

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2019**

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 Tom Hansen at 6:03 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Youth Commissioner Crystal Anguiano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was delivered by Reverend Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist Church.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** Present: Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Councilmember Brenda Olmos  
Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer  
Mayor Tom Hansen

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to excuse Councilmember Guillen's absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Lemons and Olmos,  
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, and  
Mayor Hansen

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Guillen

**ABSTAIN:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Kevin Chun, Assistant City Manager  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director  
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director  
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Supervisor  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst

Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
 Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
 Antulio Garcia, Building & Safety Manager  
 Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Rec. Supervisor  
 Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director  
 Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor  
 John King, Assistant Planning Director  
 Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager  
 Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
 Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
 Jonathan Masannat, HR Manager  
 Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director

Mayor Hansen expressed appreciation to Youth Commissioner Crystal Anguiano for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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| 1. PRESENTATION<br>Former Senior Services<br>Commissioner Maria<br>Espinoza<br>CF 27.28  | Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, recognized former Senior Services Commissioner Maria Espinoza.   |
| 2. CERTIFICATES OF<br>RECOGNITION<br>Recognition for Illegal<br>Racing Suppression<br>Efforts<br>▪ Lieutenant Joe Badali<br>▪ Sergeant Michael<br>Downing<br>CF 39.6, 79 | Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Lieutenant Joe Badali, Sergeant Michael Downing, and the eight deputies for their dedicated work. |
| 3. PRESENTATION<br>Military Banner Retiree<br>Christopher Gourley<br>CF 39.7   | Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council recognized Private 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Christopher Gourley and expressed appreciation for his service.      |

## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

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| CF 10.4 | City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Ms. Cindy Nelson at the July 16, 2019 City Council meeting. |
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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Reno Redula, Jose De Leon, Alejandro Yanez, Robert & Starr Mack, and Rodolfo Cortes.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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4. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
July 2 and July 16, 2019

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of July 2, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of July 16, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

5. Register of Demands  
CF 47.2

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Treasurer's Report for  
the Quarter Ending  
June 30, 2019  
CF 47.3

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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7. Appointment of Senior Services Commissioner  
CF 27.28  
Mayor Hansen appointed Alicia Anderson to the Senior Services Commission to fill the vacant position for a term expiring April 2020.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 19:030  
Approving a City Council Permit for Fernando Gonzalez Zuniga/  
Antojitos Jaliscienses Los Cuates for a Mobile Food Vendor at 13840 Paramount Boulevard  
CF 75.5  
Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.  
It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19:030, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION FROM FERNANDO GONZALEZ ZUNIGA/ANTOJITOS JALISCIENSES LOS CUATES FOR A CITY COUNCIL PERMIT FOR A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR AT 13840 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:  
  
AYES: Councilmembers Lemons and Olmos,  
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, and  
Mayor Hansen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None
9. RESOLUTION NO. 19:031  
Approving Application Submittals to the California Natural Resources Agency – Urban Greening Program  
CF 99.3  
Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.  
It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19:031, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING APPLICATION SUBMITTALS TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY – URBAN GREENING PROGRAM." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Shared Cost Agreement  
with the Paramount  
Unified School District  
for a School Resource  
Officer  
CF 43.975

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Paramount Unified School District. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Street Modifications on  
Orizaba Avenue by  
Lincoln Elementary  
School Located Between  
Adams Street and  
Jefferson Street  
CF 89.1, 94

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to receive and file the report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Public Safety Community  
Emergency Response  
Team (CERT) Program  
CF 79

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

There was discussion regarding enrollment in the CERT Program and active shooter training.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to receive and file the report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Formation of Sales Tax  
Increase Focus Group  
CF 47.7

City Manager Moreno gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

A brief discussion followed regarding other governmental agency efforts (Metro, AQMD, and L.A. County) to raise sales tax.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to receive and file the report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

14. Mayor's Appointments  
CF 11.4

Mayor Hansen made agency representative/alternate representative appointments to vacant agency positions (previously held by former Councilmember Martinez). Councilmember Lemons seconded Mayor Hansen's appointments and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Lemons addressed air quality and commented on the proactive efforts taken by the City.

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer commented on attending the Friday Night Market and the All American Park Re-dedication event.

Councilmember Olmos commented on attending the League of California Cities, Board of Directors Installation Ceremony meeting and mentioned West Nile Virus mosquitoes being found in Bellflower.

Mayor Hansen also commented on attending the All-American Park Re-dedication event and provided an update on West Nile Virus mosquitoes.

### **Staff**

City Manager noted the availability of a West Nile Virus press release handout at the meeting. He also addressed air quality and provided an update on readings near Aerocraft and Lincoln Elementary School, and stated that staff will continue to monitor readings weekly and communicate with AQMD when necessary.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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Mayor Hansen recessed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)-(4)  
Anticipated Litigation  
No. of Cases – Two

At 7:49 p.m., City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council held a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and discussed two cases. He reported that the following action was taken on both matters:

#### **Closed Session: Item 1**

The City Council voted to bring legal action against the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) by joining a coalition involving a number of cities and municipal water agencies against CBMWD.

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

Closed Session: Item 2

The City Council voted to retain outside legal counsel to address the possibility of a third party dissemination of inaccurate information concerning water and air quality in the City of Paramount.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting in memory of Ms. Frances Mies at 7:50 p.m. to a meeting on August 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Tom Hansen  
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Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami  
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Lana Chikami, City Clerk