will include hexavalent chromium testing in the monthly testing of the wells to ensure residents that the water supply is safe and continues to be safe.

13. CONSIDERATION  
Budget Adjustment to  
the FY 2017 Budget for  
Air Quality Monitoring-  
Related Expenditures  
CF 28.1, 31.20

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report and requested the City Council to consider a \$50,000 appropriation from the FY 2017 Budget to purchase air monitoring devices to be installed in key areas of the city to test air quality. He added that staff will make a recommendation to adjust the FY 2017 Budget for the air monitoring devices during the Midyear Budget review.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2017 budget for air quality monitoring-related expenditures. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

14. PRESENTATION  
New Environmental  
Website  
CF 31.20

City Manager Moreno presented the City's new environmental website and highlighted features on the site.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

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**COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

There were none.

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**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

There were none.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. to a meeting on January 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lana Chikami, City Clerk

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2017**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

**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  
Maria Meraz, 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. & Recreation Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Planning Manager  
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager  
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst  
Patrick Matson, Human Resources Manager  
Tony Pena, Neighborhood Counselor  
Marlene Ramirez, Recreation Supervisor  
Suleyma Rosales, Recreation Supervisor

## PRESENTATIONS

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1. PRESENTATION  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
CF 39

Mayor Hofmeyer greeted everyone and thanked them for coming out to celebrate the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He provided some historical information about the city and highlighted the historical display in the back of the room. He announced that there will be other events throughout the year to mark the anniversary and mentioned the Community 1950s Sock Hop on Saturday, March 11, 2017 and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heritage Festival on June 10, 2017. He also invited everyone to the January 26, 2017 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the rededication of the new downtown.

Next, the City Council recognized Ms. Jazmine Solorzano, the winning designer of the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, and presented her with a basket of special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts.

Birthday wishes were extended to the City from the following representatives: Julia Juarez from the Office of State Senator Ricardo Lara, Lynda Johnson from the Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn, and Genesis Coronado from the Office of Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard. (Assemblymember and Speaker Anthony Rendon sent a Certificate of Recognition in honor of the City's birthday.) And, a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday cake was brought out and everyone joined in to sing Happy Birthday to Paramount.

Mayor Hofmeyer recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**Curtis H. Stephens** stated that he has been a Paramount resident for 22 years and actively involved in the city for many years. He said that his neighborhood, when he first moved to Paramount, wasn't nice. The area, however, has changed. He told the City Council that they have been doing a great job and have made a difference. He said that Paramount is a great city with green trees and beautiful parks. He mentioned that he and his wife were nominated as Citizens of the Year through a local church for their work with Paramount kids. He said through prayer and the work of the City and Neighborhood Watch, Paramount has changed. He told the City Council that he has witnessed their hard work and their endeavors to build up the city. He said the City Council has played a key role in the transformation of the city. Mr.

Stephens said that he is aware of the current air quality situation in Paramount and is also a concerned citizen and hopes that the problem gets resolved quickly. Because the City Council has a past record of helping the city, he stated that he has confidence in the current City Council to solve the air quality issue. He told the City Council that they have already made good decisions and believes they will continue to make good decisions. He told the City Council that he supports them. Mr. Stephens also addressed the City Council about the installation of a crosswalk or a speed monitoring system on Alondra Boulevard by Stater Brothers to address safety issues. Mayor Hofmeyer told Mr. Stephens that this issue has been raised before and staff is already looking into this. Mr. Stephens expressed his appreciation and said that he prays that it will happen because he doesn't want anybody to get hurt.

**Shirley Grayson** stated that she has been a Paramount resident for over 40 years and seen the City go through many transitions. When she first came to the city, she was surrounded by dairies. She has watched the City make progress and said that it has been good. Paramount has no evidence of corruption and has demonstrated outstanding leadership. She said that she is proud of that. She then stated that she has been reading many things that have been unsettling and said that it was probably done with great emotion that reflected great concern. She acknowledged that there are some problems that need to be resolved and told the Mayor, Councilmembers, and support staff to be encouraged. She stated that she believes the city will be fine and told the City Council that many residents support them.

**Damon Honaker** asked Mayor Hofmeyer if the hay and feed from his business have been tested. Mayor Hofmeyer told him that the State checks it. Mr. Honaker then asked if the testing of his hay and feed can be made public and said that if it hasn't been tested, he wants to know what is being sent out beyond Paramount.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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2. RESOLUTION NO.  
17:001  
Approving a Bond  
Expenditure Agreement  
Between the Successor  
Agency for the Paramount

Finance Director Liu gave the report and discussed a proposed Bond Expenditure Agreement between the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency (SAPRA) and the City of Paramount, authorizing a transfer of excess bond proceeds of approximately \$1.5 million from SAPRA to the City. She stated that the City must



Redevelopment Agency  
and the City of Paramount  
CF 12, 43.1046

use these proceeds in accordance to the bond covenants and mentioned that the Oversight Board will consider the agreement at its January 30, 2017 meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 17:001, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A BOND EXPENDITURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE PARAMOUNT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. RESOLUTION NO.  
17:002  
Approving a Settlement  
Agreement for City of  
Paramount, et al. v.  
Cohen, et al.  
CF 12, 43.1047

Finance Director Liu reported that the City and the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency (SAPRA) filed a lawsuit against the State Department of Finance (DOF). She stated that all parties have recently negotiated a near-final settlement agreement fully resolving the lawsuit, and the proposed settlement agreement provides that the DOF recognizes the Owner Participation Agreement between the former Redevelopment Agency and Falcon Fuels as an enforceable obligation of the Successor Agency with a maximum outstanding obligation of \$2.5 million to be paid with funds from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund to the SAPRA over a five-year period.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 17:002, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF PARAMOUNT, ET AL. V. COHEN, ET AL." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. ORAL REPORT  
Air Quality Update  
CF 31.20

City Manager Moreno stated that the City has learned a lot in the past two months about air quality regulations and gained a better understanding of how to partner with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and fight for the health of its residents. Discussion with the AQMD, advice from consultants Tetra Tech, and feedback and ideas from the public have enhanced the City's understanding.

City Attorney Cavanaugh summarized and quoted State Health and Safety Code Section 40449. He stated that this provision of state law grants cities and counties within the AQMD area the right to adopt stricter air pollution control regulations. His office contacted other city attorneys, representing cities within the south coast district, about this provision and found that this section of state law has not been implemented. Additionally, both TetraTech and AQMD were contacted and were not able to identify any city or county who has used this provision to develop their own air quality regulations. TetraTech was consulted about the City adopting more stringent standards than AQMD and stated that it raised a number of concerns, including the City's ability to develop and support scientific data for stricter standards.

Mr. Cavanaugh then said that the City will continue to partner with the AQMD to seek stronger protection for its residents. He also noted that the City has asked the AQMD for a comprehensive human health effects study as recommended by TetraTech. Additionally, he pointed out that much of what has been seen in Paramount is not a failure of more stringent air quality controls. The requirements and rules in place were sufficient to cite and mitigate the emissions from both Anaplex and Aerocraft; however, the City observed a history of citations without follow up enforcement. He commented on the moratorium, the City's support of Rule 1430, and the City continuing to form a strong partnership with the AQMD for inspections and enforcement to yield more immediate and effective results for the City's residents.

City Manager Moreno commented on the expertise of AQMD and the insights of TetraTech, and turned the meeting over to Brian Jordan of TetraTech.

Mr. Jordan gave an update on air quality. He discussed chromium 6, the industrial applications for chromium 6, and the health risks of chromium 6. He provided an overview of the hexavalent chromium readings at the monitoring sites located throughout the city, including the readings at schools.

He also talked about efforts that focus on enforcing existing regulations and enhancements, including the moratorium on metal-related businesses, supporting Rule 1430, requesting a human health effects study, and working with the AQMD to conduct business sweeps. He also mentioned the formation of the subcommittee, purchasing and partnering with the AQMD on the installation and operation of City-owned air quality monitors, continuing to work with the Water Control Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control, maintaining the environmental website, outreach efforts with the City's schools, encouraging regional elected officials to fund and staff AQMD's enforcement efforts, and enhancing the zoning moratorium.

City Manager Moreno reported that subcommittee interviews were held and that the next subcommittee meeting will be held on January 31, 2017 at Progress Plaza.

The following speakers addressed the City Council:

**Kenneth Jones** said that he has been a resident of Paramount for over 20 years and attends the Chapel of Change. He is also the President of the PJAA youth baseball league. He thanked the City Council for their support and help to keep youth out of trouble. He also told the City Council that he supports them and offered encouragement. He encouraged the City Council to stay on top of AQMD and continue to work with them. He said he trusts the City Council to do their job diligently and to make the right decisions for everyone.

**Andres Rivera** asked about the tolerable amount of chromium 6 and how testing is conducted. Dr. Eddie Huang (TetraTech) responded and provided detailed information about the computerized skill and very high level approach used to determine the concentration. He discussed emission, natural flow rate, volume, and the process for determining the rate from the source.

**Vilma Cuellar Stallings** stated that she has lived in the city for 55 years and also commented on her family members residing in Paramount. She then stated that she is heartbroken to see and hear that there is so much division occurring due to the air quality issue. She commented on individuals going up against each other and the City's elected Councilmembers, and acknowledged that everyone has a right to voice their opinions but said that it should be done in

a civil manner. Everyone should respect each other even when not in agreement during this period, and she stated that it will take time to resolve the issue. She also stated that she is very concerned about the safety and welfare of Paramount residents, students, faculty, and individuals who work in the city. She emphasized the need to work together. She said she and her husband support the City Council and City Manager Moreno and believe and trust that they will resolve the air quality issues in a timely manner.

City Manager Moreno announced that Dr. Huang and Mr. Jordan would be available after the Council meeting and invited individuals to speak with them regarding questions they may have.

**Lisa Lappin** said that she is the teacher that brought the air quality issue to the City Council's attention and added that no one would be present at the meeting if she had not brought this issue to them. She also said that there isn't anything disrespectful about asking questions, raising concerns, and speaking up for children. She told the City Council that she has never been disrespectful to them. She, however, asks them hard questions that don't get answered and said that she is ignored. She added that she has asked questions several times and has not received answers to them. She then told the City Council that they did not ask Press Forge or Aerocraft to put pollution controls in and improve their house keeping in 2014 when they found out that Carlton Forge had these issues. She said that this is a concern and that it concerns her and should concern every person in the city. She told Mayor Hofmeyer and the City Council that they should have advocated for the city. She said that it should not have fallen on her (who is from another city) to put herself in this uncomfortable position. She said that she has not been enjoying this for the last six years and that it has not been an easy road. She added that she hasn't had support until the last two months. She told the City Council that if they didn't truly know that there was a concern after the 2014 town hall meeting and after the Los Angeles Times article, then they failed in their job because they should have known. And, if it was innocent not knowing, she told them that they still didn't do what was needed. She also told the City Council that it is not disrespectful to want different people elected—it is democracy. She also reminded them that the zoning moratorium was her idea and that she had suggested it at the first town hall meeting and was glad that it passed and hoped that the City Council would extend it for six more

months. She hoped the moratorium will be permanent and clarified that companies should be allowed to make improvements or changes but should be required to come before the City for authorization and conditional purposes. She also commented on odors in the city and asked the City Council if they have asked companies to voluntarily put on scrubbers or something to stop the odors. She noted that this was happening on Thursday and Saturday nights and mentioned that residents were calling up until half past midnight on Saturday night and were calling from in front of Carlton Forge and from behind and in front of Lincoln School. She said that she has called AQMD to report this and said that this shouldn't be her job--it should be the Council's job to call and advocate for the community. She encouraged the City Council to start calling on behalf of the community. Ms. Lappin then commented on air monitors. She questioned the validity of a \$5,000 monitor as she said AQMD monitors are \$300,000. She asked the City Council to invest in monitors that are of the same level as the AQMD monitors, even if it means purchasing fewer monitors. Next, she asked Mayor Hofmeyer if the Health Department tested the fruit by Carlton Forge, previously asked for by Ms. Mendoza. She mentioned that she had sent an email and reminded them that they need to follow up on this matter and make sure that fruit and food are safe. She asked Vice Mayor Lemons if she represented the people or the metal industries as the Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce. She added that these questions are not disrespectful and asked the City Council if they thought these questions were disrespectful.

**Laurie Guillen** told the City Council that she is not trying to be disrespectful and that it is not easy for the City Council to sit in their positions nor is it easy for her to stand in her position representing the community. She said that not all of the community may believe what others believe, but that she is representing those individuals directly affected by the air quality issue. She then told the City Council that she knows that they will not answer questions or look at her, and directed her question to City Attorney Cavanaugh. She mentioned that she spoke with him in the morning and said they had a good discussion. She commented on the statement made about other cities not having chosen to utilize legislation and explained the position she and others have taken. She said that other cities and other counties don't have 4 metal forging companies concentrated in a small area. Paramount is different and unique because of all the

metal companies. She said that the City brags about its revenue and she applauded the City for that. She commented that it isn't all negative and that it is about enlightening everyone regarding the situation. The City has money and she suggested that the money be used fix the situation. She commented on the statement that litigation might cost too much with the potential to be sued, and suggested that health should be put over wealth. She recommended that the City invest in the community's health, instead of worrying about litigation. She asked if that was unreasonable and then followed with the statement that it is not unreasonable to ask for these things. It doesn't have to be adversarial and she mentioned that she received a call from Assemblyman Rendon's office today. She said that he thanked the community for bringing the air quality issue to his attention. She also said that Assemblyman Rendon said that he has spoken with City representatives who have told him that everything is fine. She said everything is not fine and asked the City to do better. She referenced a Press-Telegram article and read the following question and answer from Assembly Speaker Rendon: Q: "Who or what agency is to blame for what is happening in Paramount?" A: "At the outset, it is quite obvious that the city did not do their job in terms of ensuring that there was proper licensing, for sure." Ms. Guillen said that she was not here to be adversarial but to speak for the community that doesn't feel that they have representation. She also commented on it not being disrespectful to bring awareness and ask questions. She said, however, that it is disrespectful to not answer questions and roll eyes. Ms. Guillen said that more can be done by working together and asked for mutual respect. Next, Ms. Guillen commented on wanting the moratorium passed, but expressed concern about the conflicts of interest and needing a 4/5 vote for its passage. She said that there are two Councilmembers with conflicts and stated that City Attorney Cavanaugh, in an earlier conversation with her, acknowledged that there are two conflicts and told her about a law that will allow one Councilmember to vote in order to get the moratorium passed. And, due to it being a public safety concern, there are exigent circumstances. She expressed concern about passing the moratorium under these exigent circumstances and it then being challenged by an attorney from one of the metal companies saying that it is an invalid moratorium because the City did not have the proper votes to pass it. She suggested getting rid of the conflicts and doing what is best for Paramount and its



residents. She added that she is only asking for health over wealth and believes that everyone is important and that the City should do what is right for the health of its citizens and not worry about litigation.

**Damon Honaker** approached Dr. Huang and Mr. Jordan and showed them a video. He commented on a statement about second-hand smoke not having any effect on people, and stated that the statement is false and that second-hand cigarette smoke does affect people. He also stated that he saw smoke emitting from Carlton Forge and pouring onto the street. He also noted that two aunts had to have their knees replaced and that his dog has tumors, and then asked about the impact from the smoke. Dr. Huang provided clarification about earlier second-hand smoke comments, and then commented on the smoke in the video. He stated that sometimes steam may look like smoke from a distance and the intensity of fumes and smoke may be dependent on what is in the air. He said he could not determine the type of compound from the video that was shown to him. Mr. Jordan also talked about emissions and stated that steam and smoke emissions are completely different but may look the same from a distance. He stated that what is in the smoke stack is important but a determination cannot be made from a video. Mr. Jordan offered to talk to Mr. Honaker after the meeting. Next, Mr. Honaker talked about the placement of a monitor close to where he resides. He said that the smoke was 50 feet from Carlton Forge and asked about wanting more air quality management control at that location.

5. URGENCY ORDINANCE  
NO. 1082

Extending an Interim  
Urgency Ordinance  
Pursuant to California  
Government Code  
Section 65858 Prohibiting  
the Issuance of Any  
Permits, Licenses or  
Approvals for  
Construction,  
Establishment, Expansion  
or Operation of Any  
Business Involved in the  
Manufacturing and/or  
Processing of Metals,  
Including, But Not Limited

Mayor Hofmeyer recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the dais at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Lemons took over for Mayor Hofmeyer and said that she had consulted with the City Attorney and was advised that she may have a potential conflict of interest due to an indirect receipt of income from Weber Metals. She disclosed that her adult daughter is employed by Weber Metals and lives at her home.

City Attorney Cavanaugh stated that the Urgency Ordinance under consideration legally requires a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote to pass and that there is no alternative source of decision other than for Vice Mayor Lemons to vote on this matter pursuant to Section 18704 of the California Code of Regulations, known as the "Rule of Necessity." He then summarized and quoted the Rule of Necessity.

to the Following  
Operations: Grinding,  
Sanding, Plating,  
Electroplating, Welding,  
Deburring, Heating, Heat  
Treating, Straightening,  
Forming, Machining,  
Cutting, Rolling, Pressing,  
Forging, Fabricating,  
Polishing, Milling,  
Swaging, Conversion  
Coating, Anodizing, and  
Passivation Within the M-  
1 (Light Manufacturing),  
M-2 (Heavy  
Manufacturing), and PD-  
PS (Planned  
Development With  
Performance Standards)  
Zones During the  
Pendency of the City's  
Review and Adoption of  
Regulations of Such  
Uses; Creating  
Exemptions Thereto and  
Declaring the Urgency  
Thereof

CF 108:M-1, M-2, PD-PS

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report, requesting a six-month extension of the moratorium (Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1078) adopted on December 13, 2016. He stated that the extension will allow for specific guidelines to be developed, extend the temporary moratorium regarding metal manufacturing and processing businesses, and allow for consideration of further local land use/zoning regulations.

Next, he reviewed the following proposed three exceptions to the moratorium:

- Allow for pollution control/mitigation measures to be implemented, with a Conditional Use Permit, if required by the AQMD
- Allow for facility/property improvements that do not expand production capacity
- Allow for replacement of existing outdated, damaged, or broken equipment that does not intentionally expand production capacity

He also noted that Government Code 65858 allows a city to adopt an ordinance without normal notice procedures to protect the public health and welfare and that an urgency ordinance may be extended for a period of 22 months.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1082, "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT EXTENDING AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS, OR APPROVALS FOR CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION OR OPERATION OF ANY BUSINESS INVOLVED IN THE MANUFACTURING AND/OR PROCESSING OF METALS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS: GRINDING, SANDING, PLATING, ELECTROPLATING, WELDING, DEBURRING, HEATING, HEAT TREATING, STRAIGHTENING, FORMING, MACHINING, CUTTING, ROLLING, PRESSING, FORGING, FABRICATING, POLISHING, MILLING, SWAGING, CONVERSION COATING, ANODIZING, AND PASSIVATION WITHIN THE M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING), M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING), AND PD-PS (PLANNED



DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS) ZONES DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE CITY'S REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OF SUCH USES; CREATING EXEMPTIONS THERETO AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Hofmeyer returned to the dais.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

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City Manager Moreno announced that City Council meetings will return back to the regular schedule and will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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Vice Mayor Lemons commended staff for a great job on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and extended congratulations to Ms. Jazmine Solorzano.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to a meeting on February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lana Chikami, City Clerk

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