

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2020**

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 via teleconference by Mayor Peggy Lemons at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS**      Present:      Councilmember Isabel Aguayo  
Councilmember Laurie Guillen  
Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings  
Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos  
Mayor Peggy Lemons

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**CF 10.3**      The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Ms. Raquel DeCasas, Ms. Tracy Raglane and Mr. Alejandro Yanez. Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments via e-mail: Mr. Christopher Kelley, Mr. John Valdivieso, Ms. Victoria Casas, Mr. Mike Radis, Mr. Eddie Cruz, Ms. Maria Persi, Mr. Ramiro Mejia, Ms. Alba Pont, Mr. Frank Garcia, and Ms. Gail Rosales

City Manager Moreno responded to the comments regarding fireworks and clarified the difference between legal and illegal firework. He further provided an update on the City's efforts to address issues related to illegal fireworks.

City Manager Moreno also responded to the comments regarding street racing/intersection takeovers and provided an update on the LASD response to the recent incidents. He further provided an update on the efforts City will employ to address street racing/intersection takeovers.

City Attorney Cavanaugh provide legal options available to address the street racing and intersecting takeovers.

Public Works Director Figueroa reported that there are various limitations on the physical barriers that can be employed to address these issues; but staff will continue to assess options.

Captain Sprengel commented that street racing/intersection takeover incidents are problematic throughout the Lakewood Station's service area and although challenging to eradicate, they will continue deploy strategies to combat the issues.

Discussion ensued concerning LASD's response to calls for service and ways to more effectively engage and respond to the community.

Further discussion ensued concerning the enforcement options related to the sale and discharge of illegal fireworks.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Identity Theft Prevention  
Program ("Red Flags  
Rule") Update

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to receive and file the Identity Theft Prevention Program ("Red Flags Rule") Update. 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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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2.     **APPROVAL**  
Approval of Private  
Sector Nominations to  
the Southeast Los  
Angeles County  
Workforce Development  
Board
- Assistant City Manager Andrew Vialpando gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the appointment of the Paramount Chamber of Commerce's nominees Leonard Crespo and Shannon McGehee to serve a private business sector representatives on the SELACO Workforce Development Board for terms ending in June 2021 and June 2022, respectively. 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
3.     **APPROVAL**  
Award of Contract to  
Vidiflo for AudioVisual  
System Renovation at  
Progress Park Plaza  
Auditorium
- Management Analyst Danny Elizarraras gave the report.
- It was moved Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to award the contract for the Progress Park Plaza Auditorium AV System renovation in the amount of \$70,941.54 to Vidiflo and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. 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
4.     **PUBLIC HEARING**  
**RESOLUTION NO.**  
**20:023**  
Confirming a Diagram and  
Assessment and Providing  
for Annual Assessment
- Public Works Director Adriana Figueroa gave the report and presented a Powerpoint presentation.
- Mayor Lemons asked if there have been any protests received. City Manager Moreno stated that there have been no protests.

Levy – Landscape  
Maintenance Assessment  
District No. 81-1

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to close the public hearing. 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

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, and adopt Resolution No. 20:023, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LEVY." 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

5. APPROVAL  
Award of Professional  
Auditing Services

Finance Director Karina Liu gave the report and presented a Powerpoint Presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve Eide Bailly LLC as the City's independent auditor and authorize staff to enter into an agreement for Fiscal Years ending June 2020, 2021, and 2022, with an option of up to three one-year extensions. 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

6. BUDGET  
Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Finance Director Karina Liu gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and presented a Powerpoint presentation. Additionally, each of the department directors provided an overview of their departmental budget with a corresponding Powerpoint presentation.

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*Councilmember Guillen excused herself from the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and disconnected from the teleconference.*

The following individual provided public comments regarding the budget via teleconference: Gurdeep Kaur. Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments regarding the budget via e-mail: Andrew Mondragon, Rigoberto Mondragon, Kirian Perez and Antonio Beltran

Finance Director Liu and the appropriate department directors responded to the items raised in the oral and written comments.

a) RESOLUTION NO.  
20:020 Approving and  
Adopting the Fiscal Year  
2021 Annual Municipal  
Operating and Capital  
Improvement Budget

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, ASSIGNING THE FY 2020 DEFICIT IF APPLICABLE, AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED POSITION LISTING AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTER SAID BUDGET AND MAKE SUCH CHANGES AS MAY BE NECESSARY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN STANDARDS AND LEVELS OF SERVICES AND ACHIEVE THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR FY 2021." The motion

was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- b) RESOLUTION NO.  
20:021 Adopting the  
Gann Appropriations  
Limit for Fiscal Year  
2021

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:021, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 7900 ET. SEQ. OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- c) RESOLUTION NO.  
20:022 Adopting the  
Statement of Investment  
Policy for the City of  
Paramount for Fiscal  
Year 2021

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:022, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Director gave the report

a) APPROVAL

All City Management  
Services, Inc. – School  
Crossing Guard Services

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for school crossing guard services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

b) APPROVAL

Detective Bureau  
Consultation Services

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with David Beighton for detective bureau consultation services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

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**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Councilmembers**

Councilmember Aguayo expressed appreciation to the residents that reached out to express concern related to street racing and illegal fireworks and commented that she looks forward to working together with to address those issues. She reminded residents to complete the U.S. Census; and also reminded residents about the Grab and Go Meals for students at libraries and school and the Facebook Live concert scheduled for Friday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. Lastly, she congratulated the Paramount High School Class of 2020.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings commented that the City Council hears the concern expressed regarding street racing/intersection takeovers as well as illegal fireworks and will be working diligently to address those issues.

Vice Mayor Olmos reported that the City and PUSD are working on pilot program to create a safer pick-up/drop-off zone at Paramount Park. She also reported that she will be attending a strategic planning session with the California Contract Cities Association and asked staff to share any ideas they may have for the meeting. Lastly, she thanked residents for expressing their concerns and stated that the City Council is listening and will continue to work to address the issues.

Mayor Lemons provided an update from the recent SELACO Workforce Development Policy Board meeting.

She also asked City Manager Moreno to provide an update on the Community Forum that is in development. City Manager Moreno reported that staff is working with several community leaders to develop a series of discussions to address race relations in light of the recent killing of George Floyd and the resulting protests.

Lastly, she thanked residents for expressing their concerns regarding street racing and illegal fireworks and stated that the City Council is committed to addressing the issues.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno thanked the City Council for adopting the budget and encouraged the public to contact staff if they would like a copy of the budget. He also reminded the community that the City Council will be aboard the “Grad Bus” traveling throughout the City to recognize the 2020 graduates on Monday, June 22nd from 12:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.



### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. to a meeting on July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk