

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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 5:01 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
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
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

PRESENTATIONS

1. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**
27th Annual Lucille Roybal-Allard Student Art Competition First Place Winner Steve Gomez (Paramount High School)
CF: 39.6
- The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Paramount High School Student Steve Gomez for taking First Place in the 27th Annual Lucille Roybal-Allard Student Art Competition with his art piece entitled "Life Support in Hands."

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| 2. VIDEO
Beacon Awards
CF: 39.7 | A video presentation was made highlighting the Institute for Local Government's 2020 Beacon Awards which recognize leaders in matters related to the environment and sustainability and for which the City of Paramount was a recipient. |
| 3. RECOGNITION
City of Paramount
Retiree – Patrick Lynch
CF: 39.7 | The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Patrick Lynch upon his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the City. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

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| CF 10.4 | City Manager Moreno responded to comments made (or submitted via email) by Fred Becerra, Katrina Hamel and Maliza Pitones at the October 6, 2020 City Council meeting. |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| CF 10.3 | The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alejandro Yanez, Jaime Lopez and Gurdeep Kaur. Additionally, the following individual provided written comments via e-mail: Vera Robles Dewitt, Water Replenishment Board President. |
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OLD BUSINESS

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| 4. APPROVAL
Neighborhood Permit
Parking Request for
14819 Downey Avenue
CF: 73 | <p>Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to authorize neighborhood permit parking for property at 14819 Downey Avenue to be effective immediately. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos; and Mayor Lemons</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ABSTAIN: None</p> |
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5. REJECTION OF BID
Construction of Mini-
Pitch Court at Ralph C.
Dills Park (City Project
No. 9136)
CF: 96 FY 21
CIP No. 9136

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos, Director Figueroa explained that the scope of work will reduce to eliminate the other amenities included in the original bid so that the cost will be in line with the budgeted amount.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to reject the bid for the construction of Dills Park mini-pitch soccer court project; make a finding that compliance with the bidding requirements in Section 18-28 of the Paramount Municipal Code for this project is not in the best interest of the City; and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to solicit informal proposals for the construction of the concrete slab for the 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. RECEIVE AND FILE
Litter Abatement
Program Update
CF: 86

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City's litter abatement program.

Discussion ensued concerning the locations of the existing trash cans and the opportunity for organizing community clean-up events, like Pitch In, Paramount, once they are allowed. Further discussion ensued concerning providing dog waste bags for individuals walking their dogs.

Councilmember Aguayo suggested focusing on neighborhood events to encourage resident participation in keeping Paramount clean.

NEW BUSINESS

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1141
(Introduction)
Revising Urban Storm
Water Management
Regulations Regarding
Parking Lot Sweeping
and Cleaning Citywide
CF: 90.1
- Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion ensued concerning the process for enforcement of the Storm Water Management Regulations, encouraging businesses to steam clean their parking lots when feasible and working with the School District to ensure they are employing best practices.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1141, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTION 48-4 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 48 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, REVISING URBAN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING PARKING LOT SWEEPING AND CLEANING CITYWIDE," 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; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
8. ORAL REPORT
Financial Status Review
FY 2021
CF: 28.1
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City's financial status for FY 2021 as of September 30, 2020.
9. ORAL REPORT
Inclusionary Housing
CF: 69
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of inclusionary housing.
- Discussion ensued concerning the various ways other local cities are implementing inclusionary housing policies and the process for conducting a feasibility study.

Following discussion, staff was directed to provide a more comprehensive review of inclusionary housing at a future City Council meeting.

10. APPROVAL
Modified City Council
Meeting Schedule
December 2020 and
January 2021
CF: 10

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to cancel the December 1, 2020 City Council meeting; hold the December City Council meeting on December 15, 2020; and move the January City Council meetings to the second and fourth Tuesdays on January 12 and January 26, 2021. 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

11. RESOLUTION NO.
20:030
Approving the
Applications for
Statewide Park
Development and
Community
Revitalization Program
Grant Funds (Proposition
68)
CF: 54.25, 74, 74.2,
74.9, 74.23

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

In response to Councilmember Guillen regarding the previously submitted project at Village Park, Director Johnson stated that staff was informed that the proposed project at Village Park did not score well in the previous round. Mayor Lemons also noted that the resident surveys did not support the proposed renovations at Village Park.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:030, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS." 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

12. APPROVAL
Access and License
Agreement with the
Water Replenishment
District (WRD) for
Installation of a
Monitoring Well at
Progress Park
CF: 43, 113.16

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the Access and License Agreement with the Water Replenishment District for the installation of a monitoring well at Progress Park 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; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. APPROVAL
Responses to the Los
Angeles County Civil
Grand Jury Report - "A
Diet for Landfills: Cutting
Down on Food Waste"
CF: 61.24

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the responses to the County recommendations, authorize the Mayor or her designee to respond to the Civil Grand Jury, and report the results to the Civil Grand Jury no later than October 30, 2020. 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

At the request of Mayor Lemons, in response to Councilmember Guillen's earlier inquiry regarding the status of Well 14, Public Works Director Figueroa provided an update on the monitoring of Well 14 stating that the Well is currently still shut down, not as mandate, but rather out of an abundance of caution.

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen thanked staff for the update on Well 14 and she suggested that the City Council do something to honor Ruth Bader Ginsberg in recognition of all she did for women's rights. She also encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings commented that she received a compliment from a previous PUSD teacher about how beautiful the City looks. She also reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Vice Mayor Olmos reminded the City Council about tomorrow's California Contract Cities Association Board meeting where Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor will be the guest speaker. She also reminded residents about the upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting. Lastly, she wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween and encouraged everyone to participate in the City's Halloween events. On a personal note, she wished her husband a Happy Anniversary on Saturday.

Councilmember Aguayo noted that she recently attended League of California Cities and California Joint Powers Insurance Authority conferences which provided a tremendous amount of useful information. She reminded everyone to be kind during these chaotic, uncertain times. Lastly, she encouraged residents to vote because it is our privilege and duty.

Mayor Lemons noted that the Sanitation District reported that the amount of COVID-19 virus present in waste water continues to mirror the number of COVID-19 cases reported by the County. She also

reported that SEAACA continues to provide outdoor vaccination services and SELACO is entering the final round of business grants which are also open to non-profit organizations. She reminded residents about the Paper tutoring software platform available to PUSD students and various other resources available for education assistance.

Staff

City Manager Moreno provided an update from PUSD regarding participation during the first two weeks since implementation of the Paper tutoring software platform that the District and the City have partnered to provide as a resource to PUSD students.

He also provided an update on the US Census noting that at the conclusion, the City's response rate was 64.9% which is in line with Los Angeles County and just below the State average.

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson provided an update on the Halloween decorating contest and other planned Halloween activities.

City Manager Moreno provided an overview of the number of participants and arrests made during the intersection take over that occurred over the weekend. He also noted that Captain Sprengel informed staff that Sheriff's Deputies will be allowed to wear Dodger hats over the next couple of weeks in support of the Dodger's quest for the World Series title.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lemons recessed the meeting at 7:15 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 7:34 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 7:35 p.m. to a meeting on November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk