

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 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: Laylaa' Hawkins, President of the Paramount High School Black Student Union led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Grady Jones from New Commandment Missionary 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 Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Margarita Matson, Interim Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Viridiana Reyes, Information Technology Specialist
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION**
National Black History Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized February as National Black History Month. Laylaa' Hawkins, President of the Paramount High School Black Student Union; along with the Union advisor and fellow members were present to accept the proclamation.

2. 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 Dr. Eugene Allen. Dr. Allen was present to accept the award and thanked the City Council for the recognition.
3. RECOGNITION
Winter 2021 Holiday
Home Decorating
Contest Winners
CF 39.7

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the winners of the 2021 Holiday Home Decorating Contest: Best Use of Holiday Light, Rosa Garcia, 6813 San Juan Street; Most Original, Rolando Jimenez, 8406 Jefferson Street; and Best Holiday Scene, Julio Jimenez. Julio Jimenez was present to accept the recognition and the Rolando Jimenez family submitted a written comment expressing appreciation for the recognition.
4. RECOGNITION
Winter 2021 Special
Event Volunteers
CF 39.6

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals and groups for volunteering at the Winter 2021 Special Events: Anthony Yanez, Matthew Cobian and Christian Fuentes from the City's Adaptive Recreation Program; MUSA; Paramount Youth Commission; Public Works Commissioner Alvin Parks; Alexander Lopez from Enterprise Fleet Services; and the following Paramount High School groups and clubs Cheer, Song, Corsairs Club, ASB, AVID Club, Culinary Baking and Pastry Club; Baseball Team, Book Club, Chess Club, Health Career Academy Club, Interact Club, Leo Club, Mesa Club, Unity Club, Volleyball Team, and JROTC.

Paramount High School ASB President Anahi Garcia was present to accept the certificates of recognition on behalf of all of the groups from Paramount High. The following individuals were also present to accept the certificates: Anthony Yanez, Matthew Cobian, and Christian Fuentes from the Adaptive Recreation program; MUSA; Public Works Commissioner Alvin Parks; and Alexander Lopez from Enterprise Fleet Services.
5. PROCLAMATION
National Children's
Dental Health Month:
Children's Dental Clinic
CF 39.12

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed February as National Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. John Blake of the Children's Dental Health Clinic was present to accept the proclamation.

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| 6. | PROCLAMATION
National Human
Trafficking Prevention
Month
CF 39.12 | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed February as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Deputy District Attorney Kelly Tatman was present to accept the proclamation. |
| 7. | RECOGNITION
City of Paramount
Retiree - Adriana Lopez
CF 39.7 | Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized City of Paramount retiree Adriana Lopez. Lt. Omar Camacho presented Ms. Lopez with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

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| CF 10.4 | City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Alejandro Yanez at the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting. Mayor Olmos commented that City Council is also available via e-mail, text, and in person to address any concern residents may have. |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| CF 10.3 | The following individuals provided written public comments which were read during the public comment portion of agenda: Alejandro Yanez and Andrea Crow, Paramount Library. |
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Consent Calendar Items 8, 9, 10, and 11 as shown below. The motion 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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| 8. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
January 4 and January
18, 2022 | Approved. |
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**Mayor Olmos abstained from voting on the January 18, 2022 minutes.*

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| 9. | APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved. |
| 10. | RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
December 31, 2021
CF 47.3 | Received and filed. |
| 11. | ORDINANCE NO. 1158
(Adoption)
Establishing Water
Conservation and Water
Supply Program and
Regulations
CF 113 | Adopted. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 12. | ORAL REPORT
Unity in the Community
Youth Forum
Presentation
CF 62.38 | <p>Pastor Grady Jones presented a PowerPoint Presentation providing the background, mission and vision of the organization as well as an overview of the Unity in the Community's efforts since 2016. The presentation also provided the results of the recent Youth Forum at Paramount High School and future opportunities to connect with the City's teenage residents.</p> <p>The City Council expressed sincere appreciation to Unity in the Community members for their efforts to bring the community together.</p> |
| 13. | ORAL REPORT
Paramount Youth
Commission
Presentation
CF 62.35 | Andrea Perez, Youth Commission Chair addressed the City Council to share information on the Youth Commission's activities and topics the Commission is discussing including the City's water system and proposed new Metro line. |
| 14. | PUBLIC SAFETY
2021 Annual Reports | |
| | a) ORAL REPORT
Uniform Crime
Report (UCR)
CF 79 | Acting Captain Juan Briseño presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed review of the City's 2021 crime statistics and response times. |

- b) ORAL REPORT
Resident Satisfaction
Survey
CF 79
- Interim Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the results of the Resident Satisfaction Survey conducted in 2021
15. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1159
(Introduction)
Amending Chapters
10.04.010 And
10.04.020 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code Regarding
Incorporation of the
County Traffic Code
CF 98.1
- Interim Public Safety Director Matson gave the report.
- Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.
- There being no public testimony, it was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons 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
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1159, " AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING CHAPTERS 10.04.010 AND 10.04.020 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY TRAFFIC CODE," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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
16. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1160
(Introduction)
Amending Chapters
8.04.010 and 8.04.040 of
the Paramount Municipal
- Interim Public Safety Director Matson gave the report.
- Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Code Regarding
Incorporation of the
County Health and
Safety Code
CF 61.23

There being no public testimony, It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings 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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1160, " AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING CHAPTERS 8.04.010 AND 8.04.040 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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

17. ORDINANCE NO. 1161
(Introduction)
Amending 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

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1161, " AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA AMENDING 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," and place it on the February 18, 2022 agenda for adoption.

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

18. ORAL REPORT
Planning Department
Year-end Summary
CF 78

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Planning Department's development and other activities in 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

19. APPROVAL
Agreement with
Craftwater for Design for
the Safe, Clean Water
(SCW) Program – Spane
Park Stormwater
Capture Project (City
Project No. 9295)
CF CIP 9295

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

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the agreement with Craftwater in the amount of \$786,153 for design of City Project No. 9295 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. 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

20. RESOLUTION NO. 22:010
Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.
- Authorizing the Submittal of a Cooperative Grant Application for Funding from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Edible Food Recovery Grant Program Relating to Senate Bill 1383 CF 86.6
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:010, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A COOPERATIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) FOR THE EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM RELATING TO SENATE BILL 1383."
- 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen reported that she has received comments from concerned residents in the area near Village Park and asked for an update on the monitoring and effectiveness of security cameras. She also asked for an update on the citation statistics related to the signage placed on Downey Avenue to address the traffic issues related to Tam's. City Manager Moreno stated that staff will gather the citation statistics and provide an update to the City Council. Assistant Public Safety Director Matson provided an overview of how the cameras at Village Park are used. Discussion ensued concerning the process for reporting suspicious activity.

Councilmember Guillen also reported that she has received complaints of illegal parking and vehicles blocking the view of the roadway at a body shop operating near Adams and Jefferson and requested extra patrol in the area.

Councilmember Aguayo thanked the businesses and residents that participated in Dine Paramount events last week. She also commented that she has received messages from residents expressing appreciation for mask distribution, and reminded residents to take advantage of Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites in town. She also reminded residents about this Friday's Friday Night Paramount event. Lastly she commented that she received a message from a resident expressing appreciation for the Sheriff's Department's efforts to address street racing and intersection takeovers, and reminded residents to continue to call to report these illegal activities.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her recent attendance at the mask giveaway and Clutter Free Paramount events. She expressed appreciation to staff for continuing to move the City forward. Lastly she encouraged residents to take advantage of the Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites in the City.

Councilmember Lemons commented that she received a call regarding trash and debris along Interstate 105 and reminded residents that when they call councilmembers to address issues, they are addressed as expeditiously as possible; and residents do not need to wait to bring their issues up at a City Council meeting.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at the US Conference of Mayors and the topics discussed including: transportation and infrastructure; housing and homelessness; and issues related to PFAS. She also commented that she attended the Metro WSAB Rally where City Manager Moreno gave a presentation and the Metro Board approved the Locally Preferred Alternative for the extension of the line.

She encouraged residents to reach out to the City Council if they see posts on social media related to City matters and have questions regarding the validity of the claims.

Lastly, she wished the City of Paramount a Happy 65th Birthday!

Staff

City Manager Moreno commented that the City's "Year in Review" has been placed on the dais and will be in the mail this week. He also provided a brief update on the City's new 1660 adult recreation program and commented that more information about the program will be coming soon.

Assistant City Manager Vialpando reviewed the effectiveness and statistics related to the City's social media campaign for the Dine Paramount program

Councilmember Guillen commented that the City Council needs to respond to the concerns of the caller who keeps calling regarding handball. Mayor Olmos and Councilmember Lemons both commented that they have individually met with the caller to respond to his concerns and that information has been presented at City Council meetings related to the City's adult recreation programs.

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At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Olmos recessed the City Council meeting to conduct the meeting of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

At 7:54 p.m., Mayor Olmos called the City Council meeting back to order.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:54 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting to closed session to discuss the matter listed below.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

EVALUATION: City Manager

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Mayor Olmos called the meeting back to order in open session at 9:19 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council conducted a duly authorized closed session to consider the matter listed above and that on a vote of 5-0, the City Council proclaimed a vote of

confidence for the City Manager, and that the City Council will consider a salary increase for the City Manager at a future City Council meeting contingent upon the following: 1) the midyear budget which will be out at the next Council meeting; and 2) there will be a proposed COLA increase of the employees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. to a meeting on February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 1, 2022