

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
MARCH 15, 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 Mayor Olmos at 5:05 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
Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings
Mayor Olmos

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Interim Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
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
Ivan Reyes, Associate planner
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Alejandro Yanez at the March 1, 2022 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Pastor Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist on behalf of the Pastors of Paramount and Lauren Yokomizo, Field Deputy for Supervisor Janice Hanh.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 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: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Guillen

1. RESOLUTION NO. Adopted.
22:019
Authorizing the Submittal
of the Declaration of
Applicant's Agent to the
California Governor's
Office of Emergency
Services (Cal OES Form
130).
CF 64.3
2. RESOLUTION NO. Adopted.
22:020
Setting the Schedule for
the Annual City Council
Reorganization
CF 11

NEW BUSINESS

3. APPROVAL
American Rescue Plan
Act (ARPA) Project
Expenditure Plan
CF 47.28

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

Brief discussion ensued concerning the proposed expenditure plan. In response to Mayor Olmos' inquiry regarding the 5% allocation for homelessness, Assistant City Manager Vialpando explained that homelessness is proposed at 5% because there are other funding sources available to address homelessness, including Los Angeles County Measure H funding and anticipated federal funding.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Expenditure Plan. 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

4. CONSIDERATION
Refuse Services
Agreement and Fees &
Charges – CalMet
Services, Inc.
CF 43.23

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation for both items A and B below.

Discussion ensued concerning the extension of the agreement with CalMet, the timing of the upcoming transfer to Athens, the proposed rates and the organic waste program.

In response to Councilmember Guillen regarding how long the City's proposed rate subsidy for organic waste handling would continue, Public Works Director commented that it would be considered again during rate negotiations in subsequent years.

In response to Councilmember Lemons, Bill Kalpakoff, CalMet, explained the process for tracking and auditing the organic waste program.

- A) APPROVAL
Amendment No. 1 to
the Amended and
Restated Agreement
with CalMet Services,
Inc. Extending Term
and Modifying
Certain Sections
CF 43.23
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Agreement with CalMet Services, Inc. and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the Amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney. 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
- B) RESOLUTION NO.
22:018
Approving the
Modification of Fees
and Charges for Pick-
up and Hauling of
Refuse within the City
of Paramount
CF 43.23
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:018, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR PICK-UP AND HAULING OF REFUSE WITHIN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Lemons; Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Guillen
5. CITY PROJECT NO.
9237
West Santa Ana Branch
Bikeway Phase 3
CF CIP 9237
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation for both items A and B below.

- A) APPROVAL Agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for a Grant to Design and Construct the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Phase III Project (CIP No. 9237)
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve an agreement with San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for design and construction of the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Phase III (City Project No. 9237), and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. 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
- B) APPROVAL Proposal from Willdan Engineering to Provide Professional Engineering Design Services for the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Phase III Project (CIP No. 9237)
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to authorize the services of Willdan Engineering in the amount of \$240,000 to design the West Santa Ana Branch Bikeway Phase III (City Project No. 9237), and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. 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
6. AWARD OF CONTRACT Paramount Park Community Center Improvements (City Project No. 9255) and Paramount Park Gym/Pool Building Repainting (City Project No. 9256) CF CIP 9255, 9256
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for the Paramount Park Community Center Improvements (CIP 9255) and Paramount Park Gym/Pool Building Repainting (CIP 9256) to MB Painting and Remodeling, Inc., Buena Park, California, in the amount of \$109,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee 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

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Neighborhood Street Improvements on Various City Streets (City Project No. 9231)
CF CIP 9231
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to award the contract for Neighborhood Street Improvements on various City streets to All American Asphalt, Corona, California, in the amount of \$1,036,669, and authorize the Mayor or her designee 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
8. RECEIVE AND FILE
General Plan Annual Progress Report –
Calendar Year 2021
CF 102
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- The report was received and filed.
9. APPROVAL
Appointment of a
Planning Commissioner
CF 27.7
- Mayor Olmos stated that she proposes to appoint Alicia Anderson to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission and asked for a motion to confirm the appointment.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Alicia Anderson to the Planning Commission. 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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

NONE

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Aguayo reported that she attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative Tour in Sacramento and had an opportunity to meet with Senator Lena Gonzalez and Assemblymember Anthony Rendon. She reminded residents of the various upcoming activities including tonight's PEP fundraiser at Smoke & Fire.

Councilmember Lemons reported the she attended Assemblymember Rendon's Women's Conference, commenting that the presentations were very informative, and noting that Mayor Olmos was one of the panelists. She commented that she also attended the City's recent tree planting event and art piece unveiling. Mayor Olmos noted that Councilmember Lemons was recently honored by MUSA.

Councilmember Guillen commented that tonight's presentation regarding the ARPA expenditure plan was good. She commented that she hopes that some of the ARPA funds can be allocated to purchase additional monitors for multi-metal emissions to keep the community as safe as possible and ensure the City is keeping companies compliant. Lastly, she commented that honoring women is not about making women strong; rather it is about changing the way the world perceives a woman's strength.

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Legislative Tour. She noted that she also attended today's Art Piece unveiling, the recent Women's Conference, Chamber job fair and the tree-planting event. She reminded residents about PHIT, the walking club and tonight's PEP fundraiser at Smoke & Fire.

Mayor Olmos reported that she also attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative Tour and was honored to speak at the State Capital steps about the challenges cities face with illegal street racing and to request support for legislation and law enforcement to combat these issues. She also noted that she attended an event hosted by the Kings of Kings Equestrian Center in Paramount. She reminded residents that this Thursday is the State of the City event. Lastly, she asked staff to research and find information to share with residents on Los Angeles County's guaranteed income program called Breathe.

Staff

City Manager Moreno recognized Paramount Sheriff's station deputies for their swift efforts in preventing a street racing incident from occurring in town.

With regard to the request during public comment from the Paramount Pastors to show support for Ukraine, he stated that staff will be meeting with the group to get more information on the request and report back to City Council.

In response to the comment at the last meeting regarding air quality around Lincoln Elementary, he provided an update on the results of the air quality testing in the area and the levels are well below the threshold. Mayor Olmos asked for a comprehensive report on the City's air monitoring program.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. to a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on April 5, 2022.

/s/ Brenda Olmos

Brenda Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: 04/05/2022