

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022**

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: Melanie Cabrera and Andrea Perez from Paramount High School Corsairs led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Ken Korver from Emmanuel Church delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

<u>Present:</u>	Councilmember Isabel Aguayo Councilmember Peggy Lemons Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings Mayor Brenda Olmos
<u>Absent:</u>	Councilmember Laurie Guillen

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

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

STAFF PRESENT:

John Moreno, City Manager
Karen Feld, Assistant City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Clyde Alexander, Interim Finance Director
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Safety Director

Nikki 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
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Viridiana Reyes, Information Technology Analyst II
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

Mayor Olmos stated that there is a subsequent need item for City Council consideration and asked City Manager Moreno to provide a brief explanation of the item. City Manager Moreno explained that staff suggests, as a precautionary measure as a result of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases locally and nationally, adding an item to the agenda to consider adopting a resolution to authorize the use of remote teleconference meetings, if necessary.

Mayor Olmos asked for a motion to add the following item as the last item under new business:

Declaring a State of Emergency and Authorizing the Use of Remote Teleconferencing provisions pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to place the subsequent need item above on the agenda as the last item of new business. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award of
Excellence
CF 39.7 | Mayor Olmos presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the Teachers of Paramount Unified School District. Paramount residents and PUSD teachers Angel Carmona, Sonia Perez-Corona and Maria Encisco were present to accept the award on behalf of all PUSD teachers. |
| 2. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
West Coast Rebels
Football 2021 California
Youth Football
Association Super Bowl
Champions
CF 39.6 | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council recognized the West Coast Rebels 13U and Flag Football teams for winning the California Youth Football Association Super Bowl in their respective divisions. Kai Letcher, Josh Johnson and Gregory Taylor were present to accept the certificate of recognition. |
| 3. PRESENTATION
Gateway Cities Council
of Governments – Gold
Energy Award
CF 37.8, 39.7 | Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments presented the City with the Gold Level Energy Action Award which recognizes cities in the region that are leaders in energy efficiency and sustainability. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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| 4. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
December 7 and
December 14, 2021 | Approved |
| 5. | APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved |

NEW BUSINESS

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM ADDED

RESOLUTION NO.
22:002
Declaring a State of
Emergency and
Authorizing the Use of
Remote
Teleconferencing
Provisions pursuant to
Government Code
Section 54953

City Clerk Luce gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:002, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCING PROVISION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

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| 6. | APPROVAL
Volunteering is
Paramount (VIP) Student
Recognition Program
CF 60.11 | Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve the proposed Volunteering is Paramount (V.I.P.) student recognition program. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote: |
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AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Lemons;
Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and
Mayor Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

7. RESOLUTION NO.
22:001
Adopting the 2022
Legislative Platform
CF 58

Management Analyst II Martinez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:001, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. ORAL REPORT
2020 U.S. Census Data
Release Update
CF 32

Management Analyst II Martinez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a brief review of the 2020 Census decennial (redistricting) data, the 2019 Census American Community Survey (ACS) data, and the status of the 2020 Census ACS data release. He also provided an overview of the City's outreach efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

9. ORDINANCE NO. 1158
(Introduction)
Establishing Water
Conservation and Water
Supply Program and
Regulations
CF 113

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

In response to Mayor Olmos, Public Works Director Figueroa briefly explained some of the community outreach and education efforts the City will undertake as part of its water conservation efforts.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1158, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING TITLE 13 (PUBLIC SERVICES) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPLACING ARTICLE 5 (WATER CONSERVATION) IN ITS ENTIRETY, ESTABLISHING UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. She reported on her attendance at the Women's Club Toy Drive and thanked them and the youth volunteers for their efforts. She also reminded residents to remain vigilant during the current surge in COVID-19 cases and to get tested if you have symptoms.

Councilmember Aguayo wished everyone a happy new year and shared her prayer for blessings and health. She also reminded residents of the testing resources in the City and to remain vigilant during this surge. She thanked staff for all they do.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the recent Homelessness Subcommittee meeting. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the community for their acts of generosity and kindness over the last year. She also expressed appreciation to staff for extraordinary efforts over the past year.

Mayor Olmos echoed Councilmember Lemons sentiments about the community and staff and thanked the County for providing at home COVID-19 test kits to the community. Lastly, she announced the January 12 Coffee with the Mayor is being postponed as a precautionary measure.

Staff

City Manager Moreno thanked County Public Health and staff for the efforts in providing and distributing the at home COVID-19 test kits. He also provided an update on current staffing shortages due to COVID-19 related issues and commented that there could be some service delays as a result.

Lastly, he introduced the City's new Finance Director Kim Sao who was in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. in memory of Carmen Martinez. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 2/1/2022