

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
MAY 18, 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 Brenda Olmos at 5:06 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

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
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Karina Liu, Finance Director
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
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 Jenny (no last name given) at the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alejandro Yanez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Consent Calendar Items 1-4 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

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| 1. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
March 31, 2021 | Received and filed. |
| 2. APPROVAL
Applications for
Fireworks Permits - 2021 | Approved. |
| 3. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Purchase of a Standby
Pump | Approved award of contract. |
| 4. APPROVAL
Purchasing Authorization
for Electronics from
Apple Inc. for STAR
After School Program | Approved. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 5. APPROVAL
Agreement for
Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and
Home Improvement
Partnership (HOME)
Program Administration
Services and
Preparation of the 5- | <p>Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with MDG Associates, Inc. for CDBG and HOME grant administration and</p> |
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| Year Consolidated Plan and Assessment of Fair Housing | preparation of the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Assessment of Fair Housing. 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 |
| 6. APPROVAL Agreement for Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos-Containing Material Testing Services | Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Lead Tech Environmental for lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material testing services. 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 |
| 7. APPROVAL Agreements for As Needed Architectural Services | Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into three (3) separate agreements with Dahlin Group, MDG Associates, Inc. and Studio One Eleven to provide as-needed architectural services. 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 |

8. ORAL REPORT
Comprehensive User
Fee Study

Consultant Priti Patel, Willdan gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Comprehensive User Fee Study.

In summary, Finance Director Liu stated that Ms. Patel's report provided a broad overview of the study which confirmed that the City's current fees in most cases do not capture full cost recovery and is less than what other agencies are capturing in cost recovery. She noted that staff will not be recommending any increases be effective until January 2022 and will provide proper noticing and public hearing before consideration of any increases. She further noted that for the fees that will be decreasing, staff will propose adoption of the reduced fees as part of the budget adoption process in June.

In response to Councilmember Lemons, City Manager Moreno commented that staff will provide the draft proposed fee schedule along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to City Council in the coming weeks.

9. ORAL REPORT
Long-Term Financing
Option – Basics of
Municipal Bonds

Consultant Suzanne Harrell, Harrell & Company gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing information on municipal bonds, a long-term financing option, as a financial tool for debt management.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the process for issuing bonds and the associated risks.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW
BUSINESS**

10. ORAL REPORT
Draft 2021 Climate
Action Plan

Consultant Jeff Caton gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City's first ever Climate Action Plan.

Public Works Director Figueroa commented that there will be two additional public workshops, one in English and one in Spanish, to provide the public with opportunity to comment on the Climate Action Plan and the Plan will be brought back for formal adoption by the City Council in July.

Mayor Olmos called for public comments.

The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments on this item via teleconference: Julia Emmerson, Southern California Gas Company.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo commented that she attended the Friday Night Market and the vendors were happy to participate in the evening market.

Councilmember Lemons suggested increasing the amount of the vaccination reward and reaching out the School Board President Cuarenta to encourage the School District to promote the vaccination reward program.

In response to Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings, City Manager Moreno commented that due to current HUD guidelines, condominiums are not currently eligible for home improvement grant funding. Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings requested additional patrol in the 8500 block Madison Street because there have been multiple vehicle break-ins in that area.

Councilmember Guillen commented that she transitioned to solar energy last year and saw a dramatic reduction in energy costs. She also suggested providing assistance to homebound seniors as temperatures rise by possibly subsidizing their energy bill or providing portable air conditioning.

Mayor Olmos invited residents to attend the COVID-19 Memorial event on May 20 at the Veteran's Plaza on the City Hall campus and encouraged residents to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Staff

City Manager Moreno commented that staff is continuing discussions with AQMD regarding the City's air monitoring program and will include funds in the FY 22 budget for this program. He also reported that the vaccination rewards program will be expanded to include residents age 12-15 since they are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Lastly, he shared the Explore Paramount postcards with the City Council and reminded them about the program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m. to a meeting on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 8, 2021