

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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 5:00 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
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
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
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

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abelardo Jacobo at the October 5, 2021 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: CaPree Williams, West Coast Rebels Football and John Selby.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Interior Improvements at
Progress Park Plaza
(City Project No. 9053)
CF CIP 9053

Approved

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO.
21:032
Approving the Form and
Authorizing the
Execution of a
Preliminary Official
Statement, a Bond
Purchase Agreement
and a Continuing
Disclosure Certificate in
Connection with the
Offering and Sale of
Pension Obligation
Bonds, and Authorizing
and Directing Certain
Actions with respect
thereto

Suzanne Harrell, Harrell & Company Advisors gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:032, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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| CF 55.7 | AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None |
| 3. APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase a Street
Sweeper
CF 82.3 | <p>Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Lemon and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize the purchase of a street sweeper from Haaker Equipment Company, La Verne, California, in the amount of \$403,515 and direct staff to make the necessary adjustments to the Midyear budget. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None</p> |
| 4. APPROVAL
Amendment No. 1 to the
Agreement with
PSOMAS to Perform
Engineering Design of
Parking Lot
Reconfiguration at
Paramount Park in
conjunction with the
Proposed West Santa
Ana Branch Bikeway
Trail - Phase II Project
CF 43.1109 | <p>Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>In response to Councilmember Guillen, Public Works Director Figueroa stated that the parking lot reconfiguration will result in the creation of a new parking area to account for the loss of any existing parking spaces.</p> <p>It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with PSOMAS to perform engineering design of the parking lot reconfiguration at Paramount Park in conjunction with the proposed West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Trail - Phase II project, direct staff to make the necessary adjustments to the mid-year budget, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the amendment. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> |

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

5. RESOLUTION NO.
21:033
Amending Resolution
No. 19:045 Pertaining to
the Frequency of the
City- Wide Parking
Committee Meetings
CF 73, 73.4

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report.

Discussion ensued concerning the locations of this year's meetings. In response to Councilmember Guillen, Public Safety Director Lopez stated that any recommended changes are brought before the City Council for approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:033, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 19:045 PERTAINING TO THE FREQUENCY OF THE COMMUNITY-WIDE PARKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS." 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. RECEIVE AND FILE
North Paramount
Gateway Specific Plan
CF 102.8

Planning Director Carver provided a brief overview of the item and introduced Orlando Gonzalez who gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed review of the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan.

Brief discussion ensued concerning potential parking issues, traffic impacts during construction, the scope of the environmental impact report, and density requirements. To provide clarification, Mr. Gonzalez explained that the purpose of the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan is to provide a long-term vision for the area. The report was received and filed.

7. RECEIVE AND FILE
Development Activity
Update
CF 78
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.
8. RECEIVE AND FILE
Report on Senate Bill 9
and Senate Bill 10
CF 58, 69
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.
- Councilmember Lemons commented that this legislation is despicable and had it been signed by the Governor before the recall election, she would have voted to recall the Governor.
- Mayor Olmos, Vice Mayor Cuellar Stalling and Councilmember Aguayo concurred with Councilmember Lemons' sentiments.
9. APPROVAL
Appointment of a Public
Safety Commissioner
CF 27.27, 27
- Mayor Olmos stated that she proposes to appoint Robert Cruz to fill the vacant position on the Public Safety Commission and asked for a motion to confirm the appointment.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Cruz to the Public Safety Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term. 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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW
BUSINESS**

NONE.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Educational Forum where the keynote speaker was Captain Richard Phillips who spoke on perseverance.

Councilmember Aguayo reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Educational Forum and provided a summary of the sessions she attended including one on ADA accessibility. She thanked all those involved in the Pitch In Paramount event. Lastly, she reminded residents to continue calling to report illegal street racing/takeover events and encouraged residents to continue to support the Sheriff's Department and the City's public safety team.

Councilmember Guillen reported that she attended the public forum event featuring Sheriff Alex Villanueva, the water rate forum and Coffee with the Mayor noting that all of the events were poorly attended. She encouraged residents to take advantage to those types of opportunities to ask questions, express their concerns, and have their voices heard. She suggested that the ivy on Downey Ave between Monroe and Somerset on the west sidewalk be trimmed to provide better walkability. Lastly she reported that she received a phone call advising her that a metal forging company has been illegally disposing of hazardous waste and suggested that there be better communication when these types of issues arise.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Educational Forum. She also reported that she attend the event with Sheriff Villanueva. She noted that she will be attending the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Norwalk on Saturday and invited residents to attend. She thanked City staff for all their hard work.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Risk Management Educational Forum and provided a summary of sessions she attended. She also noted that she attended the MESA Program Kick Off at Paramount High School. She expressed appreciation to all the organizations, volunteers and businesses who helped at the Pitch In Paramount. She also reported that she attended the Women's Club event held at Paramount Park and expressed their appreciations. Lastly, she suggested that the speed radar trailer be deployed to help deter speeding and reduce accidents.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reported that there is a grassroots effort led by elected officials in the South Bay cities to pursue a referendum to change the constitution to preserve local control in land use matters. He also reported that there will be another public forum regarding water rates on Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. at Progress Park and the same presentation will be given at the remaining Commission meetings in October. He then provided an overview of some of the capital improvement projects that are underway or nearing completion. Lastly, he provided an overview of the upcoming holiday events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to an adjourned closed session meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2021 followed by the regular City Council meeting on November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 11/2/2021