

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
AUGUST 3, 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 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Andrea Perez, Paramount Youth Commissioner, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Brian Warth, Chapel of Change delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Present: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo
Councilmember Laurie Guillen
Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Mayor Brenda Olmos

Absent: Councilmember Peggy Lemons

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Rick Baptista, Interim Building & Safety Manager
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Joanne Cha, Senior Accountant
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant

Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director
Ivan Reyes, Planner
Viridiana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst II
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

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 Mike McKown. Mr. McKown was present to accept the award.
2. PROCLAMATION
National Night Out 2021
CF 39.12
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation in recognition of the 38th anniversary of National Night Out, an anti-crime initiative that supports law enforcement and crime prevention efforts across the country. Lt. Omar Camacho was present to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATIONS
National Wellness Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed August as National Wellness Month. Diane Nichols, Associate Development Director and Lily Martinez, Director of Health Educational Outreach Director from Children's Clinic were present to accept the proclamation.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

- CF 10.4
City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abigail Torres at the July 20, 2021 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- CF 10.3
The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez. Additionally, City Clerk Luce read written public comments received via e-mail from the following individuals: Nicole Duckworth and Andrea Crow, Paramount Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 4, 5 and 6 as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 4. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
July 6 and July 20, 2021 | Approved. |
| 5. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved. |
| 6. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for the
Quarter Ending June 30,
2021
CF 47.3 | Received and filed. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 7. ORAL REPORT
Update from Los
Angeles County
Assessor Jeffrey Prang
CF 61.1 | Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on how COVID-19 has affected the structure of the Assessor's office, market rates, and property values; property tax cost savings programs; and the implementation and impact of Proposition 19. |
| 8. ORAL REPORT
Public Participation
Forum - Paramount
Park Pool Upgrades
CF 54, 74.6 | Community Services Director Johnson presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the upcoming Paramount Park Pool Renovation Project and the public was given an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed project. |
| 9. AWARD OF
CONTRACT | Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. |

Progress Plaza Art
Piece
CF 43.1143, 39.20

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to award the contract for professional services to J.K. Designs, Inc. in the amount of \$103,500 for an art piece at Progress Plaza 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;
Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings;
and Mayor Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Lemons
ABSTAIN: None

10. APPROVAL
Proposed Changes to
the Park Facility Rental
Policies and Procedures
CF 60.2

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

Discussion ensued concerning the proposed changes. The City Council was generally supportive of the changes and understands the need to put measures in place to curb elicit behavior, but concern was expressed that increasing the deposit prohibiting the use certain vendors would make it difficult for some families to use the facilities.. Further discussion ensued concerning other ways to accomplish the objective of the reducing inappropriate behavior.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to continue the item and direct staff to bring the item back with the necessary changes. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS	SUSTAINABILITY	NEW
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None.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen suggested implementing a process where residents can anonymously submit environmental complaints through an app based system similar to how trash issues are reported. She also commented that the City Council is reviewing the water rate study and researching the matter thoroughly. She challenged the other Councilmembers to contribute toward the employee picnic and acknowledged Mr. Yanez for his comments and encouraged him to stay strong.

Councilmember Aguayo reminded residents about the following upcoming events: Heritage Festival on Saturday, Friday Night Market on August 13; and the Backpack Giveaway on August 14.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings commented that she attend the recent Friday Night Concert and National Night Out event and looks forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

Mayo Olmos encouraged residents to reach out to the City Council or staff if they have any question regarding the proposed water rates.

In response to a question regarding citywide lighting, Assistant Public Works Director Ho reported that Southern California Edison is currently replacing almost 3,000 outdoor light bulbs citywide with new brighter, more energy efficient LED bulbs.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reported that the AQMD air monitors are back in place for interim monitoring and the City is currently out to bid for a consultant so that the City can take over the monitoring program.

He stated that the Paramount Library will be hosting a vaccine clinic on Wednesday, August 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He also reported that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the WSAB Light Rail Line was released on Friday and encouraged residents to review the report and provide comments to Metro. He also commented that staff along with an environmental consultant is reviewing the EIR and will be submitting comments as well.

Lastly, he introduced the City's new full-time Senior Account, Joanne Cha who previously worked with the City part-time.

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At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the City Council meeting to convene the meetings of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

Mayor Olmos called the City Council meeting back to order at 7:39 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

At 7:39 p.m. the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matters listed below.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6
City Representatives: Andrew Vialpando, Irma Rodriguez Moisa
Employee Organization: Teamsters

At 7:53 p.m. Mayor Olmos called the meeting back to order in open session.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council discussed the matter listed above in closed session and there was no decision made which requires publication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. to a meeting on September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 9/7/2021