

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 4, 2021**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Brenda Olmos at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Peggy Lemons, led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Ken Korver, Emmanuel Reformed Church delivered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** Present: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo  
Councilmember Laurie Guillen  
Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings  
Mayor Brenda Olmos

**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  
David Arellano, Water Supervisor  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Norman Mamea, Water Superintendent  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

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Before moving forward with the agenda, Mayor Olmos suggested that Item 16 (Air Monitoring Status) be taken out order as the first item after the consent calendar given that there are two guest presenters from South Coast AQMD here for the item and asked for a motion for that change.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to hear Item 16 as the first item of new business. 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

Mayor Olmos stated that there is also a subsequent need item for City Council consideration and asked City Manager Moreno to provide a brief explanation of the item. City Manager Moreno explained that staff suggests adding an item to the agenda to consider possible funding of a COVID19 vaccination rewards program for Paramount high school and college students.

Mayor Olmos asked for a motion to add the following item as the last item under new business:

*Vaccine Reward Program for Eligible Residents attending High School or College.*

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to place the subsequent need item above on the agenda as the last item of new business. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. PROCLAMATION  
National Public Works  
Week  
CF 39.12

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Public Works Week.

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| 2. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Building Safety<br>Month<br>CF 39.12                              | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Building Safety Month.  |
| 3. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Military<br>Appreciation Month<br>CF 39.12                        | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Military Appreciation Month.  |
| 4. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Mental Health<br>Month<br>CF 39.12                                | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Mental Health Month. On behalf of Community Family Guidance Center, Bill Sinko, Executive Director accepted the proclamation and expressed sincere appreciation for this recognition.                       |
| 5. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Senior Health<br>and Fitness Day<br>CF 39.12                      | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Senior Health and Fitness Day.  |
| 6. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Water Safety<br>Month<br>CF 39.12                                 | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, May as National Water Safety Month. On behalf of Los Cerritos YMCA, Jeremy Echnoz accepted the proclamation and shared the importance of water safety.  |
| 7. | CERTIFICATE OF<br>RECOGNITION<br>Lindsay Lumber<br>Company 100th<br>Anniversary<br>CF 39.6 | The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Lindsay Lumber Company in celebration of its 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On behalf of the Paramount Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Max Martinez and Barbara Crowson also recognized Lindsay Lumber on this milestone anniversary. |

Kevin Lindsay thanked the City and the Chamber of Commerce for this recognition and expressed appreciation to the City for its support of their business through the years.

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

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Alfredo Banuelos and Jose de Leon at the April 20, 2021 City Council meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alejandro Yanez. Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments via e-mail: Andrea Crow, Paramount Library and Jenny (no last name given).

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 8, 9, 10A and 10B as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 8.  | APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>April 6 and April 20 2021   | Approved |
| 9.  | APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2  | Approved |
| 10. | (A) RESOLUTION NO.<br>21:011<br>Approving the Engineer's<br>Report for Certain<br>Landscaping<br>Improvements for<br>Landscaping and<br>Maintenance<br>Assessment District No.<br>81-1<br>CF 25.3 | Adopted  |

(B) RESOLUTION NO.      Adopted  
21:012  
Declaring its Intention to  
Levy and Collect  
Assessments within  
Landscaping and  
Maintenance  
Assessment District No.  
81-1 for FY 2021-2022  
CF 25.3

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### NEW BUSINESS

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11. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1150  
(Introduction)  
Approving Zoning  
Ordinance Text  
Amendment No. 20,  
amending regulations for  
home gardens, including  
extending the  
applicability of these  
regulations to all  
residential zones and  
legal nonconforming  
residential properties in  
commercial and  
manufacturing zones  
CF 109 ZOTA 20
- Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint Presentation.
- Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.
- There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES:            Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
                     Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings;  
                     and Mayor Olmos
- NOES:           None
- ABSENT:        None
- ABSTAIN:       None
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1150, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 20, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010 (DEFINITIONS); SECTIONS 17.08.020; 17.08.060(F); 17.12.020(D); 17.12.020(E); 17.12.060(F)(3), 17.16.040(E); 17.16.040(F); 17.16.100(E), 17.44.680, AND 17.72.130 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE HOME GARDENS IN THE R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), AND R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONES; LEGAL

NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN COMMERCIAL AND MANUFACTURING ZONES; AND PD-PS (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS) ZONES 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, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

12. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1151  
(Introduction)

Approving Zoning  
Ordinance Text

Amendment No. 21,  
establishing revised  
regulations for accessory  
dwelling units (ADUs)  
and adding regulations  
for junior accessory  
dwelling units (JADUs) in  
all residential zones  
citywide  
CF 109 ZOTA 21

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

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.

There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1151, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 21, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF TITLE 17 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.104 OF TITLE 17 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, ESTABLISHING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND ADDING REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN ALL

RESIDENTIAL ZONES CITYWIDE 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,  
Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings;  
and Mayor Olmos

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. PUBLIC HEARING  
Adoption of the One-  
Year Action Plan (FY  
2021-2022) for the  
Community  
Development Block  
Grant (CDBG) and  
Home Investment  
Partnerships (HOME)  
Programs  
CF 54.9

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

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.

There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to adopt the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2021-2022), authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and submit all required certifications and related documents and agreements to implement the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2021-2022) in compliance with HUD regulations. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. RESOLUTION NO. 21:013  
Approving both the Administering Agency State Master Agreement No. 07-5336S21 and Program Supplement Agreement No. 000000W37 for Funding a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:013, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING BOTH THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY STATE MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 07-5336S21 AND PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 000000W37 FOR FUNDING A LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None
15. APPROVAL  
Measure R Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (LACMTA) for Rosecrans Avenue Bridge Retrofit Project
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Measure R Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Rosecrans Avenue Bridge Retrofit Project 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, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None
- SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM ADDED
- APPROVAL  
Vaccine Reward Program for Eligible Residents Attending High School or College
- Community & Services Recreation Director Johnson gave the report.



Councilmember Lemons suggested opening up the reward to any Paramount resident, age 16-29, that receives the vaccine rather than just high school and college students.

Discussion ensued concerning offering the reward to fully vaccinated individuals and including funding in FY 22 budget for the program as well for those that are unable to meet the June 30, 2021 deadline to provide further incentive for this demographic to get the vaccine.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the use of General Funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of gift cards as a reward program for Paramount residents ages 16-19 that get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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<b>ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS</b>	<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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16. ORAL REPORT  
Air Monitoring Status –  
South Coast Air Quality  
Management District  
CF 39.20

*NOTE: This item was taken out of order as the first item of new business.*

Vanessa Delgado, Vice Chair, South Coast AQMD introduced herself and commented that she is proud of the work AQMD has done in Paramount and is committed to continuing to work with the City during this transition.

Wayne Nastri, Executive Director, South Coast AQMD presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the air quality monitoring program in the City of Paramount since 2016. He explained that AQMD will be transferring air monitoring responsibility to the City and that the AQMD will provide technical support and other assistance during this transition

Mayor Olmos asked for public comments on this item.

The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: in support of continued air monitoring by South Coast AQMD: Jaime Lopez; Lisa Lappin; Sonia de Leon; and Jose de Leon. Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments via e-mail in support of continued air monitoring by South Coast AQMD: Allison Redd, Sandra Enriquez; and anonymous.

Councilmember Guillen expressed her appreciation for the work AQMD has done in Paramount and commented that now is not time to transfer the responsibility for air quality monitoring to the City.

Mr. Nastri commented that AQMD will still be responsible for enforcement of air quality compliance and for inspecting individual facilities.

In response to Councilmember Lemons, Mr. Nastri commented that AQMD will provide assistance in finding a qualified lab to assist the City with the air quality monitoring program and review the data if necessary. Also in response to Councilmember Lemons, he stated that given the current air quality levels, AQMD does not have the resources to continue in Paramount and although he is not aware of any mechanism where other cities charge businesses for air quality monitoring, he will research the matter further and get back to the City.

Mayor Olmos suggested a follow up meeting to address the issues raised.

AQMD Vice Chair Delgado offered her commitment to continue this dialog.

17. ORAL REPORT  
League of California  
Cities Presentation on  
Impacts of Senate Bill  
(SB) 1383 – Organic  
Waste  
CF 31.13

Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities and Public Works Director Figueroa presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of SB 1383, which set specific objectives for reducing organic waste in landfills which will in turn reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The presentation also provided information about the concerns related to implementation of these costly requirements including

a lack of funding for implementation and the efforts the League of California Cities is taking to help cities with the various issues related to implementation of this legislation.

*\*\* Councilmember Guillen excused herself from the City Council meeting and left the dais at 8:24 p.m. prior to the presentation on Item 18.*

18. ORAL REPORT  
Consumer Confidence  
Report – 2020  
CF 113

Public Works Director Figueroa presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City of Paramount's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as an annual drinking water quality report, which provides a snapshot of the tap water quality provided during the prior year. She explained that this year's CCR includes notice of a violation for not following an administrative step in the procedure for sampling water but emphasized that this violation was not a water quality violation.

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## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Aguayo acknowledged the comments regarding the air quality monitors and commented that the City Council hears the concerns. She also encouraged residents to attend the Friday Night Market this Friday and expressed well wishes for the Hansen family.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings commented that she attended several community meetings including a virtual town hall with Lucille Roybal-Allard's office regarding the American Rescue Plan, the Neighborhood Watch meeting on fireworks, the LA County Sheriff's Dept. food drive and others.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings suggested holding a book drive to benefit the immigrant children being housed in Long Beach.

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, she expressed appreciation to all the PUSD Teachers for all they do for the students.

Mayor Olmos reported that the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee met to learn about the City's approach to homelessness and the resources available to the City's homeless neighbors. She also thanked the LA County Sheriff's Dept. and Paramount Pride for the recent food drives and Clinica Medica Hispana, Coast Hospital of Norwalk and Paramount Family Pharmacy and staff for their work in getting residents vaccinated. She also invited residents to attend the Friday Night Market and National Day of Prayer.

**Staff**

City Manager Moreno reported that staff will be sharing information with the public on the City's efforts to address homelessness.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. to a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on May 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. followed by a City Council meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 8, 2021