

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 at 5:03 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
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I

PRESENTATIONS

1. **RECOGNITION**
City of Paramount 2020 Retirees
- Tony Pena
 - Enrique Garcia
 - Rogelio Hernandez
 - Ray Morones
- CF: 39.7
- The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and following long-term City employees: Enrique Garcia, 37 years; Tony Pena, 29 years; Rojelio Hernandez, 32 years; and Ray Morones, 31 years and thanked them for their service to the City.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Alejandro Yanez, Ramiro Bernal, and Raquel DeCasas at the September 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Tom Hansen providing an update on behalf of Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control; Alejandro Yanez; Gurdeep Kaur; Jaime Lopez; and Andrew Mondragon.

City Manager Moreno announced that the following subsequent need agenda item came up after the agenda was posted and requested that the City Council entertain a motion to place it on the agenda.

A request from County Board of Supervisors Board President Kathryn Barger (through the California Contract Cities Association) that the City contribute to the reward fund that has been established for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect in the shooting of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies this past Saturday night in Compton.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice mayor Olmos to place the item above on the agenda as the first item of new business. 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

OLD BUSINESS

2. RECEIVE AND FILE
Proposed Modifications
– 2020 Holiday Special
Events
CF: 39

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

The City Council thanked staff for their creativity and flexibility in continuing to provide community events for the City's residents during these unprecedented times and received and filed the report.

3. APPROVAL
Proposed 2021 City
Special and Holiday
Events Schedule

Administrative Analyst Bojorquez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the proposed dates for the City's 2021 Special and Holiday events, move the first Council meeting in December to December 14, 2021 and cancel the December 2021 City Council study session. 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

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM ADDED:

APPROVAL

Contribution to the reward fund that has been established for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect in the shooting of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies this past Saturday night in Compton.

City Manager Moreno reported that after the agenda was published the City received a request from County Board of Supervisors Board President Kathryn Barger (through the California Contract Cities Association) that the City contribute to the reward fund that has been established for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect in the shooting of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies this past Saturday night in Compton.

He further reported that in polling several other local cities, most have either already done so or will be considering contributing the reward fund; and this effort would also be supported by 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn.

In closing, he stated that it is staff's recommendation that the City contribute \$10,000 to the reward fund to be funded by the Community Promotion budget through a budget adjustment at the midyear budget review.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to the reward fund established by the County of Los Angeles for information leading to the arrest of the suspect in the shooting of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies. 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. RECEIVE AND FILE Holiday Decorating Contest

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. In the presentation, he noted that since publication of the staff report, the application dates have been revised as follows: Applications due December 7; Decorations completed by December 14; and Judging completed by December 21.

Councilmember Aguayo suggested building in additional criteria so the same residents don't win repeatedly.

Vice Mayor Olmos suggested including criteria regarding music for those decorations that incorporate music to ensure they are in compliance with the City's noise regulations.

Councilmember Guillen suggested increasing the number of awards given so that more residents can be recognized.

Upon City Council concurrence, staff was directed to incorporate the above suggestions and the report was received and filed.

5. RESOLUTION NO.
20:028
Declaring October 7,
2020 Clean Air Day in
the City of Paramount

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

Councilmember Guillen suggested that the City send letters to businesses in the city reminding them to do their part to promote clean air.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, City Manager Moreno provided an update on the strong odor that residents experience from the accidental release of mercaptan that occurred last Thursday.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:028, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING OCTOBER 7, 2020 CLEAN AIR DAY IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." 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. APPROVAL
City of Paramount
Updated Title VI Plan

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the City of Paramount's Updated Title VI Plan. 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

7. ORAL REPORT
City of Paramount
Purchasing Policy and
Bidding Procedures

Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City of Paramount's purchasing policy and bidding procedures.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, Finance Director Liu explained the checks and balances in place for all purchases made with petty cash.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo reminded everyone to continue to be diligent in wearing masks and thanked

the department heads for their time and thoroughness in meeting with her to explain their respective departments.

Vice Mayor Olmos reported that the Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby will be the guest speaker at the Contract Cities Association Board meeting on Wednesday and the PUSD will be hosting a census event on Friday, September 25. She also noted that she saw a demonstration of the PUSD tutoring program, Paper, that the City is partnering with PUSD to fund and it is a great resource for Paramount families. She also reminded residents that the virtual Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on September 23 and encouraged residents to participate. Lastly, she commented that her thoughts and prayers are with the families dealing with wildfires and the families of the Compton deputies involved in the shooting on Saturday.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings noted that she is also excited about the tutoring program and her thoughts and prayers are with the deputies that were shot.

Councilmember Guillen said that her heart goes out to the deputies that were shot and their families. She commented that although the City Council approved a contribution to the reward fund, it does not diminish from the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement – you can support law enforcement and still stand against racism.

Mayor Lemons shared information on the City's investment and resources pertaining to homelessness and education.

Finally, Mayor Lemons provided information on the City's commitment to address racial injustice in the community through the Unity in the Community discussions and shared her personal thoughts on racism and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reported that at the recent PUSD Board meeting the Board approved the proposed tutoring program, for which the City is contributing \$125,000. He noted that staff will be bringing a Memorandum of Understanding concerning that endeavor for City Council approval at an upcoming City Council meeting.

He noted that the next Unity in the Community discussion will be held on Saturday, October 3 and the deadline to submit questions is September 25. He also provided an updated on the City's efforts to increase Census participation in the city.

Lastly, he reported that staff is having to do a lot of COVID-19 related enforcement at the parks because several sports organizations are not following proper guidelines and the City is receiving reports of group sports activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. to a meeting on October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk