

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

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 5:02 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
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
John King, Asst. Planning Director
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Gerald Cerda, Robert Blankenship, Jaime Lopez, Jose de Leon, Sonia de Leon, Adrian Alvarez, Maria Paz, and Rodolfo Cortes-Barragan at the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alejandro Yanez, Gerald Cerda, Margaret Garcia, and Lisa Lapin.

Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments via e-mail: Sonia de Leon, Rose Mary Mendez, and Cynthia Morales.

In response to the public comments regarding the AQMD air quality monitors, Vice Mayor Olmos suggested that the Mayor send a letter to the AQMD urging them to resume air quality monitoring in Paramount.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. PROCLAMATION
Developmental
Disabilities Awareness
Month
CF 39.6 | Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of Paramount. |
| 2. INTRODUCTION
Youth Commission Chair
and Vice Chair
CF 62.35 | <p>Mayor Lemons introduced the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Youth Commission which provides a voice for students in 9th through 12th grade who either go to Paramount High School or are residents that attend non-PUSD schools, to express their concerns to the City, learn about programs and services, and foster a sense of community spirit.</p> <p>Chair Bella Archuleta, who is a junior at the Odyssey STEM Academy and Vice Chair Alyssa Bravo, a sophomore at Paramount High School joined the City Council meeting via Zoom to introduce themselves.</p> |

OLD BUSINESS

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| 3. RECEIVE AND FILE
One-year Review of
Regulations Adopted by
the City Council for
Home Gardens and
Consideration of
Additional Options
CF 109 ZOTA 14 | <p>Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Discussion ensued concerning the height limit requirements and garden boxes for home garden items in the front yard area of a property, specifically as it relates to wall/fence height requirements.</p> |
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Mayor Lemons commented that it was her understanding of the previous discussions that gardens would be allowed in the front yard in R-1 zones by obtaining a no-cost permit only if there is not adequate space elsewhere on the property to have a garden.

Mayor Lemons suggested that if the City moves forward to allow hoop houses, there should be some design standards associated with them so there is some control over how they are constructed and maintained. It was further suggested that there be requirements and guidelines regarding composting to address issues regarding smell and vermin.

Further discussion ensued concerning the various options for possible changes to the home garden regulations and staff was directed to review the changes discussed above for incorporation into the revised home garden regulations for further Planning Commission consideration

The report was received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

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| 4. ORAL REPORT
Overview of SEAACA
Animal Control Services
CF 23.3 | On behalf of Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), Denise Woodside, Executive Director and Donna Soriano, Manager, Outreach & Community presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the programs and services offered by SEAACA. |
| 5. RESOLUTION NO.
21:007
Supporting Efforts to
Declare the First Monday
in March as National
COVID Memorial Day
CF 39.28 | <p>Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO DECLARE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH AS NATIONAL COVID MEMORIAL DAY."
The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> |

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

6. APPROVAL
Neighborhood Permit
Parking Request for
8056 and 8102
Rosecrans Avenue
CF 73

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize Neighborhood Permit Parking for parcels 8056 and 8102 Rosecrans Avenue to be effective immediately. 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
Review of Community
Services & Recreation
Programming
CF 60

Assistant Community Services & Recreation Director Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Community Services & Recreation programming available for all age groups in the City of Paramount.

8. RECEIVE AND FILE
Dills Park Mini-Pitch Pilot
Reservation Program
CF 74.4

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

Vice Mayor Olmos inquired as to the feasibility of using the mini-pitch for organized adult league soccer for area residents.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings shared conversation she had with a group of high school aged boys when visiting the site earlier today where the boys lost a ball that went over a neighboring resident's fence and asked Community Services & Recreation to follow up with the boys regarding the lost ball.

Director Johnson commented that netting is scheduled to be installed soon that should prevent future such instances.

In response to Councilmember Guillen regarding the reservation process and if there a limit to the number of reservations a resident is allowed to make. Director Johnson commented that there currently is no limit but staff will assess the process and make adjustments if necessary.

The report was received and filed.

9. RECEIVE AND FILE
Summary of Handball in
Paramount and
Proposed Roosevelt
Handball Courts Pilot
Reservation Program
CF 54, 74.4

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Detective Pasqual Delgadillo and Detective David Howard provided additional background information regarding the public safety issues associated with the handball courts at Paramount Park prior to them being demolished.

Discussion ensued concerning the public safety issues associated with Village Skate Park as compared to the issues at the Paramount Park handball courts.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, Director Johnson commented that staff will be flexible in allowing handball court users to stay for additional time if there is no reservation after their reserved time.

Alejandro Yanez addressed the City Council in support of handball courts and to express his frustration in the way handball players have been treated.

Discussion ensued concerning the reservation process, the previous efforts to bring handball courts back to Paramount and the availability handball courts in the surrounding communities. Councilmember Guillen suggested researching how other cities have funded and built their handball courts.

The report was received and filed.

10. RECEIVE AND FILE
General Plan Annual
Progress Report –
Calendar Year 2020
CF 102
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- The report was received and filed.
11. APPROVAL
Rejection of Bid for the
Renovation of City Bus
Shelters (City Project
No. 9153)
CF 99
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stalling to reject the bid and direct staff to re-advertise the request for bids for the renovation of city bus shelters. 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
Proposal from Willdan
Engineering to Provide
Professional Engineering
Design Services for
Alondra Boulevard
Widening Project (City
Project No. 9136
CF 43.251, 61.22
- City Manager Moreno stated that staff recommends that the City Council take this item off calendar but since there were written public comments received for the item, those comments will be heard.
- The following individuals provided written public comments in opposition to the road widening project via e-mail: Felipe Rojas and Anahi Mendoza which were read into the record by City Clerk Luce
- It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to take this item off calendar. 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

Councilmembers

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings expressed appreciation to the City's residents and the Community Services & Recreation Department for their participation in the very successful vaccine distribution event in Paramount.

Councilmember Guillen reported that she continues to receive phone calls regarding the traffic issues at Downey and Alondra caused by the Tam's drive-thru and asked for an update on what is being done to address the issue. She also reported that at the last SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee meeting there were concern addressed regarding the weeding of I-605, similar to the concern raised earlier this evening regarding the Alondra Widening project. Lastly she wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilmember Aguayo expressed appreciation to the entire Community Services and Recreation department for all their efforts at the vaccine distribution event and for continuing to do all they do for the community, especially during the pandemic.

Vice Mayor Olmos welcomed the new cohort of Youth Commissioners. She also mentioned that she reached out to a couple of businesses regarding reopening and they are looking forward to a cautious reopening. She also thanked those that participated in the moment of silence recognizing the victims of COVID-19.

Staff

City Manager Moreno introduced Lieutenant Omar Camacho who is the new service area lieutenant at the Paramount Station.

Lieutenant Camacho thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve the community of Paramount and commented that the mission is the same – to deliver top quality service to the community.

Mr. Moreno commented that there have been reports of a sewer type odor in the north end of town. He noted that staff is working with various agencies to determine the source of the odor and has encouraged residents to call 1-800-CUT-SMOG to report any unusual odors.

Lastly, he provided an update on the City's vaccine distribution efforts and noted that the percentage of residents that have received the vaccine has doubled since February 20.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to a meeting on April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk