

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 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 Councilmember Gene Daniels.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Pastor Larry Jameson, Lifegate Foursquare Church.

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
William Pagett, City Engineer
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager
Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Recreation Supervisor
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
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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City Attorney Cavanaugh provided clarification and guidance regarding the public comment period.

Mr. Gerald Cerda commented on frequent power outages and street lights being out for an extended period of time. Mr. Cerda was referred to Assistant Public Works Director Ho.

Mr. Jose De Leon wanted to know what the City can do with businesses and when it plans to implement rules and regulations on businesses. He also commented on Anaplex's recent elevated Chromium 6 levels. Mr. De Leon was told that the City contacted the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and is waiting to hear back from AQMD following its investigation.

Mr. Mark Guillen asked what the City is doing to regulate companies. He spoke to other City Managers and was told that the City may revoke a business license when a business does not meet requirements or comply with established regulations. He asked if this is true and if there will be any effort by the City to revisit repeated-offender businesses in town and require them to provide a check-off sheet showing they have been approved by regulators to operate. A discussion followed regarding the challenge of identifying a nexus between the operation of a business and a violation. Mr. Guillen was told that the City has held discussions with the AQMD about shutting down businesses and implementing more stringent regulations. AQMD told the City that certain criteria would need to be met and would get back to the City with more information. Mr. Guillen was also told that the City's business licensing process is currently being reviewed and the City's Code is being examined to determine what types of new rules and regulations may be adopted with regards to metal-related businesses. Mr. Guillen said he understands that the City needs to get guidance from the AQMD, but requested that the City Council move forward with changing business license procedures.

Mr. Phillip Leavenworth requested that there be a debate for election candidates.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL
Register of Demands

Vice Mayor Lemons requested that this item be pulled from the consent calendar. She stated that she had a conflict of

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interest and disqualified herself from voting on check number 301565 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check number 301565. 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 Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve check number 301565. 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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Construction of the
Neighborhood Street
Resurfacing
Improvements
City Project No. 9731

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to accept and approve the work performed by All American Asphalt, Corona, California, for construction of the neighborhood street resurfacing improvements and authorize payment of the remaining retention. 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. Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
December 31, 2016.
CF 47.3

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to receive and file the Treasurer's Report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO.
1080 (Introduction)
Readopting the Los
Angeles County Traffic
Code
CF 98.1

Public Safety Director Meraz reported that the Los Angeles County Traffic Code is annually adopted and incorporated by reference in the City's Municipal Code to ensure that the City's code is up-to-date.

Mayor Hofmeyer opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to close the public hearing. 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 Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce 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," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO.
1081 (Introduction)
Readopting the Los
Angeles County Health
and Safety Code
CF 61.23

Public Safety Director Meraz reported that the Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code is annually adopted and incorporated by reference in the City's Municipal Code to ensure that the City's code is up-to-date.

Mayor Hofmeyer opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to close the public hearing. 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 Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1081, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTIONS 24-1 AND 24-6 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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

6. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO.
1079 (Introduction)
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

Assistant City Manager Chun reported that the Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code is annually adopted and incorporated by reference in the City's Municipal Code to make sure that the City's building codes are compliant and consistent with the County's building codes.

Mayor Hofmeyer opened the public hearing. Mr. Kucharczk inquired about adopting the Los Angeles County Code, and Mr. Chun explained that the City adopts the County's building code and then incorporates it by reference in the City's Municipal Code. It was then moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to close the public hearing. 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 Vice Mayor Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1080, "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," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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. Agreement with Utility
Cost Management for
Utility Bill Auditing
Service
CF 43.1048

Finance Director Lam Liu provided a staff report on contracting with Utility Cost Management (UCM) to audit the City's utility bills for cost savings.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve and authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Utility Cost Management (UCM) for utility bill auditing services. 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. RESOLUTION NO.
17:004
Amending a City Council
Permit for Live
Entertainment
Casa Adelita #4
8063 Alondra Boulevard
CF 75.4

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report, a request to amend a City Council Permit for live entertainment at Casa Adelita #4 at 8063 Alondra Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

Ms. Gregoria Tejeda Perez of Casa Adelita #4 addressed the City Council and said that she is delighted to be a part of this community. Councilmember Martinez commented on the beautiful restaurant and thanked Ms. Perez.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 17:004, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FROM CASA ADELITA #4 TO AMEND A CITY COUNCIL

PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT 8063 ALONDRA BOULEVARD.” 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. Air Quality Update
CF 31.20

City Manager Moreno provided an update on air quality and discussed Anaplex’s spiked reading and complaints about Carlton Forge. He mentioned that AQMD scheduled a Rule 1430 hearing on March 3, 2017 and also provided an overview of City efforts. Additionally, he reviewed the latest air quality readings and was joined by Dr. Eddie Huang for a discussion on air quality monitors and the Health Risk Assessment.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to receive and file the report. 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

10. Purchase of Two
Vertical Monument
Signs
City Project No. 9734
CF 106.1

Public Works Director Cash gave a report regarding the proposed installation of two new vertical monument signs at entry points to the City.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to authorize the purchase of two vertical monument signs from Bravo Signs and Design, Inc., Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$42,000. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hofmeyer and Councilmember Martinez commented on the January 31, 2017 Air Quality Sub Committee meeting. Mayor Hofmeyer also introduced members Jacklyn Avila, Mauricio Hernandez, Guillermo Parga, Public Works Commissioner Alexander Garcia, Public Works Commissioner Rosemary Vasquez, Paramount Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Ruben Frutos, and Pastor Rudy Rubio.

Councilmember Daniels, who is a member of the Eco-Rapid Transit, discussed the acceleration of the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project to be completed by 2025.

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 7:14 p.m. to a meeting on February 21, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

/s/ Daryl Hofmeyer

Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk