

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Peggy Lemons at 5:01 p.m. via teleconference 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  
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  
Rafael Casillas, City Engineer  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist  
Captain David Sprengel, Lakewood Sheriff's Station  
Deputy District Attorney Kelly Tatman

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

CF 10.4      There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CF 10.3      The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez and Gerald Cerda

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. ORDINANCE NO. 1143  
(Adoption)  
Renewing Pipeline  
Franchise Agreement  
with Pacific Pipeline  
System, LLC  
CF 47.7 ARCO
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1143, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT RENEWING THE PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC PIPELINE SYSTEM, 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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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2. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1148  
(Re-introduction)  
Zone Change No. 230. A  
request by Nima  
Golshani to change the  
official Zoning Map of the  
City of Paramount from  
C-3 (General  
Commercial) to PD-PS  
(Planned Development  
with Performance  
Standards)/Mixed-Use  
Commercial and Senior  
Assisted/Independent  
Living Facility at 16675-  
16683 Paramount  
Boulevard in the C-3  
(General Commercial)  
zone.  
CF 109 ZC 230
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.
- Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There was no one wishing to testify.
- Following brief discussion concerning the other available parking options in the vicinity of the proposed development and the possibility of installing a cross walk at Paramount Boulevard and 70<sup>th</sup> Street, 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 Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, re-introduce Ordinance No. 1148, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 230, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PD-PS (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS) / MIXED-USE COMMERCIAL AND SENIOR ASSISTED/INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITY AT 16675-16683 PARAMOUNT 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, Guillen,  
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;  
and Mayor Lemons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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3. ORAL REPORT  
2020 Public Safety Year  
in Review  
CF 79

Captain David Sprengel, Lakewood Sheriff's Station presented the Public Safety Year in Review providing an overview of the 2020 crime statistics and recent crime trends. Deputy District Attorney Kelly Tatman provided an overview of the challenges faced in 2020, and shared some of the successes achieved in addressing illegal street racing. She also reviewed the changes made to the criminal justice system at the directive of the new District Attorney.

In response to Vice Mayor Olmos' inquiry regarding the LASD's program that engraves a serial number on catalytic converters, Captain Sprengel commented that the Lakewood Sheriff's Station does not currently have the ability to provide that service; but, they hope to have the program up and running in the next few months.

In response to Councilmember Guillen's inquiry regarding the availability of the cages that can be installed to prevent catalytic converter theft, Captain Sprengel commented that the cages are available from a private entity, not the Sheriff's Department. Public Safety Director Lopez commented that staff will look into the cages as a crime prevention tool.

4. PUBLIC HEARING  
Amendments to the  
2017-2021 Consolidated  
Plan and 2019-2020  
Annual Action Plan for  
Community  
Development Block  
Grant Funding Related  
to the CARES Act  
CF 54

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

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lemons asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There was no one wishing to testify.

In response to Councilmember Cuellar Stallings regarding a limit per participant on funding for homelessness, Finance Director Liu commented that funding is allocated to assist 15 families.

Following brief discussion, 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 Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the proposed activities and allocations, and authorize the City Manager to make modifications to the programs as needed to comply with HUD regulations and submit the plan amendments to HUD. 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

5. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Vermont Avenue Traffic  
Calming Study Update  
CF 98

City Engineer Casillas gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation including the street improvements recommended to provide traffic calming.

In response to Councilmember Guillen's inquiry regarding the affect the proposed modifications would have on driver behavior, City Engineer Casillas commented that studies show that narrower lanes result in reduced speed.

Following brief discussion concerning the need to ensure that the median is not used as a truck staging area, the report was received and filed.

6. RESOLUTION NO.  
21:004  
Approving and Adopting  
the Fiscal Year (FY)  
2021 Midyear Municipal  
Operating and Capital  
Improvement Budget  
and Authorizing the City  
Manager to Administer  
Said Budget and Make  
Such Changes As May  
Be Necessary During the  
Fiscal Year to Maintain  
Standards and Levels of  
Services and Achieve  
the Intent of the City  
Council in Providing  
Municipal Services for  
FY 2021  
CF 28.1

Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Assistant City Manager Vialpando, Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson and Public Works Director Figueroa also gave presentations providing background on the midyear budget adjustments for their respective departments.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:004, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 MIDYEAR MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTER SAID BUDGET AND MAKE SUCH CHANGES AS MAY BE NECESSARY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN STANDARDS AND LEVELS OF SERVICES AND ACHIEVE THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR FY 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

7.     RECEIVE AND FILE  
        Inclusionary Housing  
        Report  
        CF 69

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.
8.     AWARD OF CONTRACT  
        Civic Center Art Piece  
        Commemorating the  
        19th Amendment to the  
        United States  
        Constitution  
        CF 43.1133, 39.20

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

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to award the contract for professional services to J.K. Designs, Inc. for an art piece at the Civic Center using the City's Public Art Fund in the amount of \$90,000 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement pending final review of the agreement by the City Attorney. 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.     AWARD OF CONTRACT  
        Building and Safety Plan  
        Check and Building  
        Official Services  
        CF 43.1132

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for building and safety plan check and building official services to Scott Fazekas and Associates. 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.    APPROVAL  
        Renewal of Facilities  
        Use Agreement with  
        Paramount Unified  
        School District  
        CF 43.928

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the renewed Facilities Use Agreement with the Paramount Unified School District and authorize the Mayor 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. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Update on Calendar  
Year 2021 Special  
Events  
CF 39

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.

12. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Proposed  
Commemoration  
Activities in Memory of  
COVID-19 Fatalities  
CF 39.28

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

Brief discussion concerning the proposed commemoration activities and other possible activities including the planting of trees. Mayor Lemons suggested that City Council review the proposed options individually and provide feedback to Director Johnson.

Following brief discussion, the report was received and filed and staff was directed to return with a more definitive plan and associated cost.

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Vice Mayor Olmos provided information on the efforts the City is making to advocate for a COVID-19 vaccination site in the City of Paramount or at a closer, more convenient location for the City's residents.

Councilmember Aguayo thanked Supervisor Janice Hahn, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Bianchi Theaters and City staff for their efforts in support of the recent food distribution event. She also challenged residents to do what they can to support Paramount's local business.

Councilmember Guillen read an e-mail she received from a resident expressing traffic safety concerns in the area of Orange Avenue between Alondra Boulevard and Somerset Boulevard, specifically at Orange Avenue and Myrrh Street by Zamboni Middle School. She asked staff to look into this issue.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings thanked the Community Services & Recreation department for all they do to support the City's residents. She also thanked Supervisor Janice Hahn's office, the volunteers, the LA Regional Food Bank and City staff for their help with the food distribution event. She also thanked Public Works Commissioner Garcia for her diligent efforts even while she was sick.

Mayor Lemons reported that, according to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the COVID-19 virus levels in wastewater are dropping and continue to mirror the statistics from the CDC. She also reported that she and staff met with Caltrans representatives regarding the homeless encampments and trash along the freeway ramps and Caltrans is willing to create partnerships to address the issue.

She also expressed appreciation to all involved in the food distribution events and noted that she met the owners of the new restaurant going in at Clearwater Crossing and they are very excited to be opening in Paramount.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno thanked the City Council for their kind words about staff and the food distribution events. He commented that the LA Regional Food Bank is a very professional organization and is a pleasure to work with.



He also thanked the City Council for approving the mid-year budget and stated that staff will continue its conservative approach in day-to-day management of the fiscal accounts. He also noted that the new Sheriff's Department Lieutenant, will be starting on February 17 and once in-person meetings are allowed again he will be formally introduced to the City Council.

Lastly, he provided an update on the implementation of the City's new Food Truck ordinance noting that it is working.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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There was no closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. to a meeting on March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons  
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Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce  
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Heidi Luce, City Clerk