

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2020**

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 via teleconference by Mayor Tom Hansen at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Tom Hansen, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer delivered the invocation.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 17, 2020 It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of March 17, 2020. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Register of Demands  
CF 47.2 It was moved Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,  
Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and  
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1126 (ADOPTION)  
Amending Sections 10-1, 10-2, 15-1, 27-1 and 32-1 of the Paramount Municipal Code, Adopting by Reference the 2019 California Building Code, Residential Code, Green Building Standards Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, and Plumbing Code with the Los Angeles County Amendments as noted in Title-26 and Appendix I and J, Title-27, Title-28, Title-29, Title-30 and Appendix H, and Title-31 Portions Thereof
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1126, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 10-1, 10-2, 15-1, 27-1 AND 32-1 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL CODE, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, ELECTRICAL CODE, MECHANICAL CODE, AND PLUMBING CODE WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AMENDMENTS AS NOTED IN TITLE-26 AND APPENDIX I AND J, TITLE-27, TITLE-28, TITLE29, TITLE-30 AND APPENDIX H, AND TITLE-31 PORTIONS THEREOF" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,  
Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and  
Mayor Hansen
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1127 (ADOPTION)  
Amending Section 29-6.4 of Chapter 29, Article II of the Paramount Municipal Code Granting Authority to Limit or Prohibit Stopping, Standing or Parking in Designated Tow Away Zones
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1127, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTION 29-6.4 OF CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,  
Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and  
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

#### **ELECTION/REORGANIZATION**

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5. RESOLUTION NO.  
20:007  
Reciting the Facts of the  
General Municipal  
Election Held on March  
3, 2020 and Declaring  
the Results

City Clerk Luce gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. She announced that **Isabel Aguayo, Brenda Olmos** and **Vilma Cuellar Stallings** were elected to serve 4-year terms as Members of the City Council and **Measure Y** was **approved** by the voters.

It was moved Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020 AND DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

6. OATH OF OFFICE  
Councilmembers Elected  
March 3, 2020

City Clerk Luce administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Aguayo, Olmos and Cuellar Stallings, who were elected on March 3, 2020.

7. REORGANIZATION  
Selection of Mayor and  
Vice Mayor

City Clerk Luce opened nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Cuellar Stallings nominated Councilmember Lemons and Councilmember Guillen nominated Councilmember Guillen. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**Peggy Lemons** was declared **Mayor** by the following roll call vote:

AYES:           *for Councilmember Lemons:*  
                    Councilmembers Aguayo, Lemons,  
                    Olmos and Cuellar Stallings  
AYES:           *for Councilmember Guillen:*  
                    Councilmember Guillen  
NOES:           None  
ABSTAIN:       None  
ABSENT:       None

City Clerk Luce opened nominations for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Aguayo nominated Councilmember Olmos. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed

**Brenda Olmos** was declared **Vice Mayor** by the following roll call vote:

AYES:           Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
                    Olmos, Cuellar Stallings; and  
                    Mayor Lemons  
AYES:           None  
NOES:           None  
ABSENT:       None  
ABSTAIN:       None

Mayor Lemons thanked her City Council colleagues for the opportunity to serve the residents as Mayor. She also congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and expressed her appreciation to outgoing Councilmembers Hansen and Hofmeyer for their dedicated service to the City of Paramount.

Vice Mayor Olmos expressed appreciation for the support she has received from the residents and thanked her City Council colleagues. She also expressed appreciation to outgoing Councilmembers Hansen and Hofmeyer for serving the community with tremendous dedication.

Councilmember Aguayo thanked the residents of Paramount for giving her the opportunity to serve on the City Council and commented that she will work hard to serve all residents. She also thanked outgoing Councilmembers Hansen and Hofmeyer for their service.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings commented that she is honored and humbled at being given the opportunity to serve the City of Paramount and thanked the voters for their support. She also stated that she is looking forward to serving with her City Council colleagues and thanked outgoing Councilmembers Hansen and Hofmeyer for their service.

Mayor Hanson commented that it was his pleasure and honor to serve the residents of Paramount.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Mr. Alfredo Banuelos at the March 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alfredo Banuelos, Viviano Fabela, Lynda Johnson and Tony Warfield; and the following individual provided public comments via email: Vivian Hansen.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. APPROVAL  
Measure Y  
Implementation

City Manager Moreno gave the report

a) RESOLUTION NO.  
20:008  
Authorizing the City  
Manager to Execute  
Agreements with the  
California  
Department of Tax  
and Fee  
Administration for  
Implementation of a  
Local Transactions  
and Use Tax

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:008, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

- b) RESOLUTION NO. 20:009  
Authorizing  
Examination of Sales,  
Use and  
Transactions Tax  
Records
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:009, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES, USE AND TRANSACTIONS TAX RECORDS" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

- c) APPROVAL  
Agreement for  
Transactions Tax  
Audit Information  
Services
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the Agreement for Transactions Tax and Audit Information Services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

9. APPROVAL  
Rosecrans Avenue  
Bridge Improvement  
Project – Approval of an  
Agreement with IDC  
Consulting Engineers  
Inc. to Provide  
Professional  
Environmental and  
Engineering Design  
Services (City Project  
No. 9833)
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the agreement with IDC Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$573,000 to provide professional environmental and engineering design services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

10. RESOLUTION NO. 20:006  
Adopting the Renewal of the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- In response to Vice Mayor Olmos, Public Works Director Figueroa provide examples of other as needed services provide by the County including inspection services and encroachment permits.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING THE RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos and Mayor Lemons
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
11. RESOLUTION NO. 20:010  
Extending the Proclamation of Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services Due to the Continued Spread of a Severe Acute Respiratory Illness Cause by a Novel (New) Coronavirus ("COVID-19")
- City Manager Moreno gave the report and reviewed outreach and list of efforts the City has undertaken to assist residents of the City of Paramount during the current pandemic.
- City Attorney Cavanaugh recommended that the following language be added to the Resolution: *"The City of Paramount is requesting the County of Los Angeles and the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts and that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate Federal Disaster Relief programs."*
- It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:010, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT EXTENDING THE

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DUE TO THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF A SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CAUSE BY A NOVEL (NEW) CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")." as amended to include the above language recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

12. REPORT

City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report providing an explanation of Governor Newsom's Residential Eviction Stay and stated that he provided the City Council a confidential legal memorandum regarding legal issues associated with commercial evictions.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, City Manager Moreno stated that to his knowledge there have been no calls from commercial property owners (landlords) regarding adopting a moratorium on commercial evictions.

Councilmember Olmos commented that the Governor's order does not provide free rent but rather provides an extension of time for the rent to be paid and suggested that the City provide information to residents to help them more clearly understand the order.

a) Governor Newsom's  
Residential Eviction  
Stay Until May 31,  
2020 – An  
Explanation

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

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None



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| b) Direction to the City Attorney to Prepare and Bring Back to City Council for Consideration an Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions                  | It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings that the City accept to order as given by the Governor and provide no further direction to the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:<br><br>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos and Mayor Lemons<br>NOES: None<br>ABSENT: None<br>ABSTAIN: None  |
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| 13. RESOLUTION NO. 20:011<br>Recognizing the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Form 130 for Designation of Authorized Agents for Non-State Agencies | Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report<br><br>It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:011, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FORM 130 FOR DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:<br><br>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos and Mayor Lemons<br>NOES: None<br>ABSENT: None<br>ABSTAIN: None |

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## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Guillen congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and thanked staff for their efforts in helping the City's senior population. She thanked and recognized the first responders for their heroic efforts during this pandemic.

Vice Mayor Olmos suggested that the City work with the Sheriff's Dept. to ensure that large gatherings are not taking place and encouraged everyone to do their part in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Councilmember Aguayo reminded everyone to be flexible during this continually evolving situation and be safe.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings encouraged people to work together and help each other during this pandemic.

Mayor Lemons suggested that the City look into establishing a requirement that the workers at food establishments wear masks.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno congratulated the new City councilmembers and stated that he is looking forward to working with them.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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Mayor Lemons recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and stated there would be a 15 minute break. The meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL– ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case)

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council conducted a duly authorized closed session to discuss the matter listed above and took the following action:

The City Council voted 5-0 to join in a coalition lawsuit against Southern California Edison to compel it to stop its practice of under collecting Utility User Tax, including the City of Paramount.

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos  
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to a meeting on April 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk