

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

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 6:02 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 Terry Beasley, 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

\* Councilmember Martinez joined the meeting in progress at 6:05 p.m. She was absent for agenda items 1 through 6, and it was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to excuse her absence on those items.

**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  
William Pagett, City Engineer  
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. & 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

There were none.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
October 4, October  
18, and October 25,  
2016

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of October 4, October 18, and October 25, 2016. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen  
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Martinez  
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 number 300522 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 number 300522. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve check number 300522. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Authorization for Purchase of an Emergency Water Main Repair at Alondra and Paramount Boulevards  
CF 113
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to authorize the payment for the emergency repair of a broken water main at the northeast corner of Alondra and Paramount Boulevards, in the amount of \$50,100.30. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen  
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Martinez  
ABSTAIN: None
4. Authorization for Purchase of a Fire Water Service at 15754 Paramount Boulevard  
CF 113.15
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to authorize the payment for the installation of a fire water service hydrant at 15754 Paramount Boulevard, in the amount of \$50,700. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen  
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Martinez  
ABSTAIN: None
5. RECEIVE AND FILE Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2016  
CF 47.3
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2016. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen  
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Martinez  
ABSTAIN: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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6. Request for Installation of a Handicapped Parking Zone in Front of 6548 San Mateo Street  
CF 73.3
- Public Works Director Cash reported that staff received a request from Ms. Esther Espitia for the installation of a handicapped parking zone in front of her home at 6548 San Mateo Street due to limited parking in the neighborhood. Ms. Espitia requested the handicapped parking zone for herself and her mother who both have valid disabled person placards.
- Staff inspected the site and found that neighborhood on-street parking can be limited and, if approved, Mr. Cash stated that approximately 15 feet of curb in front of 6548 San Mateo would be marked for handicapped parking only. Additionally, he

reported that the Public Works Commission recommended approval of the request for a handicapped parking zone at its September meeting.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve a request for the installation of a handicapped parking zone in front of 6548 San Mateo Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Martinez joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

7. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO.  
1077 (Introduction)  
Adding Section  
29-6.4 (k) to Chapter  
29, Article II, of the  
Paramount Municipal  
Code Limiting or  
Stopping, Standing or  
Parking in  
Designated Tow  
Away Zones  
CF 73

Assistant Public Safety Director Lopez reported that the City received a letter requesting resident permit parking in the Gundry Avenue/Brayton Avenue neighborhood (located in the southwest quadrant of the city, north of Alondra Boulevard and east of Orange Avenue). The letter cited an increase in suspicious vehicles and business vehicles parked on the streets for extended periods of time. Additionally, Ms. Lopez stated that the area has been impacted by residents from the apartments on Orange Avenue parking in this neighborhood following the implementation of resident permit parking in the nearby Delcombre Avenue/Aravaca Avenue neighborhood.

Ms. Lopez reported that staff conducted a door-to-door survey, and 52 of the 77 homes in the neighborhood responded as shown in the following table:

Support permit parking	37	71%
Oppose permit parking	14	27%
No opinion on permit parking	1	2%

Additionally, she stated that the Public Safety Commission reviewed the request for resident permit parking in the Gundry Avenue/Brayton Avenue neighborhood at their September 27, 2016 meeting and recommended approval to the City Council.

Mayor Hofmeyer opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed resident permit parking due to vandalism, loitering, trash and disturbance problems, illegally parked vehicles, and cars parking in their neighborhood for extended periods of time:

Mr. Norval Wooten, 15752 Gundry Avenue

Ms. Verna Wooten, 15752 Gundry Avenue  
Mr. Thearith Sar, 15740 Gundry Avenue  
Mr. Grady Jones, 15725 Brayton Avenue  
Mr. Richard Bell, 15731 Brayton Avenue  
(Resident—did not provide name), 15718 Brayton Avenue

There being no further testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Martinez 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 Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1077, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING SECTION 29-6.4 (k) TO CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II, OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING OR STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES," 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

8. Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2016-2017  
CF 54.49  
Assistant Public Safety Director Lopez reported that the City has received \$114,618 in State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year that the City has received this grant and Ms. Lopez stated that these funds will be used to continue providing additional party patrol overtime, vendor patrol overtime, and weekend patrol overtime to assist with the high demand for service during Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. She also noted that there is no longer a requirement to take the COPS report to City Council for approval and that this will be the final report.

Following Ms. Lopez's report, there was a brief discussion regarding the use of COPS funds, and she stated that law enforcement personnel are consulted and provide input regarding the use of COPS funds.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to authorize staff to utilize the State COPS grant funds to pay for expenditures outlined in 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

9. ELECTION

City Clerk Chikami presented the following three resolutions to the City Council for consideration to initiate the election process for the City's March 7, 2017 General Municipal Election:

RESOLUTION NO.  
16:024

Calling for the  
Holding of a General  
Municipal Election to  
be Held on March 7,  
2017

**Resolution No. 16:024** calling for an election to be held in the City of Paramount on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, establishing the purpose of the election (to elect two members of the City Council), authorizing the City Clerk to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (County Registrar) to conduct the election, and setting the polling place hours from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO.  
16:025

Adopting Regulations  
for Candidates for  
Elective Office  
Pertaining to  
Candidate  
Statements  
Submitted to the  
Voters at an Election  
to Be Held on  
Tuesday, March 7,  
2017

**Resolution No. 16:025** formalizing and adopting regulations regarding the Candidate Statements to be included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet.

**Resolution No. 16:026** requesting the County Registrar to administer, manage, and oversee the City of Paramount's General Municipal Election, and requesting for consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election with a Special Countywide Election to be held on March 7, 2017. City Clerk Chikami noted that this resolution differs from past resolutions requesting the County Registrar's assistance in providing election services as it also requests consolidating the City's election with a possible Countywide Special Election.

RESOLUTION NO.  
16:026

Requesting the  
Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los  
Angeles to Direct the  
Los Angeles County  
Registrar-  
Recorder/County  
Clerk to Administer,  
Manage, and  
Oversee the City of

City Clerk Chikami discussed the possibility of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors calling for a Special Countywide Election and stated that the County Registrar reached out to cities with March 7, 2017 elections to discuss consolidation of their local elections with the County. She noted that the County Registrar strongly encouraged cities to consolidate and hold one election as opposed to having concurrent elections and provided an overview of: 1) a consolidated election and 2) a concurrent election. She reviewed the results of a recent survey of March 7 election cities, stating that 4 cities plan to hold concurrent stand-alone elections, 13 cities plan to consolidate their local election with the County's election, and 2 cities are

Paramount's General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017; and Request for Consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election with a Special Election Held on March 7, 2017  
CF 45.2

recommending consolidation. Ms. Chikami also discussed the impact that Senate Bill 415 will have on future City elections.

Lastly, she stated that staff believes it to be in the best interest of the City to consolidate its March 7, 2017 election with the County based on the following considerations: the County Registrar made a commitment to administer the City's election with or without a County measure on the ballot; the cost for a consolidated election is less; voter confusion associated with overlapping concurrent elections is minimized; the City and County Registrar will not be competing against each other to secure poll workers; and with the possible cessation of Martin and Chapman (the City's election consultant and supplier), the City may not be able to conduct a stand-alone election.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 16:024, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES." 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 Hansen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 16:025, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017." 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 and adopt Resolution No. 16:026, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO DIRECT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO ADMINISTER, MANAGE AND OVERSEE THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017; AND REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH A SPECIAL COUNTYWIDE ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017." 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. MAYOR'S  
APPOINTMENT  
Member of the Board  
of Trustees of the  
Greater Los Angeles  
County Vector  
Control District  
CF 11.4

Councilmember Hansen currently serves as the City's representative on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. His two-year term expires on January 2, 2017, and City Clerk Chikami reported that the Los Angeles County Vector Control District requested that a representative be appointed for a two-year term expiring January 7, 2019.

Mayor Hofmeyer re-appointed Councilmember Hansen to continue to serve as the City's representative on the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District. He then made a motion to appoint Councilmember Hansen to serve for a two-year term (expiring January 7, 2019) and Councilmember Daniels seconded the motion. 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

11. RECEIVE AND FILE  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
CF 39.16

Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and provided an overview of the following proposed activities/events for the City's upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration:



<b>2017 Events</b>	
January	Kick-Off: January 17 City Council Study Session Meeting
February	Paramount Historical Display at Progress Plaza
February	Skating at Zamboni's Iceland
March	Community Sock Hop
April	Bianchi Drive-In
June	Community Heritage Festival on June 10 <sup>th</sup> at Paramount Park from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5K/1K Run Walk at 8:00 a.m</li> <li>▪ Heritage Village</li> <li>▪ Competition Corner</li> <li>▪ Kids Fun Zone</li> <li>▪ Taste of Paramount Food Zone</li> <li>▪ Farmers Market Village</li> <li>▪ Musical Entertainment (main stage)</li> </ul>

Mr. Johnson also discussed marketing for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, including banners, social media postings, letterhead, promotional materials, and a backdrop for selfies. Additionally, he mentioned that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo will be designed by a Paramount High School (PHS) art student. He informed Councilmembers that 15 PHS art students have submitted 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary designs as part of a competition and that one of the student's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary designs will be chosen and used for the City's anniversary marketing materials.

There was a brief discussion following Mr. Johnson's report. Vice Mayor Lemons mentioned that there was a popular Dutch ride and Councilmember Martinez commented positively on the proposed community festivities.

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Martinez 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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

## **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

There were none.

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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City Council commended staff for a very impressive and well attended Halloween Carnival event, and Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson praised the teamwork provided by staff members Magda Garcia, Maria Meraz, and Mario Ponce.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to a meeting on November 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Daryl Hofmeyer

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Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

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Lana Chikami, City Clerk