

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 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 Mayor Peggy Lemons at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

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
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk

Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist
Captain David Sprengel, Lakewood Sheriff's Station

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION
National Breast Cancer
Awareness Month
CF39.12
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Nancy Gutzmer, Senior Community Development Manager accepted the proclamation on behalf of the American Cancer Society and shared information regarding the resources available through American Cancer Society for the prevention, early detection, and treatment of this disease
2. PROCLAMATION
National Crime
Prevention Month
CF39.12
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation recognizing October as National Crime Prevention Month. Captain David Sprengel accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Paramount Sheriff's Station and thanked the City Council and community for their support and partnership.
3. PROCLAMATION
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month
CF39.12
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dean Lockwood, Director of Development and Community Outreach accepted the proclamation on behalf of Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence and shared information about the services and resources available to victims of domestic violence.
4. PROCLAMATION
National Community
Planning Month
CF39.12
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation recognizing October as National Community Planning Month.
5. PROCLAMATION
Good Corporate
Citizens/Los Angeles
County Sanitation
Districts
CF 39.6
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Paramount businesses for their efforts to remain in compliance with the County's industrial wastewater discharge requirements that help keep pollution from streaming into the ocean and landing on our beaches.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 There were no City Council public comment updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Jaime Lopez, Alejandro Yanez, Gurdeep Kaur and Fred Becerra. Additionally, the following individuals provided written comments via e-mail: Maliza Pitones and Katrina Hamel.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 6-8 as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 6. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
September 1 and
September 15, 2020 | Approved |
| 7. | APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved |

8. ORDINANCE NO. 1136 Waived further reading and adopted
Amending Ordinance
No. 178, the
Comprehensive Zoning
Ordinance, Approving
Zone Change No. 236,
changing the Official
Zoning Map of the City of
Paramount from C-M
(Commercial-
Manufacturing) to R-M
(Multiple-Family
Residential) for
properties on the north
side of Somerset
Boulevard between
Indiana Avenue and
8439 Somerset
Boulevard [15016
Indiana Avenue; 8407-
8439 Somerset
Boulevard] in the City of
Paramount.
CF 109 ZC 236

OLD BUSINESS

9. ORDINANCE NO. 1137 Planning Director Carver gave the report and
(Introduction) presented a PowerPoint presentation.
Adopting Citywide
Regulations for Mobile
Food and Ice Cream
Vending Vehicles
CF 70.2
- City Clerk Luce read public comments in favor of the ordinance submitted by: Lizette Garcia, Mike Peniche, and Henry Casas.
- Councilmember Cuellar Stallings expressed concern regarding the proximity of these vending vehicles to licensed restaurant establishments and suggested that the radius be extended back to 500 ft. to reduce the impact on local businesses. Vice Mayor Olmos concurred.
- In response to Vice Mayor Olmos regarding the allowed hours of operation, Planning Director Carver stated that the hours can be extended on a case-by-case basis at the Planning Director's discretion.

Councilmember Aguayo commented that she understands the challenges associated with implementing these types of regulations and recognizes the need to find balance.

Following discussion, the City Council concurred to make the following amendment to the proposed ordinance:

Section 36A-8(a) – Restores the 500-foot radii for food trucks on public roadways:

“...provided the vending vehicle is not stopped or parked within five hundred (500) feet of licensed restaurant establishments, schools, public park concession stands, or approved City-sponsored special events.”

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1137 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING CHAPTER 36A OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING CITYWIDE REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD AND ICE CREAM VENDING VEHICLES," 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, Cuellar
Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

10. APPROVAL
Revised Program
Partner Agreement for
Youth Sports Leagues
CF 74.24

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

The following individuals addressed the City Council via teleconference providing public comment in support of the Program Partner Agreement for Youth Sports Leagues: Alicia Anderson and Elizabeth Madrigal.

Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments in support of the item: Mayra Lopez, Christopher Jacquette, and Carol Peterson.

Mayor Lemons asked if the Program Partner Agreement included a provision in the scholarship section to ensure that all fees are covered so that scholarship recipients are not subject to additional fees.

In response to Mayor Lemons, Director Johnson stated that staff will review the scholarship structure at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to ensure the scholarship issue is addressed and return to City Council at a future meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to approve the revised Program Partner Agreement for Youth Sports Leagues operating in the City of Paramount. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

11. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1139
(Introduction)
Amending Ordinance
No. 178, the
Comprehensive Zoning
Ordinance, Approving
Zone Change No. 237,
Changing the Official
Zoning Map of the City of
Paramount from M-1
(Light Manufacturing) to
R-M (Multiple-Family
Residential) at 6424,
6432, and 6530 Alondra

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

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there is any testimony for or against this item. City Clerk Luce reported that there were no requests to speak or comments submitted via e-mail either for or against the item.

Boulevard in the City of
Paramount
CF 70.2
CF 109 ZC 237

There being no public testimony, it was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1139, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 237, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR PROPERTIES AT 6424, 6432, AND 6530 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, Cuellar
Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS
ORDINANCE NO. 1140
(Introduction)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 18,
allowing digital pricing on
service station
monument signs citywide
and regulating digital
window signs in

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

Discussion ensued concerning the regulations related to digital window signs and the possibility of considering total window space rather than individual panes for the 25% maximum coverage. Further discussion ensued concerning window signs in general. Assistant Planning Director King explained that this currently ordinance only considers regulations regarding digital window signs. Following

commercial and
manufacturing zones
citywide
CF 109 ZOTA 18

further discussion, the City Council concurred in directing staff to reconsider proposed window digital sign regulations and broaden the discussion to other window signs.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there is any testimony for or against this item. City Clerk Luce reported that there were no requests to speak or comments submitted via e-mail either for or against the item.

There being no public testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to close the public hearing and continue discussion regarding this item to a time not to exceed 60 days. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. PUBLIC HEARING
Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Consolidated Annual
Performance and
Evaluation Report
(CAPER)
CF 54.9 CDBG

Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there is any testimony for or against this item. City Clerk Luce reported that there were no requests to speak or comments submitted via e-mail either for or against the 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, Cuellar
Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

14. APPROVAL
Appropriation of Funds
for Contract Planning
Services
CF 28.1

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

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to authorize the appropriation of funding in an amount up to \$40,000 for each contract (Tierra West Advisors and Michael Baker, International) for contract planning services in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

15. APPROVAL
Request for Installation
of a Disabled Parking
Zone in front of 8202
Gardendale Street
CF 73.3

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve a request for the installation of a disabled parking zone in front of 8202 Gardendale Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 16. | <p>CONSIDERATION
Neighborhood Permit
Parking</p> <p>a) URGENCY
ORDINANCE NO.
1138 (Adoption)
Repealing
Ordinance No. 1127
in its Entirety
CF 73</p> | <p>Senior Management Analyst Martinez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation for both items a) and b) below.</p> <p>In response to Vice Mayor Olmos regarding the status of permit parking for the residents of 14819 Downey Avenue, Analyst Martinez explained that adoption of this ordinance and the resolution that follows will provide a process whereby the City will be able to continue to serve the permit parking needs of those residents.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1138, "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1127 IN ITS ENTIRETY" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos; and Mayor Lemons</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen</p> <p>ABSTAIN: None</p> |
| | <p>b) RESOLUTION
NO. 20:029
Amending
Neighborhood
Permit Parking
Criteria Procedures
CF 73</p> | <p>It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:029, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING NEIGHBORHOOD PERMIT PARKING CRITERIA PROCEDURES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos; and Mayor Lemons</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen</p> <p>ABSTAIN: None</p> |
| 17. | <p>APPROVAL
Memorandum of
Understanding with
Paramount Unified</p> | <p>Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report.</p> |

School District for
Student Tutoring
Contract with Paper
CF 89.1
CF 43.1125

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Paramount and the Paramount Unified School District that provides the financial support for the Paper tutoring software platform. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

18. CONSIDERATION
Position on Proposed
Resolution Supporting
Social Media Platform
Accountability for
Criminal Acts to be
Heard by the League of
California Cities
CF 62.2

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

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to authorize the City of Paramount's League of California Cities voting delegate, Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos, to vote in favor of the proposed Resolution calling for the League to urge Congress to amend a federal law pertaining to social media accountability for criminal acts at the upcoming General Assembly meeting on October 9, 2020. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she attended Assemblymember Rendon's backpack giveaway and the Paramount Unified School District Census event both of which were very well organized.

She also noted that she watched the Unity in the Community discussion and thanked the committee members for the well-presented information.

Councilmember Aguayo thanked the Public Safety Department for their diligent, professional work especially on the homelessness front. She expressed appreciation to City staff for continuing to address resident needs.

Vice Mayor Olmos thanked the Unity in the Community committee for their efforts and suggested that the City consider implementing a Citizens Academy and continue to promote Neighborhood Watch. She also inquired about the street takeover that occurred over the weekend at Downey Avenue and Madison Street. Public Safety Director Lopez commented that the public safety team will be meeting with the City Attorney and Deputy District Attorney to determine next steps for implementation of the ordinance.

Mayor Lemons commented that she recently participated in a “Cooking with Kat” video and encouraged the City Council and the public to visit the City's YouTube channel to view the cooking demonstrations. On a personal note, she wished her husband a very happy anniversary.

Staff

City Manager Moreno noted that in recognition of Clean Air Day tomorrow, the City will be offering a bicycle giveaway contest for completing the Clean Air Day Pledge. He also commented that the Unity in the Community discussion has had good viewership so far in the first few days since it aired.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lemons recessed the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the following item in closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54952.2

Property: APN No. 6270-025-026 and APN No. 6270-025-027

Agency negotiator: John Moreno, City Manager

Under negotiation: Terms of payment

Mayor Lemons called the meeting back to order in open session at 9:40 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council discussed the matter listed above in closed session and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m. to a meeting on October 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk