

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
October 5, 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:** Ethylean Kendrick, Paramount Women's Club, led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Laura Warth, Chapel of Change 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  
Clyde Alexander, Interim Finance Director  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Community Services Director  
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director  
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, Assistant Community Serv. Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Viridiana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

## **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 Latinas Art Foundation. Lourdes Perez, founder of Latinas Arts Foundation and Danaly Leon were present to accept the award.
2. PROCLAMATION  
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mark Pilon, Executive Director of Susan G. Komen's Los Angeles County affiliate was present to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATION  
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dean Lockwood, Director of Development and Community Outreach with Su Casa was present to accept the proclamation.
4. PROCLAMATION  
National Physical Therapy Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Physical Therapy Month.
5. PROCLAMATION  
National Crime Prevention Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Crime Prevention Month Lieutenant Omar Camacho and officers from the Surveillance Apprehension Team (SAT) were present to accept the proclamation.
6. PROCLAMATION  
National Community Planning Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed September as National Community Planning Month. Planning Commission Chair Gordon Weisenburger was present to accept the proclamation.
7. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION  
Good Corporate Citizens/Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the following companies in recognition of achieving the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Good Corporate Citizens award: Ace Clearwater Enterprises; Braun Linen Services Inc., Carlton Forge Works; Marukan Vinegar (USA), Inc.; Paramount Dairy and the City of Paramount. Arthur Wong of Ace Clearwater Enterprises and Rui Adachi of Marukan Vinegar were present to accept the award.

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

CF 10.4                      City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abigail Torres at the September 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CF 10.3                      The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Abelardo Jacobo.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 8\*, 9, 10, and 11 as shown below. 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.      APPROVAL OF  
         MINUTES  
         September 7 and  
         September 21, 2021

Approved

*\*Councilmembers Aguayo and Guillen abstained  
from voting on the September 7, 2021 Minutes*

9.      APPROVAL  
         Register of Demands  
         CF 47.2

Approved

10.     ORDINANCE NO. 1154  
         (Adoption)  
         Zone Change No. 238. A  
         request by Alan H. Shen  
         to change the official  
         Zoning Map of the City of  
         Paramount from C-3  
         (General Commercial) to  
         R-1 (Single-Family  
         Residential) for  
         properties at 15160

Adopted

Pimenta Avenue, 8851  
Paseo Street, 8857  
Paseo Street, 15348  
Pimenta Avenue, and  
15352 Pimenta Avenue.  
CF 109 ZC 238

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| 11. | AWARD OF<br>CONTRACT<br>Purchase of a Valve<br>Maintenance Trailer<br>CF 82.3, 113 | Approved award of contract |
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**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 12.      | RESOLUTION NO.<br>21:029<br>Approving a request by<br>David Vazquez/ Rio<br>Luna, Inc. dba<br>Horchateria Rio Luna for<br>a City Council Permit for<br>live entertainment at<br>15950 Paramount<br>Boulevard<br>CF 75.4 | <p>Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:029, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND APPROVING A REQUEST BY DAVID VAZQUEZ/RIO LUNA, INC. DBA HORCHATERIA RIO LUNA FOR A CITY COUNCIL PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT 15950 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-top: 10px;"><tr><td style="padding-right: 20px;">AYES:</td><td>Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos</td></tr><tr><td>NOES:</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td>ABSENT:</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td>ABSTAIN:</td><td>None</td></tr></table> | AYES: | Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos | NOES: | None | ABSENT: | None | ABSTAIN: | None |
| AYES:    | Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos   |   |       |   |       |      |         |      |          |      |
| NOES:    | None  |   |       |   |       |      |         |      |          |      |
| ABSENT:  | None  |   |       |   |       |      |         |      |          |      |
| ABSTAIN: | None  |   |       |   |       |      |         |      |          |      |
| 13.      | AWARD OF<br>CONTRACT<br>Professional Services to<br>Prepare an<br>Environmental Impact<br>Report for the North<br>Paramount Gateway<br>Specific Plan  | <p>Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>In response to Councilmember Guillen, Planning Director Carver confirmed that this environmental impact report will take into consideration Metro's proposed WSAB rail project.</p>   |       |   |       |      |         |      |          |      |

CF 43.1147

In response to Mayor Olmos, Planning Director Carver stated that the cost for this project is a flat fee and the EIR will take approximately 12 months.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to award the contract for professional services to prepare an environmental impact report for the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan in the amount of \$158,620 to Environment Planning Development Solutions, Inc. dba EPD Solutions, Inc. and authorize the Mayor or 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

14. APPROVAL  
Appropriation of  
Additional Pass Through  
Funds for Environmental  
Consultant Services for  
the World Energy  
Conversion Project  
CF 43.1106

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

Discussion ensued concerning the process for preparation of the DRAFT EIR and adoption of the final EIR as well as a separate project, to be conducted by another consultant, that will assess specific rail related issues.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to authorize the appropriation of additional pass-through funds for professional services for MRS Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$92,095 to prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the World Energy conversion project contingent on the signing of an Amended Reimbursement Agreement between World Energy and the City. 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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| 15. ORAL REPORT<br>Update on Community<br>Gardens<br>CF 74.12                           | Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on community gardens in Paramount including possible community garden development options and current gardening policies for the Orange Cortland Garden.   |
| 16. RECEIVE AND FILE<br>Update on Paramount<br>Historical Society<br>CF 39              | Community Services Director Johnson gave the report providing an update on the Paramount Historical Society. The report was received and filed.  |
| 17. APPOINTMENT<br>Mayor's Appointment to<br>Paramount Historical<br>Society<br>CF 11.4 | <p>Mayor Olmos appointed Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to serve as the Mayor's Appointee to the Paramount Historical Society Board of Directors. The appointment was confirmed by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ABSTAIN: None</p> |

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS</b>	<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<b>NEW</b>
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| 18. ORAL REPORT<br>Update on<br>Implementation of<br>Senate Bill (SB) 1383 –<br>Organic Waste<br>CF 31.13, 43.23 | Public Works Manager Macias gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 1383 in the City of Paramount including what is required by the State and the timeline anticipated for the roll out of the program in order to achieve compliance. |
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**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Councilmembers**

Councilmember Aguayo reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and provided a summary of the sessions she attended. She also reminded residents to keep an eye out on Social Media for additional details on the City's upcoming holiday and special events.

Councilmember Guillen reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities' Fall Educational Summit, providing a summary of the sessions she attended and acknowledging the Sheriff's Department for their hard work and innovative ideas in addressing homelessness. She also encouraged residents to stay abreast of what is going on with Metro's WSAB light rail project. Lastly, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month she reminded residents about the importance of regular breast cancer screenings.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the Youth Activities League (YAL) ribbon cutting and the Friday Night Market which featured a Motown band. She recognized the Sheriff's Department and staff for their innovative work. Lastly, she mentioned that she saw history books on other local cities at Walgreens and suggested that staff look into the possibility of creating one for the City of Paramount.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and provided a summary of the sessions she attended. She also noted that she attended the YAL grand opening and thanked Sheriff Villanueva, Captain Sprengel for being in attendance and reminded residents about the City's upcoming holiday events. Lastly, she noted that she will be participating in a tri-cities team at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Norwalk on Saturday, October 23 and invited the community to attend as well.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and provided a summary of the sessions she attended including one on community engagement. She reminded residents about the upcoming Coffee with a Deputy and Coffee with the Mayor events.

She also noted that at the recent meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Government Services Paramount was recognized for its work with LAHSA and HOST to address homelessness. Lastly, she reported that she has heard from residents that they are seeing improved response times for calls for service related to street takeover events.

**Staff**

City Manager Moreno noted that Wednesday, October 6 is Clean Air Day and the City is encouraging staff to participate. He also provide an update on the status of the City's air monitoring program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. to a meeting on October 19, 2021 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: 11/2/2021