

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022**

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 Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings at 5:03 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

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

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

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

STAFF PRESENT:

John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 1159 Set public hearing for February 1, 2022
(Setting a Public Hearing
for February 1, 2022)
Amending Chapters
10.04.010 and 10.04.020
of the Paramount
Municipal Code
regarding incorporation
of the County Traffic
Code
CF 98.1
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1160 Set public hearing for February 1, 2022
(Setting a Public Hearing
for February 1, 2022)
Amending Chapters
8.04.010 and 8.04.040 of
the Paramount Municipal
Code regarding
incorporation of the
County Health and
Safety Code
CF 61.23

OLD BUSINESS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL
Discussion Regarding Disbursement of CMFA Bond Issuance Fee to Paramount Non-Profit Organizations
CF 43.1148

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve or modify the proposed disbursement of CMFA bond issuance fees to Paramount non-profit organizations as follows: Pathways Volunteer Hospice (50%), Su Casa (25%), and Community Family Guidance Center (25%). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. ORAL REPORT
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department "Special Alert" Notification Program
CF 61.14

Acting Lieutenant Anadennise Briz with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Mental Evaluation Team presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a brief background on the Mental Evaluation Team (MET). She also provided an overview of the MET "Special Alert" notification program which allows caregivers or family members to voluntarily provide information about a person living in their home who is suspected of having or has been diagnosed with an intellectual, mental, or physical disability, which may assist deputies in deciding how to best approach the call for service and determine what resources to request.

5. ORAL REPORT
Lower Los Angeles River Restoration and Access Presentation by South Coast Trout Unlimited*
CF 90.2

Robert Blankenship and Karen Barnett with the South Coast Chapter of Trout Unlimited presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the conceptual plans to restore a ½ mile portion of the Los Angeles River adjacent to Ralph C. Dills Park that will be considered by Los Angeles County and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for potential funding.

* Taken out of order
before Item 4

They also provided information regarding their involvement with Odyssey STEM Academy on this project and a timeline and ideas for community engagement as this project concept moves forward.

Discussion ensued regarding resident concerns related to potential neighborhood parking impacts and homeless encampments.

6. PUBLIC HEARING
EXTENSION OF
INTERIM URGENCY
ORDINANCE NO. 1157
(Adoption)
Adopting an interim
urgency ordinance
approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 26,
extending for a period of
ten months and fifteen
days the interim urgency
ordinance adopted
December 14, 2021 by
the City Council, revising
Title 17 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code to implement
provisions of Senate Bill
9 regarding urban lot
splits and two-unit
residential developments
on properties in the R-1
(Single-Family
Residential) zone in the
City of Paramount
CF 109 ZOTA 26, 24

Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint Presentation.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, Assistant Planning Director King explained the purpose of this interim urgency ordinance.

Councilmember Lemons commented that she will vote in favor of adopting this ordinance because she recognizes the need for these measures, but she is in disagreement with the premise of Senate Bill 9.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, City Attorney Cavanaugh confirmed that the proposed ordinance puts protective measures in place while remaining in compliance with State law.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened the public hearing and called for public testimony. Hearing none, she called for a motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and second by Councilmember Aguayo to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1157, "AN ORDINANCE OF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 26, EXTENDING FOR A PERIOD OF TEN MONTHS AND FIFTEEN DAYS THE INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTED DECEMBER 14 2021, REVISING TITLE 17 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 9 REGARDING URBAN LOT SPLITS AND TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON PROPERTIES IN THE R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT.” The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Olmos

ABSTAIN: None

7. ELECTION
June 7, 2022 General
Municipal Election
CF 45.2

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

a) RESOLUTION NO.
22:005
Calling for the Holding of
a General Municipal
Election to be on
Tuesday,
June 7, 2022 for the
Election of Certain
Officers as Required by
the Provisions of the
Laws of the State of
California Relating to
General Law Cities
CF 45.2

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:005, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES” The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Olmos

ABSTAIN: None

- b) RESOLUTION NO. 22:006
Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidate Statements Submitted to Voters at an Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022
CF 45.2
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; and Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Olmos
ABSTAIN: None
- c) RESOLUTION NO. 22:007
Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Consolidate the City of Paramount's General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 with the California Statewide Direct Primary Election on June 7, 2022 pursuant to Section 10403 of the California Elections Code
CF 45.2
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION ON JUNE 7, 2022 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Lemons; and Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Olmos
ABSTAIN: None

- d) RESOLUTION NO.
22:008
Providing for the
Conduct of a Special
Runoff Election for
Elective Office in the
Event of a Tie Vote at
any Municipal Election

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:008, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE AT ANY MUNICIPAL ELECTION" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. RESOLUTION NO.
22:003
Declaring the City
Council of the City of
Paramount's Intention to
Approve an Amendment
to the Contract Between
the Board of
Administration of the
California Public
Employees' Retirement
System and the City of
Paramount to Terminate
the Police Member
Retirement Group Plan
CF 76.2

City Manager Moreno gave the report.

In response to Councilmember Guillen, Assistant City Manager Vialpando provided the approximate balance of funds in the account and confirmed this proposal is the only option for transferring the funds.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:003, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT TO TERMINATE THE POLICE MEMBER RETIREMENT GROUP PLAN" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. APPROVAL
Appointment of a Parks
and Recreation
Commissioner
CF 27.4

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings stated that Mayor Olmos proposes to appoint Steve Yanez to fill the vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Commission and asked for a motion to confirm the appointment.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Steve Yanez to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

10. RESOLUTION NO.
22:004
Authorizing the Submittal
of All Grant
Application(s) for
Funding from the
California Department Of
Resources Recycling
And Recovery
(CalRecycle) for which
the City of Paramount is
Eligible Relating to
Senate Bill 1383
CF86.6

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:004, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF ALL GRANT APPLICATION(S) FOR FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) FOR WHICH THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT IS ELIGIBLE RELATING TO SENATE BILL 1383" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo reminded residents of a couple of upcoming events including Clutter Free Paramount this Saturday and Dine Paramount Week the last week of January. She also encouraged residents to share the Special Alert program information with the community and to take advantage of local testing and vaccination sites.

Councilmember Lemons reported that she participated in a Zoom forum regarding the potential impacts of SB 9 hosted by unitedneighbors.net and encouraged residents to contact them if they are interested in getting more information about their efforts to protect single-family neighborhoods.

Councilmember Guillen commented that she and a neighbor both had someone knock on their door stating that they need access to their backyards to check the underground pipes for World Energy. She requested that staff contact World Energy to instruct these people to identify who they are and state the nature of their business. She also reported that each Los Angeles County household is eligible to receive four free COVID-19 test kits and they can register to receive them at covidtest.gov.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reminded that residents who participate in the Clutter Free event on Saturday will also be given FREE face mask. At her request, Community Services Director Johnson confirmed that Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has provided for COVID-19 testing services at Spane Park and reviewed the other testing locations throughout the City.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reminded residents about the Clutter Free Paramount event and mask giveaway this Saturday from 9:00 am -2:00 p.m. and Dine Paramount Week which goes from January 24-31.

Community Services Director Johnson reported that as a result of Governor Newsom's visit to the City last week, the State will be providing the City with free KN95 and surgical masks from State of California's PPE program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. to a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 2/1/2022

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