

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2020**

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 Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos via teleconference at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Laura Warth, Chapel of Change delivered the invocation.

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

Absent: Mayor Peggy Lemons

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Kelly Tatman, Deputy District Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director

Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
FCCLA National Competition Silver Medal Winner
CF 39.13 | The City Council recognized FCCLA National Competition Silver Medal Winner Liselle Lara for her accomplishments. |
| 2. VIDEOS
City of Paramount Highlight Videos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Well 16 Groundbreaking• Paramount Al Fresco Dining• We Are Paramount CF 39.7 | Video presentations highlighting the following events/programs were shown: Water Well 16 Groundbreaking; Paramount Al Fresco Dining and We Are Paramount |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4	City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Raquel De Casas; Gerald Cerda; Gurdeep Kaur; Andrew Mondragon; Richard Griffin; Kirian Perez; Jose De Leon; and Alfredo Banuelos at the July 7, 2020 City Council meeting.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3	The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Raquel De Casas; Jaime Lopez; Gerald Cerda; and Alfredo Banuelos. Additionally, the following individual provided written public comments via e-mail: Rodolfo Cortes Barragan.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the consent calendar items as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 7, 2020
Approved
4. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2
Approved
5. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending June
30, 2020
CF 47.3
Received and filed
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1131
(Adoption)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 17,
Establishing Regulations
for Art in Public Places
on Private Land Citywide
CF 39.10; 109 ZOTA 17
Waived further reading and Adopted
7. RESOLUTION NO.
20:025
Appointing Rafael
Casillas as City Engineer
CF 36
Waived further reading and Adopted
8. APPROVAL
Strategies Against Gang
Environments (SAGE)
Program One-Year
Extension Agreements
for Fiscal Years 2019-
2020 and 2020-2021
CF 60.6; 43.748
Approved

NEW BUSINESS

9. ORAL REPORT
Unity in the Community
Planning Efforts
CF 62.38

Mr. Tony Warfield presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the planning efforts related to an upcoming series of discussions, moderated by a committee of local community leaders, designed to provide a forum for Paramount residents of all ages and backgrounds to share their concerns and come up with solutions to attain Unity in the Community.

Councilmember Aguayo commented that she is looking forward to seeing this initiative move forward.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings expressed appreciation the planning committee for their efforts in moving this initiative forward.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos regarding meeting logistics, Mr. Warfield commented that the first meeting will be held as a virtual panel discussion given the current COVID-19 restrictions. City Manager Moreno commented that the Committee will accept written and e-mail comments submitted one week prior to the first meeting to help guide the discussion and the meeting will be broadcast live on the City's YouTube channel.

10. RESOLUTION NO.
20:026
Supporting All Federal,
State, and County
Legislation that will
Prevent Evictions and
Foreclosures to the
Residents of the City of
Paramount Resulting
from the COVID19
Pandemic
CF 58

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos regarding the status of the educational campaign to advise residents of these rent and mortgage assistance resources, Assistant City Manager Vialpando commented that the City will continue to promote these resources to renters and homeowners through its website and various social media outlets.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:026, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SUPPORTING ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY LEGISLATION THAT WILL PREVENT EVICTIONS AND

FORECLOSURES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.” The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. CONSIDERATION
Street Racing
Ordinances

- a) ORDINANCE NO.
1134 (Introduction)
Adding Article XI to
Chapter 29 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Establishing
the Forfeiture of
Nuisance Vehicles
Engaged in Motor
Vehicle Speed
Contests or
Exhibitions of Speed
CF 79.20

City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed review of the proposed ordinance. He noted the following minor corrections to the proposed ordinance upon consultation with the Deputy District Attorney:

Section 29-51(c) – Change forfeiture proceeding notification period from three (3) days to two (2) days:

“...the Public Safety Director shall, within *two (2) days* of the vehicle’s seizure, send a notice of seizure to the legal owner at his or her address appearing on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles of this or any other state or any appropriate federal agency”

Section 29-51(d) – Change timing requirement for post-seizure hearing from three (3) days to two (2) days:

“The post-seizure hearing shall be conducted within *two (2) days* of the request.”

Section 29-64(a)(3) - Add to the following language at the end of the sentence:

“; provided, however, that any overtime costs incurred by local law enforcement resulting from such enforcement of this Article will be reimbursed to the City,”

In response to Councilmember Guillen, City Attorney Cavanagh stated that if the ordinance is introduced tonight and presented for second reading and at the next meeting, the ordinance would go into effect 30 days after that.

Also in response to Councilmember Guillen, City Attorney Cavanaugh explained that the ordinance includes a provision whereby in a situation where another member of a household uses a vehicle in such a manner to cause it to be the subject of forfeiture proceedings, the vehicle may be returned to the registered owner under a stipulation agreement so as not to cause undue harm to the registered owner.

Councilmember Guillen further commented that it is important that the ordinance contains proper due process and that it is clear to residents that the ordinance is enforced against property not persons. She also expressed the importance of an outstanding educational campaign.

City Manager Moreno stated that staff plans to implement an extensive educational campaign regarding the ordinance.

Discussion ensued concerning the timeline for implementation of the ordinance and the importance of developing a comprehensive educational campaign to advise residents of this new law. City Manager Moreno proposed the following timeline for implementation:

- Introduction: August 4;
- Adoption: August 18;
- Begin educational campaign immediately after adoption;
- Effective Date: September 18; and
- Implementation beginning October 1

Councilmember Guillen suggested that the educational campaign include mailers and banners in addition to digital communication. Following discussion, the City Council concurred on the proposed timeline with implementation to begin on September 18.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1134, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING ARTICLE XI TO CHAPTER 29 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE FORFEITURE OF NUISANCE VEHICLES ENGAGED IN MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED CONTESTS OR EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED.," as amended and place it on the next agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- b) ORDINANCE NO.
1135 (Introduction)
Adding Article XII to
Chapter 29 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Prohibiting
Spectators at Illegal
Motor Vehicle Speed
Contests and
Exhibitions of Speed
CF 79.21

City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed review of the proposed ordinance. He noted the following minor corrections to the proposed ordinance:

Section 29-82(b) - Add to the following language at the end of the sentence:

“; however, a court may determine that the offense is an infraction in which the case shall proceed as if the defendant has been arraigned on an infraction complaint.”

Section 29-82(c) – Change to:

“Local law enforcement shall also have the authority to cite any spectator in violation of this Article with an administrative citation.”

Section 29-82(d) – Change distance in both references to within 500 feet:

“An individual is present at the illegal motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed if that individual is within five hundred (500) feet of the location of the

event, or within *five hundred (500)* feet of the location where preparations are being made for the event.”

In response to Councilmember Guillen, City Attorney Cavanaugh clarified that the intent of the ordinance is to focus on the individual spectators but if their vehicle is illegally parked, it could be subject to citation or towing for illegal parking, but would not be subject to forfeiture.

In response to Councilmember Aguayo, City Manager Moreno confirmed that this ordinance would be part of the education campaign along with Ordinance No. 1134 discussed previously.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Guillen to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1135, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING ARTICLE XII TO CHAPTER 29 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING SPECTATORS AT ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED.," as amended and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

12. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1132
(Introduction)
Amending Ordinance
No. 178, the
Comprehensive Zoning
Ordinance, Approving
Zone Change No. 235,
Changing the Official
Zoning Map of the City of
Paramount from M-1
(Light Manufacturing) to
PD-PS (Planned

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.

There being no one 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:

Development with
Performance
Standards)/Single-
Family Residential to
Allow for the
Development of Ten
Single-Family Homes at
6500-6510 Alondra
Boulevard in the City of
Paramount
CF 109.235

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

Councilmember Guillen asked if the City has any requirements that would mandate the developer to include a certain number of affordable housing units when such a development is proposed. In response, Planning Director Carver stated that at this time, the City has not adopted an inclusionary housing ordinance including such a mandate. Councilmember Guillen suggested that in the future, developers be asked to include a certain number of affordable units. Vice Mayor Olmos suggested that staff provide information at a future meeting as to how such an objective may be accomplished.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1132, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 235, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO PD-PS (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS)/SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEN SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AT 6500-6510 ALONDRA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT.," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1133
(Introduction)
Approving Development
Agreement No. 20-1 with
Dwayne
DeRose/DeRose Co,
LLC dba DeRose
Displays for the
Construction,
Installation, and
Operation of a Freeway-
Oriented Digital Billboard
on Vacant Land North of
Rosecrans Avenue,
between the Los
Angeles River and 710-
Freeway [Assessor
Parcel Number 6236-
035-013] in the M-2
(Heavy Manufacturing)
Zone
CF 93; 108: Bil
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Vice Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.
- City Clerk Luce read a comment submitted via e-mail by Travis DeRose on behalf of the developer.
- There being no further testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; and
Vice Mayor Olmos
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Mayor Lemons
- ABSTAIN: None
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1133, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 20-1 WITH DWAYNE DEROSE/DEROSE CO, LLC DBA DEROSE DISPLAYS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND OPERATION OF A FREEWAYORIENTED DIGITAL BILLBOARD ON VACANT LAND NORTH OF ROSECRANS AVENUE, BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER AND 710- FREEWAY [ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 6236-035-013] IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE." and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; and
Vice Mayor Olmos
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Mayor Lemons
- ABSTAIN: None

Finally, It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared in consideration of this project. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

14. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Professional Services to
Prepare the Housing
Element, Health and
Safety Element, and
Environmental Justice
Element of the
Paramount General Plan
CF 43.1115

Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Guillen asked if this firm will set goals and objectives to address air quality in the City as part of this project. In response, Assistant Planning Director King explained that direction is provided by the City Council and part of the process will involve addressing air quality issues. Councilmember Guillen also suggested implementing an inclusionary housing ordinance as part of the housing element update.

Discussion ensued concerning the timeline for the project and the opportunity for community/stakeholder engagement.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to award the contract for professional services for preparation of the Housing Element, Health and Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element of the Paramount General Plan to Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) in the amount of \$165,900, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

15. REPORT Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation
- Stormwater Management – Watershed Management and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs
- a) APPROVAL It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Administration and Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Administration and Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed
CF 43.985
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; and Vice Mayor Olmos
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Mayor Lemons
- b) APPROVAL It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Administration and Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Administration and Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a

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| Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed CF 43.984 | AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; and Vice Mayor Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Lemons |
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| 16. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Paramount Pool Replaster and Deck Repairs – Approval of an Agreement with Jones and Madhavan to Provide Professional Design Services (City Project No. 9051)
CF 96 2020 CIP 9051 | Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to award the contract for the Paramount Pool Replaster and Deck Repairs Project (City Project No. 9051) to Jones and Madhavan in the amount of \$58,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; and Vice Mayor Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Lemons |
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| 17. RECEIVE AND FILE
Proposed Legislative Position Process
CF 58 | Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the proposed legislative position process.

Councilmember Guillen commented that she is opposed to the proposed legislative platform process because she wants to have a voice in these matters.

Vice Mayor Olmos commented that she is not against the proposed process but she would like each Councilmember to have an opportunity to review the correspondence before it goes out to ensure each councilmember has a voice.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos' suggestion that each councilmember review the letter, City Attorney Cavanaugh commented that he would need to research that option to ensure there is no Brown Act violation. |
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Discussion ensued concerning the proposed process and the opportunity for councilmember input in the process.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to receive and file this report and continue consideration of this item to a future City Council meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

18. CONSIDERATION
Proposed 2021 City
Special and Holiday
Events Schedule
CF 39

City Manager Moreno suggested that the City Council continue consideration of this item to a future City Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to continue consideration of this item to a future City Council meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo commented that she agrees with Councilmember Guillen on the suggestion to look into incorporating affordable housing mandates where possible.

Councilmember Guillen expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in getting information out on the rent/mortgage assistance programs and for providing the air quality readings she requested in a timely manner. She request extra patrol for the four-way

stop at the intersection of Monroe and Vermont because it was reported to her that drivers are racing down the street and not stopping at the stop sign. Lastly, she suggested that when a response is provided to someone who brings up an issue, the response should not discredit the reporting party.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she and Vice Mayor Olmos participated in a census caravan through 14 cities and thanked those involved for their hospitality and warm welcome. She also expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's Department for the extra patrols at the stop sign at Madison and Georgia.

Vice Mayor Olmos commented that the Al Fresco dining program is being well received by residents and suggested that the City look into keeping it as an option, post-pandemic. She also mentioned that she participated in the census caravan and thanked staff for welcoming the other cities. Lastly, she reminded residents that the census concludes in September and encouraged residents to complete the census.

Staff

City Manager Moreno provided an update on the Al Fresco dining program stating that to date, 13 permits have been issued for outdoor dining. He also noted that staff has processed four permits for outdoor personal services.

He further reported that the LA Regional Food Bank will be hosting a food giveaway this Thursday at the Paramount Drive In Theater.

Lastly, he thanked Public Safety staff for their efforts in addressing homelessness and noted that the latest homeless count numbers showed a 20% decrease in homelessness in Paramount.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Vice Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Dee Myers, Esther Hernandez

and the nine United States Marines from Camp Pendleton tragically killed during a training exercise at 10:01 p.m. to a meeting on August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons
Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce
Heidi Luce, City Clerk