

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
JUNE 8, 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 6:04 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Laurie Guillen led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist 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  
*\*via teleconference*

**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  
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director  
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Andres X. Gonzales, Recreation Specialist  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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1. **PRESENTATION**  
Mayor's Award of Excellence  
CF 39.7  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to April Villanueva. Ms. Villanueva accepted the award via video conference and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

2. PRESENTATION  
Education Month  
Proclaiming June 2021  
as Education Month  
Recognition of  
Valedictorian and  
Salutatorian of  
Paramount High  
School, Class of 2021  
Recognition of Top 25  
Paramount  
High School Academic  
Students,  
Class of 2021  
Recognition of Top 5  
Paramount High  
School Volunteers, Class  
of 2021  
Recognition of Top 5  
Paramount High  
School Momentum  
Students, Class of  
2021  
Recognition of PUSD  
Teachers of the  
Year  
CF 39.7

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed June as Education Month and the City Council recognized Paramount High School's Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Top 25 Academic Students, Top 5 High School Volunteers, Top 5 Momentum Students, and the PUSD Teachers of the Year by displaying a PowerPoint presentation and reading the names of each student and teacher being recognized.

Valedictorian Emily Lizarraga and Salutatorian Melissa Munoz were present via video conference to accept the recognition.
3. PRESENTATION  
PARAMOUNT  
EDUCATION  
PARTNERSHIP  
Recognition of PEP  
Scholarship  
Recipients  
PEP Donors  
CF 39.7

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the PEP scholarship recipients and PEP donors by displaying a PowerPoint presentation and reading the names of the scholarship recipients and donors.
4. PROCLAMATION  
Juneteenth  
CF 39.12

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, issued a proclamation recognizing the importance of Juneteenth and its observance in Paramount. Unity in the Community Members Grady Jones and Tony Warfield were present to accept the proclamation and expressed sincere appreciation for the recognition of this important day in African American history.

5. PROCLAMATION  
LGBTQ Pride Month  
CF 39.12

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed, June as LGBTQ Pride Month. Paramount High School Principal Christiana Kraus; and Unity Club Advisor Ariana Bates and member Marcus Ramirez accepted the proclamation via video conference and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

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**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

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CF 10.4

There were none.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments via teleconference: Alejandro Yanez and Bryant Medina, Tree People. Additionally, the following individuals provided written public comments via e-mail: Abelardo Jacobo.

Brief discussion ensued concerning Mr. Jacobo's comments and staff provided an explanation in response to the concerns raised.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 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

6. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
May 4 and May 18 2021

Approved

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| 7.  | APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>City Council and<br>Planning Commission<br>Joint Meeting<br>May 18, 2021   | Approved |
| 8.  | APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2   | Approved |
| 9.  | ORDINANCE NO.1150<br>Approving Zoning<br>Ordinance Text<br>Amendment No. 20,<br>amending regulations<br>for home gardens,<br>including extending the<br>applicability of these<br>regulations to all<br>residential zones and<br>legal nonconforming<br>residential properties in<br>commercial and<br>manufacturing zones<br>CF 109 ZOTA 20 | Adopted  |
| 10. | ORDINANCE NO. 1151<br>Approving Zoning<br>Ordinance Text<br>Amendment No. 21,<br>establishing revised<br>regulations for accessory<br>dwelling units (ADUs)<br>and adding regulations<br>for junior accessory<br>dwelling units (JADUs) in<br>all residential zones<br>citywide<br>CF 109 ZOTA 21  | Adopted  |
| 11. | AWARD OF<br>CONTRACT<br>Purchase of Two (2)<br>Message Boards on<br>Trailers<br>CF 82  | Approved |

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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12. PUBLIC HEARING  
RESOLUTION NO.  
21:014  
Confirming a Diagram  
and Assessment and  
Providing for Annual  
Assessment Levy  
CF 25.3

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing.

City Manager Moreno reported that the hearing was noticed, affidavits of publication have been filed in the City Clerk's office, and no written protests were received for this item.

Mayor Olmos asked if there was anyone wishing to testify. There being no one in wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen 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 read by title only, and adopt Resolution No. 21:014, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LEVY". 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. REVIEW AND  
APPROVAL  
Six Month Review of the  
2021 Legislative  
Platform  
CF 58

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the proposed legislative platform.

Councilmember Guillen suggested in addition to supporting legislation that aims to bridge the digital divide in underserved communities, the city should also advocate for residents with regard to the placement of cell towers.

Councilmember Lemons suggested staff research the matter. Discussion ensued concerning the process for selecting priority issues.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the revised 2021 Legislative Platform. 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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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14. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1152  
(Introduction)  
Approving Zoning  
Ordinance Text  
Amendment No. 22,  
Establishing Regulations  
for Single-room  
Occupancy (SRO)  
Developments in the R-  
M (Multiple- Family  
Residential) Zone to  
Implement a Housing  
Element Program and  
Comply with Federal Fair  
Housing Law  
CF 109 ZOTA 22

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 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 Guillen to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1152, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 22, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010 (DEFINITIONS); ADDING SECTION 17.16.040(J); AMENDING SECTION 17.16.120(D)(4); AND AMENDING SECTION 17.44.460(G) TO ADD PARAGRAPH 23 AND RENUMBER REMAINING PARAGRAPHS TO THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT TO IMPLEMENT A HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM AND COMPLY WITH FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW," 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

15. APPROVAL  
Authorization to Expend  
Remaining Youth League  
Funding in Fiscal Year  
2021  
CF 62

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the expenditure of remaining youth league funding in Fiscal Year 2021 for capital outlay items to support youth league operations. 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

16. APPROVAL  
Revision of Community  
Organization Funding  
Policy for Service Clubs  
CF 62

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve

the proposed policy revision regarding the funding of Paramount service club community events. 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

17. APPROVAL  
Proposed Coffee with  
the Mayor Program  
CF 39

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the proposed Coffee with the Mayor program. 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

18. RESOLUTION NO.  
21:015  
Update on the City's  
Debt Management &  
Approving a Debt  
Management Policy  
CF 47.5

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY." 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

19. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Update to Employee  
Compensation Study  
CF 76.5

Doug Jensen, Ralph Anderson & Associates gave a presentation providing an update to the City's compensation study. Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the results of the compensation study and the City's approach to correct certain inequities.

The report was received and filed.

20. REPORT  
Introduction of the Fiscal  
Year 2022 Proposed  
Budget  
CF 28.1

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

Mayor Olmos suggested adding a line item under Memberships for miscellaneous organizations that provide educational opportunities for councilmembers. Councilmember Lemons commented that she would concur with including this funding in the budget provided that each membership is brought before the City Council for consideration. There was concurrence to make the recommended change.

Mayor Olmos also suggested including information in the budget regarding the City's funding percentages allocated for adult sports.

Discussion ensued concerning the proposed cost of living adjustment and the percentage of the employer paid member contribution (EPMC) classic employees will pay. Staff explained that it is proposed that classic employees pay an additional 2% of the EPMC and staff is conferring with the represented employees regarding the matter.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to schedule further review and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget for June 22, 2021. 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

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Guillen commented the City Council is still advocating for improved air quality in the City and urged residents to contact Supervisor Janice Hahn to support proposed legislation to phase out chromium 6.

In response to Councilmember Lemons staff briefly explained the proposed regulations being considered by the California Air Resources Board concerning chromium 6.

Councilmember Aguayo encouraged residents to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings encouraged residents to take advantage of the various vaccination opportunities available in the City. She thanked the Elks Lodge for the wonderful Memorial Day celebration.

In response to Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings' inquiry regarding grants available for small businesses, staff noted that current grant funding has been fully allocated but additional funds may become available through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mayor Olmos provided an update regarding California Contract Cities Association and noted that she will be serving as Chair of the Public Safety Committee for the coming year. She also reported on recent meetings she has had with other local elected officials including a meeting Long Beach Councilman Rex Richardson to advocate for continued air monitoring by AQMD.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno reported that staff will be reviewing the guidelines and preparing for potential reopening given the State's target reopening date of June 15.

He also welcome Andres Gonzalez back to the City as the City's newest full-time Recreation Specialist.

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At 9:21 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the City Council meeting to convene the meetings of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency; Housing Authority; and Public Financing Authority.

Mayor Olmos called the City Council meeting back to order at 9:25 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

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At 9:25 p.m. the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matters listed below.

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 16247 Vermont Avenue, City of Paramount, California

Agency negotiator: City Manager, John Moreno

Negotiating parties: Lary Carlton

Under negotiation: Price

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 16280 Paramount Blvd., Suite C

Agency negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating parties: NAIA Capital/LA Monarca

Under negotiation: Price

Mayor Olmos called the meeting back to order in open session at 10:08 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the items listed above and there was no action taken which requires publication.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m. to a meeting on June 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

*/s/ Brenda Olmos*

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Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Heidi Luce*

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Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 6, 2021