

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2021**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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: Juan Gonzalez, Commander Paramount American Legion 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

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
Sol Bejarano, Permit Technician
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Joanne Cha, Senior Accountant
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Viridiana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst
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 Tony Manos of Domino's Pizza. Mr. Manos was present to accept the award and expressed his appreciation.
2. PROCLAMATION
National Home Care and Hospice Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed November as National Home Care and Hospice Month. Cindy Skovgard and Vickie Kaefer of Pathways Volunteer Hospice were present to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATION
National Tobacco Awareness Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed November as National Tobacco Awareness Month. Alicia Tamayac Herrera of Adventist Health, Glendale Foundation was present to accept the proclamation.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

- CF 10.4
City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by John Selby at the October 19, 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 Lemons to approve Consent Calendar Items 4-7 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

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| 4. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
October 5 and October
19, 2021 | Approved |
| 5. | APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved |
| 6. | RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
September 30, 2021
CF 47.3 | Received and filed |
| 7. | APPROVAL
Amended Agreement by
and between the County
of Los Angeles and the
City of Paramount for
Community Prosecutor
Program, formerly known
as the Strategies Against
Gang Environments
(SAGE) Program
CF 43.748, 79 | Approved |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 8. | PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO.
21:034
Approving the Water
Rate Adjustments and
Schedule Effective
January 1, 2022
CF 113.4 | <p>Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.</p> <p>The following individual addressed the City Council in opposition to the proposed water adjustments and schedule but did not submit a written protest: Taelin Thibodeaux.</p> <p>City Manager Moreno reported that there were no written protests received.</p> |
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There being no further public testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo 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

Councilmember Lemons and Councilmember Guillen both commented that the proposed water rate adjustment is necessary in order for the City's water utility to maintain its ability to provide safe, reliable water to the community at rates still below most of the surrounding communities.

Mayor Olmos commented that the proposed water rate adjustment will also fund critical infrastructure improvements and reduce the water utility's reliance on expensive, imported water.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:034, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022." 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

9. Oral Report
Proposed Middle Income
Housing Project
CF 69

City Manager Moreno introduced Ben Barker of the California Municipal Finance Authority and Matthew Ellis of BLDG Partners who presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed overview of the proposed middle income housing project at The Enclave Apartments.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Ellis responded to various questions from the City Council about the process and proposed project.

10. APPROVAL
Use of Citizens' Option
for Public Safety (COPS)
Grant Funding for FY
2021-2022
CF 54.49

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to use State COPS grand funds to pay for expenditures related to additional patrols and services as outlined in the report. 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

11. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Paramount Pool
Replaster and Deck
Repairs (City Project No.
9051)
CF CIP 9051

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to award the contract for Paramount Pool Replaster and Deck Repairs (City Project No. 9051) to California Waters, Yorba Linda, California in the base bid amount of \$1,362,657, authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement, and direct staff to make the necessary adjustments to the Midyear Budget. 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

12. RECEIVE AND FILE
Accounting Support
Services for Paramount
Youth Sports Leagues
CF 62

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report. The report was received and filed.

13. APPROVAL
Proposed 2022 City
Special and Holiday
Events Schedule
CF 39

Management Analyst Bojorquez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the proposed dates for the City's 2022 Special and Holiday events, move the first City Council meeting in December to December 13, 2022 and cancel the December 20, 2022 Study Session. 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

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the Relay for Life event in Norwalk and the following City events: Halloween Hootenanny, Halloween Carnival, Dia de los Muertos. She thanked staff for their efforts in producing these very successful events.

Councilmember Aguayo commented that she received positive feedback regarding the Dia de los Muertos event and looks forward to it becoming an annual event. She also thanked West Coast Rebels for the invitation to their homecoming event.

Councilmember Guillen reported on her attendance at the West Coast Rebels Homecoming event, as well as the most recent water rate forum and the Housing and Development meeting.

Councilmember Lemons apologized to West Coast Rebels that she was unable to attend their Homecoming event. She also congratulated staff for a successful Halloween Carnival.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at Speaker Rendon's State of the State event in Lakewood and the Relay for Life event in Norwalk. She also reported on her meetings with Senator Lena Gonzalez, TAP President April O'Connor, and California State Treasurer Fiona Ma. She thanked West Coast Rebels for the invitation to participate in their Homecoming and expressed appreciation to Community Services staff for the successful Adaptive Recreation Halloween event and the Halloween Carnival. She also congratulated Latinas Arts Foundation for the successful Dia de los Muertos event.

Staff

City Manager Moreno gave a reminder about the upcoming Veteran's event and asked the City Council to help spread the word.

He also provided a brief update on the status of staff's research into the violation issue Councilmember Guillen brought up at a previous meeting concerning one of the City's metal businesses.

Lastly, he showed a video that will soon appear on the City's social media channels featuring Paramount High School students encouraging high school aged individuals to get the COVID-19 vaccine

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to a meeting on November 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 12/14/2021