

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 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 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  
Mayor Brenda Olmos

Absent: Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings

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

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

**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  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Joanne Cha, Senior Accountant  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Community Services 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

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abelardo Jacobo at the November 2, 2021 City Council meeting.

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Mayor Olmos stated that there is a subsequent need item to be considered for addition to tonight's agenda. City Manager Moreno provided a brief overview of the subsequent need item below.

*Approval of a one-time exception to the City's Personnel Policy for sick leave*

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to add the subsequent need item listed above to the agenda as the last item of new business. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

There were no public comments.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. RESOLUTION NO. 21:037  
Authorizing the execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority Special Finance Agency; approving the form and authorizing the execution of a Public Benefit Agreement; and approving the issuance of revenue bonds by said Agency for the purpose of financing the acquisition and improvement of the Enclave Apartments at 13801 Paramount Boulevard  
CF 43.1148

Assistant Planning Director King 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. 21:037, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIAL FINANCE AGENCY AND THE FORM OF A PUBLIC BENEFIT AGREEMENT; AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY SAID AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PROJECT LISTED HEREIN." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; and Mayor Olmos  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
ABSTAIN: None
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1155 (Introduction)  
Amending Paramount Municipal Code Section 2.16.020 Personnel System Definitions  
CF 11, 76

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1155, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA

AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF THE CITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM.," and place it on the December 14, 2021 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. APPROVAL  
Overnight Pilot Parking  
Program on Orizaba  
Avenue between  
Rosecrans Avenue and  
Howe Street  
CF 73.1

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the pilot overnight parking program on Orizaba Avenue between Rosecrans Avenue and Howe Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. RESOLUTION NO.  
21:035  
Approving Applications  
for Specified Grant  
Funds  
CF 54

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:035, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

5. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Report on Proposed  
Professional Design  
Services by Studio One  
Eleven for Progress  
Plaza Exterior Design  
(City Project No. 9264)  
CF 74.8

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.

6. APPROVAL  
Revised Program  
Partner Agreement for  
Youth Sports Leagues  
CF 62

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

In response to discussion concerning the equal play requirement, Community Services Director Johnson explained that the requirement only applies to the leagues' recreational seasons and not their competitive seasons.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the proposed revisions to Exhibit A of the Program Partner Agreement for youth sports leagues. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM:**

**APPROVAL**  
Approval of a one-time  
exception to the City's  
Personnel Policy for sick  
leave  
CF 76.5

Assistant City Manager Vialpando presented the staff report.

Councilmember Guillen expressed opposition because it creates an inequity for current employees. Brief discussion ensued concerning the matter and the possibility of negotiating a lesser amount of sick leave.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve a one-time exception to the City's Personnel Policy for sick leave to allow a top candidate for the Finance Director position to begin their employment with a sick leave balance of 160 hours.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW  
BUSINESS**

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7. **ORDINANCE NO. 1156**  
(Introduction)  
Mandatory Organic  
Waste Disposal  
Reduction – Amending  
Title 13 (Public Services)  
of the Paramount  
Municipal Code by  
Adding Chapter 13.09,  
Establishing Regulations  
for Mandatory Organic  
Waste Disposal  
Reduction Required  
under State Law Senate  
Bill  
1383  
CF 86.6

Public Works Manager Macias gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the process and timing for implementation of the residential component of the program.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1156, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING TITLE 13 (PUBLIC SERVICES) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 13.09, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW SENATE BILL 1383," and place it on the December 14, 2021 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 21:036  
Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant in Coordination with Treepeople for an Urban Forestry Management Plan  
CF 54, 74.1
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:036, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,  
Lemons; and Mayor Olmos  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
ABSTAIN: None

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#### **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Guillen commented on her attendance at the Veteran's event and gave a reminder about the upcoming Senior Thanksgiving event. She also reported on her attendance at the recent Eco Rapid Transit meeting where City Manager Moreno and Community Services Director Johnson were acknowledged for their help in implementing a student program to spread the word about transit. She also commented that a neighboring City has a program where families with special needs individuals are identified with a window sticker so public safety personnel are aware, and inquired as to the possibility of implementing something similar in Paramount.

Councilmember Aguayo reported on her attendance at the recent PUSD Ad Hoc committee meeting. She also commented on her attendance at the Veteran's event and thanked staff that was involved.

Mayor Olmos commented on her attendance at the recent Youth Commission meeting and the Health Care Hero mixer sponsored by the Paramount Chamber of Commerce. She also commented on her attendance at the Veteran's event and commended staff for an excellent event.

**Staff**

City Manager Moreno provided an updated on the status of the City's air monitoring program and reminded the City Council of the upcoming holiday events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m. to a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021.

*/s/ Brenda Olmos*

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Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Heidi Luce*

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Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 12/14/2021

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