

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2022**

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

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**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:** Ximena Velasquez, Paramount High School Corsairs led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Laura Warth from Chapel of Change delivered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** Present: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo  
Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings  
Mayor Brenda Olmos

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to excuse Councilmember Guillen's absence. 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

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Moreno, City Manager  
John Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Yesenia Guillen, Asst. Community Services Director  
Margarita Matson, Interim Public Safety Director  
Kim Sao, Finance Director  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director

John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Nikki Lopez, HR Manager,  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1.     **PRESNTATION**  
Mayor's Award of  
Excellence  
CF 39.7  

Mayor Olmos presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the Paramount Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Station 31. Personnel from both Departments were present to accept the award and thanked the City Council for the recognition.
2.     **PROCLAMATION**  
Developmental  
Disabilities Awareness  
Month  
CF 39.7  

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized February as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Lourdes Perez who has worked extensively with the City's disabled community was present to accept the proclamation.
3.     **PROCLAMATION**  
National Women's  
History Month  
CF 39.12  

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized February as National Women's History Month. Elysse Trasoras, President of the Los Cerritos District Women's Club and members of the Paramount Women's Club were present to accept the proclamation.
4.     **PROCLAMATION**  
American Red Cross  
Awareness Month  
CF 39.12  

Mayor Olmos, on behalf of the City Council, recognized February as American Red Cross Awareness Month. Nedan Rambo, Disaster Program Manager with the Greater Long Beach, Rio Hondo, South Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross and Red Cross volunteer Linda Timmons were present to accept the proclamation.
5.     **VIDEO**  
US Women's Ice Hockey  
Olympic Gold Medal  
Game Watch Party  
Hosted by LA Kings  
CF 39.7  

A video of the news coverage of the US Women's Ice Hockey Gold Medal Game watch party hosted by the LA Kings and held at Paramount Iceland was shown.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

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CF 10.4                      City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Claudia Castaneda and Dolores Hurtado at the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3                      City Clerk Luce read a written public comment submitted via e-mail by the following individual: Alejandro Yanez.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 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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| 6. | APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>February 1 and February<br>15, 2022   | Approved. |
| 7. | APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2  | Approved. |
| 8. | ORDINANCE NO. 1159<br>(Adoption)<br>Amending Chapters<br>10.04.010 and 10.04.020<br>of the Paramount<br>Municipal Code<br>Regarding Incorporation<br>of the County Traffic<br>Code<br>CF 98.1 | Adopted.  |

9. ORDINANCE NO. 1160 Adopted.  
(Adoption)  
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

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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10. ORAL REPORT  
Paramount Youth  
Commission  
CF 62.35
- Alyssa Bravo, Youth Commission Vice Chair addressed the City Council to share information on the Youth Commission's activities she has attended as well as information she has learned about the City's various departments.

11. APPROVAL  
1660 Adult Recreation  
Program  
CF60.2
- Assistant Community Services Director Yesenia Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the 1660 Adult Recreation Program. 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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 22:016  
Supporting The "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative to Amend Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California to Make Zoning and Land Use Community Affairs, and Not of State Interest  
CF58, 108
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:016, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SUPPORTING THE "OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES" INITIATIVE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO MAKE ZONING AND LAND USE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND NOT OF STATE INTEREST." 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
13. RESOLUTION NO. 22:015  
Opposing State Ballot Measure Initiative No. 21-0042A1 Restricting Voters' Input and Local Taxing Authority  
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- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT OPPOSING STATE BALLOT MEASURE INITIATIVE NO. 21-0042A1 RESTRICTING VOTERS' INPUT AND LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY" 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
14. CONSIDERATION  
Options for City Council Reorganization under the New Election Cycle  
CF 11
- City Clerk Luce gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Following brief discussion, and with City Council concurrence, staff was directed to bring back a Resolution to implement Option 4 where the City Council will hold its reorganization in April of each year; and in the years where the election is in June a second reorganization will be held in July, in compliance with Government Code Section 36801, to affirm the Mayor and Vice Mayor selected in April.

15. PUBLIC HEARING  
RESOLUTION NO.  
22:014  
General Plan  
Amendment No. 21-2.  
Amending the General  
Plan to add the 2021-  
2029 (6th Cycle)  
Housing Element,  
superseding and  
replacing the existing  
Housing Element;  
update the Health and  
Safety Element; and add  
the Environmental  
Justice Element  
CF 102.1

Consultant Laura Stetson, MIG Consultants gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify.

There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, 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, Lemons: Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Guillen
ABSTAIN:	None

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only, and adopt Resolution No. 22:014, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21-2, TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN TO ADD THE 2021-2029 (6TH CYCLE) HOUSING ELEMENT, SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING THE EXISTING HOUSING ELEMENT; UPDATE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT; AND ADD THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT." 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  
BSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

16. RESOLUTION NO.  
22:011  
Amending the City's  
Personnel Manual to  
Incorporate a Cellphone  
Stipend for City Use  
Policy and Bilingual Skill  
Pay Policy  
CF 76.5

Assistant City Manager Vialpando 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. 22:011, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING THE CITY'S PERSONNEL MANUAL TO INCORPORATE A CELLPHONE STIPEND FOR CITY USE POLICY AND BILINGUAL SKILL PAY POLICY." 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

17. RESOLUTION NO.  
22:017  
Approving the  
Application for Land and  
Water Conservation  
Fund Dills Park  
Renovation Project  
CF 54, 74.4

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:017, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ASSISTANCE FOR THE DILLS PARK RENOVATION PROJECT." 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

18. APPROVAL

Award of Contract to  
Vidiflo for Audio- Visual  
System Renovation at  
the Clearwater  
Auditorium and the City  
Hall Downstairs  
Conference Room  
CF 43.1150

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for the renovation of the Clearwater Auditorium and the City Hall Downstairs Conference Room Audio-Video systems in the amount of \$242,250 to Vidiflo and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. 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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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW  
BUSINESS**

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None.

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**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Councilmembers**

Councilmember Aguayo reminded the community of the upcoming community job fair scheduled for March 12 and encouraged residents to participate in the community activities.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the various community events including the Women's Club lunch, PHIT, and Zumbathon. She also invited the community to the Friday Night Market. She shared a comment a fellow resident expressed regarding her concern about sending her child to a school in Paramount because of environmental concerns. She commented that she shared information about the City's environmental website with the resident. She commented that she was very disheartened by the comment because her grandchildren attended the school and she would not jeopardize their health. She further commented that she believes the City protects all residents including the children and asked City Manager Moreno to provide and update on the air quality monitoring.



City Manager Moreno reported that the City's consultant is monitoring the air quality for hex chrome using the monitors that the City purchased and according to the AQMD, the readings at Lincoln Elementary and surrounding areas are below the thresholds for concern. He encouraged residents to report any concerns. Discussion ensued concerning the air monitoring procedures and thresholds.

During the discussion, Councilmember Lemons suggested that the City's environmental website provide more detailed explanation about the monitoring procedures and thresholds.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at the various community events including the PHIT, the Zumbathon, and the Crop Swap. She also reminded residents about Friday Night Paramount and encouraged residents to stop by the Paramount Historical Society booth.

She commented that she and her fellow City Council colleagues will be in Sacramento this week to speak with legislators on behalf of the residents regarding various public safety concerns.

**Staff**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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NONE.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. to a meeting on March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

*/s/ Brenda Olmos*

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Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Heidi Luce*

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Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 04/05/2022