

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Peggy Lemons at 5:08 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Kevin Chun, Assistant City Manager  
Christopher Cash, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
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  
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager  
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Planning Manager  
Adriana Lopez, Interim Public Safety Director  
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst  
Elizabeth Popescu, Human Resources Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**CF 10.3**

Mr. Reno Redula commended law enforcement, and commented on polluters, safety, and providing agenda subject matter to individuals.

Ms. Cindy Nelson expressed appreciation for the new IHOP restaurant, but was disappointed with the lack of handicap parking spaces. She discussed parking and the Americans

with Disability Act, and presented pictures.

Mr. Jeremy Christian spoke about Weber Metals being a good employer and company, and encouraged the City Council and residents to work together with Weber Metals to address the environmental issue.

Mr. Pablo Ulloa, a concerned resident and employee of Weber Metals, stated that hexavalent chromium is not manufactured at Weber Metals, praised Weber Metals for employee safety, environmental policies, and improvements to minimize pollution.

Ms. Vilma Cuellar-Stallings spoke about her family's history in Paramount and her love for the city. She encouraged everyone to work together, expressed her appreciation to the City Council, and stated that she supports and believes in them.

Mr. David Ikeler commented on the great improvements in the city and commented on the efforts of his employer (Weber Metals) and the company's practices to comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) requirements.

Mr. Alberto MacLean voiced concern with vendors frequenting residences and leaving advertisements/flyers and suggested that there be a law to prevent this. He also told the City Council that they are doing a great job.

Mr. Gerald Cerda requested tree trimming and inquired about having a dog park in the city.

Ms. Ramona Fujimoto commented on the Department of Public Health's (DPH) recent evaluation and the issuance of health directives to Press Forge, Carlton Forge, Weber Metals, and Mattco Forge. She also spoke about accountability and doing the best thing to ensure that there are best emission controls in place. Ms. Fujimoto also mentioned the presence of a crane at Carlton Forge.

Discussion followed regarding DPH's directive letters to Press Forge, Carlton Forge, Weber Metals, and Mattco Forge. City Manager Moreno stated that he received a letter from Mr. Wayne Nastri of SCAQMD who informed him that the SCAQMD has not identified a health risk. Additionally, Mr. Moreno noted that the letters from DPH and Mr. Nastri will be posted on the City's environmental website.

## NEW BUSINESS

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1. ORAL REPORT  
Citizen Satisfaction –  
Sheriff's Service and  
Public Safety Quality  
Assurance Follow-up  
Calls  
CF 79

Interim Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

2. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Residential Soil Sampling  
CF 31.20

Before introducing the next item, City Manager Moreno discussed the power washing of roofs at Carlton Forge and Weber Metals as required by Rule 1430 and the collection of waste water. He also commented on odor complaints from Carlton Forge, stated that the company is working with SCAQMD for approval of an odor control measure, and mentioned that a status hearing has been scheduled at SCAQMD for September 26, 2017.

Mr. Randy Westhaus (Tetra Tech) presented a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed soil sampling results. He also announced that Ms. Katie Butler (L.A. County Department of Public Health) was in the audience.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez to receive and file the residential soil sampling report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Guillen inquired about permits for roof and plumbing work at Carlton Forge. City Manager Chun discussed the extraction of a large machine from the roof at Carlton Forge and noted that a permit is not required for machinery repair. He also commented on emergency plumbing work at Carlton Forge, stated that emergency work does not require that a permit be pulled immediately, and reported that Carlton Forge pulled a permit the next day.

3. APPROVAL  
Rules of Decorum and  
Procedures for the  
Conduct of City Council  
Meetings  
CF 10.5

City Attorney Cavanaugh reviewed the proposed Rules of Decorum and Procedures and recommended changes to the following sections due to possible legal issues:

Section	Action
C. (3)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
C. (5)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change. There was also discussion regarding the addition of language to address the use of cellular phones for reading a speech or notes.
D. (2)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (1) (a)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (1) (c)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (1) (d)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (3) (a)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (3) (e)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (3) (f)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (3) (g)	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.
F. (3) (i)	No action taken—further discussion to be held.
M.	City Council consensus to approve recommended change.

Mayor Lemons asked the City Council if they had items they wished to discuss and Councilmember Guillen requested that the following be discussed:

Section	Discussion/Action/Vote
F. (1) (g)	There was discussion regarding the applicability of this section to “private” video recordings, and it was established that it relates to “public” video recordings.
F. (3) (b)	<p>There was discussion about extending the cut-off time for the submission of Speaker’s Cards, future revisions to the Rules of Decorum/ Procedures, and re-visiting the meeting time for City Council meetings starting at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez to leave this section as written. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p>

	<p>AYES: Councilmembers Hansen, Hofmeyer, Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Lemons</p> <p>NOES: Councilmember Guillen</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ABSTAIN: None</p>
K.	<p>There was discussion about expanding how items are placed on the City Council agenda.</p> <p>(To be continued to the October 3, 2017 meeting.)</p>

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Lemons requested that the recording be stopped and recessed the meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: Pedro N. Contreras and Maria A. Contreras v. City of Paramount, et. al; Case No. BS170762)

(To be carried over to the October 3, 2017 Agenda.)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting, due to an emergency situation in the Council Chambers.

/s/ Peggy Lemons  
Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk