

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 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 Laurie Guillen, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Deborah Jameson, Lifegate Foursquare Church delivered the invocation.

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
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director

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: Alejandro Yanez, Jaime Lopez, and Gerald Cerda.

Additionally, the following individuals provided written comments via e-mail: Andrea Crow on behalf of Paramount Library and Alfredo Banuelos.

Mayor Lemons stated that one additional written public comment was received from Luis Bautista but in consultation with the City Attorney, a determination has been made that the content is a violation of Section F(3)(e) and F(3)(f) of the City's Rules of Decorum and as a result the email will not be read into the record; however, a copy of Mr. Bautista's e-mail will be provided to each Councilmember.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 1-6 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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| 1. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
October 6 and
October 20, 2020 | Approved |
| 2. | APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved |
| 3. | RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
September 30, 2020
CF 47.3 | Received and filed |

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1137 Waived further reading and adopted
(Adoption)
Adopting Citywide
Regulations for Mobile
Food and Ice Cream
Vending Vehicles
5. PUBLIC HEARING Waived further reading and adopted
ORDINANCE NO. 1139
(Adoption)
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
Boulevard in the City of
Paramount
CF 70.2, 109 ZC 237
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1141 Waived further reading and adopted
(Adoption)
Revising Urban Storm
Water Management
Regulations Regarding
Parking Lot Sweeping
and Cleaning Citywide
CF 70.2, 90.1

OLD BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC HEARING Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and
ORDINANCE NO. 1140 presented a PowerPoint presentation.
(Introduction)
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 18,
Allowing Digital Pricing
on Service Station
Monument Signs

Discussion ensued concerning enforcement of these
regulations. Assistant Public Safety Director Matson
commented that most enforcement will be on a
complaint basis.

Citywide and Revising
Regulations for Window
Signs in Commercial and
Manufacturing Zones
Citywide
CF 70.2, ZOTA 18

City Manager Moreno commented that there are some digital signs that will need to be addressed likely after the first of the year once the regulations become effective.

Councilmember Guillen commented that it is also important to keep windows clear of sign clutter so that law enforcement can see in the businesses.

In response to Mayor Lemons regarding scrolling digital signs, Assistant Director King stated that driver distraction is the primary reason those types of signs are not allowed.

Discussion ensued concerning the broader issue of signs in general. Planning Director Carver stated that staff suggests working with consultant to provide a comprehensive review of signs citywide and will likely come back in the coming months for an award of contract for such services. City Manager Moreno stated that staff will also provide an overview of the current regulations at an upcoming meeting so that that the City Council can provide input as to what they would like to see in the future.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There being no one wishing to testify, 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, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos; and Mayor Lemons
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1140 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDING OF FACT, AND APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 18, AMENDING CHAPTER 44, ARTICLE I, SECTION 44-1 (DEFINITIONS); ARTICLE VI, SECTION 44-67 (d)(2); ARTICLE VII, SECTION 44-69 (27.1)(b); ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 44- 75 (45.1)(k); ARTICLE IX, SECTION 44-81 (21)(j); ARTICLE XI, DIVISION 2, SECTION 44-104.2 (q)(8); AND ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 44-241 (b) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, ALLOWING DIGITAL PRICING ON SERVICE STATION MONUMENT SIGNS CITYWIDE AND REVISING REGULATIONS FOR WINDOW SIGNS IN COMMERCIAL AND MANUFACTURING ZONES CITYWIDE" and place it on the December 15, 2020 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

NEW BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO.
20:031 -
Approving a First
Amendment to that
Commercial Disposition
and Development
Agreement with
Paramount Place, LLC
CF 43.1022

City Manager Moreno gave the report.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos 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; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, and adopt Resolution No. 20:031, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THAT COMMERCIAL DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PARAMOUNT PLACE, LLC." 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

9. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1142
(Introduction)
Adopting a Recodified
Paramount Municipal
Code
CF 70

City Clerk Luce gave the report

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings 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; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1142 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING A RECODIFIED PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE" and place it on the November 17, 2020 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

10. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Construction of the
Ralph C. Dills Park Mini-
Pitch Soccer Court
Concrete Slab (City
Project No. 9150)
CF 43.1127, 74.4

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to authorize the award of contract for construction of the Ralph C. Dills Park Mini-Pitch soccer court concrete slab to C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., Chino, California in the amount of \$105,726 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

11. MAYOR'S
APPOINTMENT
Member of the Board of
Trustees of the Greater
Los Angeles County
Vector Control District
CF 11.4

Mayor Lemons appointed Councilmember Isabel Aguayo to serve as the City's representative to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a two-year term expiring January 2, 2023.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen expressed continued concern regarding the traffic impacts of the drive-through serving Tam's Burgers at Alondra Blvd. and Downey Ave. She encouraged everyone to work together for calm and unity as the election results come in.

Vice Mayor Olmos noted that she attended the Virtual Neighborhood Watch meeting along with several residents. She thanked the Community Services &

Recreation Department for an outstanding Halloween event and reminded residents that there will be a free drive-through flu shot clinic at Paramount Park on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings noted that she attended the Halloween event and the recent fire extinguisher training. She thanked the Community Services & Recreation Department for the great Halloween event and wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day. She also wished her granddaughter a very happy upcoming birthday on Veteran's Day.

Councilmember Aguayo recognized the Community Services & Recreation department for all of the amazing events they put on for the City's residents. She encouraged residents to take advantage of events offered by the City and to share information with each other.

Mayor Lemons commented that several residents from neighboring cities attended the City's holiday events and were thoroughly impressed by what Paramount does for its residents. She thanked the Community Services & Recreation staff for all the effort they put into making these events so successful.

Staff

City Manager Moreno provided an explanation about the misinformation that was inadvertently distributed regarding the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting and noted the video of the meeting is available for the public to view on the City's YouTube channel.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to
paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
One potential case

There was no closed session held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to a meeting on November 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons
Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce
Heidi Luce, City Clerk