

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
APRIL 20, 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 Brenda Olmos at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS**

Present: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo  
Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings  
Mayor Brenda Olmos

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

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

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

**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  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Viridana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst II  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

### **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Gerald Cerda and Nita Juhasz at the April 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council via teleconference and provided public comments: Alfredo Banuelos, Jose de Leon, and Alejandro Yanez.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF WORK**  
Construction of the Ralph C. Dills Park Mini Pitch Soccer Court Concrete Slab (City Project No. 9150)  
CF CIP 9150

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to accept the work performed by C.S. Legacy Construction, Chino, California, for the Dills Park Mini Pitch Court improvements project and authorize payment of the remaining retention. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2. **CONSIDERATION**  
Review of Future Community Garden Development Options  
CF 74.12

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

Mayor Olmos suggested surveying the current holders of two garden plot to determine if any would be willing to relinquish on of their plots.

The following individual addressed the City Council via teleconference and provided public comments regarding this: Alfredo Banuelos.

In response to Mr. Banuelos' comments, City Manager Moreno explained that SCE does not allow

leases that provide for overnight parking but staff is still pursuing other options to address parking issues in parking impacted neighborhoods.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to pursue a lease with SCE for a community garden; develop costs for design and construction of community gardens at the SCE property and All-American Park, include these costs in the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; and revise current gardening policies for the Orange Cortland garden to restrict use to one garden plot per resident. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

3. ORAL REPORT  
Commercial Sign  
Regulations  
CF 93

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the existing sign regulations in the City's commercial areas, including the Central Business District.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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4. AWARD OF CONTRACT  
Housing Rehabilitation  
Construction Services at  
6506 San Luis Street  
CF 69.13

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

City Clerk Luce read a written public comment regarding this item submitted by the following individual: Marilyn Carcamo Hidalgo

In response to Ms. Hidalgo's question, Planning Director Carver provided a brief overview of the commercial rehabilitation program.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for construction services to VV&G Construction in the total amount of \$38,595 from

Federal HOME funds for construction services for housing rehabilitation at 6506 San Luis Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

5. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Proposed Park Shelter  
and Picnic Area Rental  
Procedures  
CF 60.2

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

Discussion ensued concerning capacity of each of the shelter groups and the process for enforcing the capacity limit. Further discussion ensued concerning the possibility of increasing the number of guest allowed in the larger shelter group.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to receive and file the report and to direct staff to allow for increased capacity at Shelters 8A and 8B given the fact that those two shelters are able to accommodate larger groups. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

6. APPROVAL  
Appropriation of  
Additional Funds for  
Communications  
Professional Services  
CF 43.1037

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve an amendment to the contract with Tripepi Smith for a one-time appropriation increase of \$15,500 for communication professional services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2021. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. APPROVAL  
Authorization to Execute  
a Memorandum of  
Understanding Between  
the City of Paramount,  
the California Urban  
Forests Council, and  
West Coast Arborists,  
Inc., Regarding the  
Circle 4 – Amplify Urban  
Forest Project  
CF 43

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the California Urban Forests Council and West Coast Arborists, Inc., for the CIRCLE 4 – AMPLIFY the Urban Forest project and direct the Public Works Director to execute the MOU. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. AWARD OF CONTRACT  
Replacement of Air  
Conditioning Units at  
Progress Park Plaza and  
Associated Budget  
Adjustment (City Project  
No. 9178)  
CF CIP 9178

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for the replacement of AC units at Progress Park Plaza to KLM HVAC & Refrigeration, Los Alamitos, California, in the amount of \$34,000; authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement; and authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$34,000. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9.     **AWARD OF CONTRACT**     Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.  
Replacement of  
Electrical Vault at Spane     It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and  
Park and Associated     seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to award  
Budget Adjustment     the contract for the replacement of electrical vault at  
CF     Spane Park to CalWest Lighting Services, Inc.,  
Downey, California, in the amount of \$28,000;  
authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the  
agreement; and authorize a budget adjustment in the  
amount of \$8,000. The motion was passed by the  
following roll call vote:
- AYES:     Councilmembers Aguayo, Lemons;  
                    Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and  
                    Mayor Olmos
- NOES:     None
- ABSENT:   Councilmember Guillen
- ABSTAIN:  None
10.    **APPROVAL**  
Appointment of City     A public comment request for this item was submitted  
Commissioners     by Alfredo Banuelos but, Mr. Banuelos did not answer  
CF 27     when called to give his public comments.
- Mayor Olmos announced the following Commission  
appointments:
- Planning Commission  
Jaime Abrego and Luis Bautista to be reappointed;  
Ernie Esparza, George Gutierrez, and Gordon  
Weisenburger to continue to serve.
- Public Works Commission  
Gerardo Ruiz and Linda Timmons to be appointed;  
Rosemary Vasquez, Alvin Parks, and Tony Warfield  
to continue to serve.
- Parks and Recreation Commission  
Alicia Anderson, Ardavan Davari, Charlene Landry,  
Elizabeth Madrigal, and Alejandro Maldonado to  
continue to serve.
- Public Safety Commission  
Marcie Bridges, Annette Delgadillo, Russ Hanson,  
Rosemary Mendez, and Dora Sanchez to continue to  
serve.

Senior Services Commission

Virginia Chavez, Margarita Osuna, Elsa Padilla, Claudia Quinones, and Patricia Winiecki to continue to serve.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the appointments to the Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, and Senior Services Commissions. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. APPROVAL  
Mayor's Appointments  
CF 10.5

Mayor Olmos announced appointments of councilmembers to serve as delegates and/or alternate delegates for the various committees and outside agencies.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve the appointments as presented by Mayor Olmos. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo announced that this week is Mosquito Awareness Week and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control district has educational resources available on its web site and various social media platforms.

She also commented that PUSD is hosting a Pantry to Families Event on Wednesday, April 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and encouraged residents in need to take advantage of this resource.

Lastly she reminded residents about the Virtual Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for Wednesday and the vaccination clinic on Thursday.

Councilmember Lemons reported that the SELACO Workforce Development Board will be returning to full function as of July.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings welcomed Smoke & Fire Social Eatery to the community and encouraged residents to patronize the City's local restaurants. She also reported that the City of Long Beach is seeking volunteers to help at the facility recently approved to house migrant children.

Mayor Olmos encouraged all residents to take responsibility and call the Sheriff's Station immediately if they hear or see any street takeover events. She also suggested that the banner be put back up reminding people of the penalties associated with street racing violations.

Mayor Olmos also asked for her colleagues' consensus to direct staff to research possibilities for instituting a Community Hero Award and a regular Coffee with Council event. Councilmember Lemons commented that she would be in support of a Community Hero Award but she would like to see the criteria outlined to help determine an appropriate frequency. Mayor Olmos also commented on the George Floyd verdict and former President Barak Obama's powerful words and sent her prayers to all the affected families

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno commented that staff will put the street racing banner back up and that the City Attorney will give a presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting to provide an overview of the street racing ordinances and review the successes achieved thus far.

He also reported that the City received notification of two additional vaccination clinics scheduled for this weekend at the Paramount Park Community Center on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. run by Clinica Medica Hispana and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. run by Paramount Family Pharmacy.

Lastly he reported that representatives from South Coast AQMD will be at the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting to give a presentation on the air monitoring plan they instituted in Paramount a few years ago.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. to a meeting on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

*/s/ Brenda Olmos*

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Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Heidi Luce*

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Heidi Luce, City Clerk