

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2020**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Peggy Lemons via teleconference 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
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Viridana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst II

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Raquel De Casas, Gerald Cerda and Rodolfo Cortes Baragan at the August 4, 2020 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Raquel De Casas, Jaime Lopez and Gurdeep Kaur. Additionally, Trish Bellrose submitted a request to speak but did not answer when called to provide her comments.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. PROCLAMATION
National Senior Citizens
Day – August 21, 2020 | On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Lemons presented a Proclamation declaring August 21, 2020 National Senior Citizens Day in the City of Paramount |
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the consent calendar items as shown below. The motion 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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| 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1134
(Adoption)
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 | Waived further reading and Adopted |
| 3. ORDINANCE NO. 1135
(Adoption)
Adding Article XII to
Chapter 29 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Prohibiting
Spectators at Illegal Motor
Vehicle Speed Contests
and Exhibitions of Speed | Waived further reading and Adopted |

NEW BUSINESS

4. ORAL REPORT
Metro Update Regarding
West Santa Ana Branch
Light Rail Project

On behalf of LA Metro, Meghna Khanna, Project Manager and John Gordon, Systems Security and Law Enforcement provided an update and PowerPoint presentation regarding the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail Project which will connect southeast Los Angeles County to downtown Los Angeles through a 19-mile light rail corridor with a proposed transit station in the City of Paramount.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos, Mr. Gordon commented that Metro is open to having dialogue with the City to address safety issues as the project moves forward.

Councilmember Guillen commented that ECO Rapid Transit has created a subcommittee to specifically address safety issues related to this project and will work with Metro to implement the safety measures they have identified that will impact the community.

In response to Mayor Lemons regarding the varying noise levels produced by different trains, Ms. Khanna commented that Metro will be implementing various measures to address noise related issues and will work with the City to address any noise issues as the project moves forward.

5. REPORT
Proposed Mini-Pitch
Soccer Court at Dills
Park

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

City Clerk Luce read the e-mail comment submitted by Paramount resident, Biviano Favela expressing concern regarding potential parking issues this amenity may create if approved.

Paramount resident, Eddie Cruz addressed the City Council to express concern regarding potential traffic impacts this amenity may create if approved.

Discussion ensued concerning the engagement efforts taken to assess community concerns, features of the proposed mini-pitch soccer court and park hours.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos regarding potential parking issues at the location, Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson commented that this amenity will simply replace an existing amenity, so there may not be any additional parking impacts.

Public Safety Director Lopez further commented that this area could be considered for the City's residential preferential parking program if it meets the criteria and public safety could also implement a public education campaign to address parking related issues.

In response to Councilmember Guillen regarding programming, Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson commented that the area has historically been used by organized soccer groups but the intent of the new mini-pitch soccer court is to make it an amenity primarily available to the neighborhood and organized soccer would not be programmed to use it.

Mayor Lemons commented that she views this proposal as an upgrade to an existing facility for neighborhood use and since it is not scheduled to be programmed for organized soccer use, it may not create additional parking impacts.

Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of implementing a resident permit parking program in the area and the locations such a program may be implemented.

Vice Mayor Olmos suggested implementing a program to control use of the fields.

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson commented that staff could implement a process to limit use to be monitored by staff. Additionally, Public Safety Director Lopez commented that they could use Community Service Officers to implement an education and enforcement program.

In response to Mayor Lemons' suggestion to do further public outreach on this item, Community Services and Recreation Director commented that the deadline for acceptance of the grant doesn't allow for additional outreach.

- a) APPROVAL
Allocation of Capital Improvement Program Reserve Funds for Construction of a Concrete Pad for the Development of a Mini-Pitch Soccer Court at Dills Park

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to approve the allocation of Capital Improvement Program Reserve Funds in the amount of \$149,240 for construction of a concrete pad for the development of a mini-pitch soccer court at Dills Park; and direct staff to implement a strategy to address time use and parking in the area. 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) APPROVAL
Agreement for Acceptance of Grant Funds from the U.S. Soccer Foundation for the Development of a Mini-Pitch Soccer Court at Dills Park

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to approve the agreement for acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Soccer Foundation for the development of a mini-pitch soccer court at Dills Park. 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. ORAL REPORT
2020 Fourth of July After-Action Report quarterly

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation which provided a comprehensive analysis of this year's Fourth of July education and enforcement campaign.

7. PUBLIC HEARING
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funding Fiscal Year 2020

Public Safety Director Lopez reported and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to provide testimony regarding this item. There being no public testimony, it was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos 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 Guillen to authorize the use of the grant funds to purchase one License Plate Reader (LPR) XL Premium Speed Trailer. 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

8. APPROVAL
Agreement with the Los
Angeles County Registrar-
Recorder/County Clerk for
Placement of a 24-Hour
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop
Box at Paramount
Community Center

City Clerk Luce gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos, City Clerk Luce clarified that the County will be installing a second 24-Hour Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Box at the Paramount Library.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the Vote Center Facility Drop Box Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Placement of a 24-Hour Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Box at the Paramount Community Center and authorize the City Manager or his designee 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Olmos praised staff for the most recent edition of ***Around Town***, specifically noting appreciation for the complete list of City contact numbers. She suggested that the City also create a magnet containing the City contact information to provide residents.

Additionally, Vice Mayor Olmos reported that Sheriff Villanueva gave a presentation at the recent California Contract Cities board meeting providing an overview of the new Model Engagement Program. She also reminded Council of CCCA's upcoming Fall Education Summit.

Councilmember Aguayo reminded residents to drink plenty of water and check on elderly neighbors as the heat wave continues. She also wished the teachers, students and administrator well as the new school year begins in these trying times. Lastly, she reminded residents to complete the census.

Councilmember Guillen urged residents to support the City's outdoor restaurants during these challenging times; and reminded everyone to be diligent in washing their hands and wearing face masks. She also reminded residents of the County's rental assistance program. Lastly, she thanked those involved in the recent food give-a-way and suggested scheduling an automated call to remind residents prior to the next event.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings thanked those involved in the recent successful food give-a-way. She wished Paramount Unified School District a good year under these challenging circumstances and reminded residents to complete the census.

Mayor Lemons reported that the Los Angeles County Sanitation District is analyzing data to help determine trends in the spread of COVID-19 compared to CDC data.

Additionally, she thanked Vice Mayor Olmos and Councilmembers Aguayo and Cuellar Stallings for assisting with the food give-a-way. Lastly, she reminded residents that the Unity in the Community Discussion is scheduled for Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Staff

City Manager Moreno provided an update on the City's rental/mortgage assistance programs stating that of the 50 available, 27 mortgage assistance grants were issued and the remainder of the funds available will be repurposed for rental assistance which to date, for the 50 grants available, staff has received 68 applications. Lastly, he noted that for the 21 business relief program grants, staff received 23 applications and staff is pursuing options to fulfill the remaining two.

Regarding the census, he reported that staff is scheduling billboard advertising and census caravans will be conducted in the near future.

Lastly, he reminded residents that the Unity in the Community discussion will take place this Saturday and will be live streamed on the City's YouTube Channel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to a meeting on September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons
Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce
Heidi Luce, City Clerk