

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

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 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

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

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

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 Aircraft 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, Aircraft, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

There were none.

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.

/s/ Daryl Hofmeyer

Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk