

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 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 Peggy Lemons 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 Peggy Lemons.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Associate Pastor Altaire Fernandez, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

**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
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Anthony Martinez, Crime Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments:

Mr. Gerald Cerda
Ms. Sandra DeKay
Mr. Allen Gomez
Ms. Linda Chaparro-Martin
Mr. Damon Honaker
Ms. Cindy Nelson
Ms. S. Davis

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
October 3 and October
17, 2017

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of October 3 and October 17, 2017. 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

2. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

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 304617 and 304823 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 304617 and 304823. 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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to approve check numbers 304617 and 304823. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2017
CF 47.3
- It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to receive and file the Treasurer's 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

4. Renewal of Lease and Service Agreements for Four Copier Machines
CF 43.963
- It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into lease and service agreements with the Xerox Corporation to provide four copiers and maintenance and supplies. 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

NEW BUSINESS

5. ORAL REPORT
Los Angeles River
Master Plan
CF 90.2
- Mr. Mark Stanley of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan.

6. ORAL REPORT
Los Angeles Community
Choice Energy Authority
CF 112, 112.2
- Mr. Matt Skolnik of the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) gave a PowerPoint presentation and reported on LACCE's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), a hybrid approach to utility operations.

Following the report, there was discussion regarding rates, SCE's involvement, participating cities, and an opt-out provision. Vice Mayor Martinez also requested a paper copy of Mr. Skolnik's report.

There was City Council consensus to bring this item back to the City Council for consideration to enter into an LACCE Joint Powers Agreement.

7. Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Funding for FY 2017-18
CF 54.49

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to authorize staff to utilize the State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds to pay for expenditures outlined in this 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

8. MassMutual Adoption Agreement
CF 43.1063, 76.5, 76.7

Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hofmeyer to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with MassMutual as the new record keeper for the City's defined contribution plans. 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

9. YMCA's Use of Sports Facilities for Youth Basketball League Agreement
CF 43.1064

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to authorize the Mayor or her designee to enter into an agreement with the YMCA to provide use of sports facilities to operate a youth basketball program and authorize a \$10,000 budget allocation to the YMCA in the FY 2018 budget. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Moreno presented social media videos highlighting: Healthy Paramount, a walk with fire fighters at Salud Park, the Dia de Muertos event at Paramount Park, the Halloween haunted maze, and the senior Halloween party.

He also announced that Ms. Adriana Lopez was permanently appointed as the City's Public Safety Director.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Guillen commented on attending a Board of Supervisors' (BOS) meeting where a proposal was discussed to give the County Public Health Department the authority to close businesses that emit dangerous toxins. She discussed a prior reporting of water runoff and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) reporting of this incident. Additionally, she commented on Weber Metals recently washing its rooftop without capturing the water and discussed the rental of a City facility to Weber Metals.

Mayor Lemons stated that staff was asked to investigate the water runoff incident due to the potential serious nature and noted that the City received reports from the EPA and Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. to a meeting on November 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk