

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 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 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Veronica Martinez, Vice President Paramount High School Interact Club led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Larry Jameson, Lifegate Church 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 to excuse Councilmember Guillen's absence. There being no second, the motion failed.

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 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
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Community Services Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nikki Lopez, HR Manager,
Heidi Luce, City Clerk

Anthony Martinez, Senior Management Analyst
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESNTATION**
 Recognition of Outgoing
 Mayor Brenda Olmos
 CF 39.7, 11.5
- Outgoing Mayor Olmos was honored for her leadership.
- Mayor Olmos expressed appreciation to her family, colleagues, mentors, and coworkers; as well as the sheriff and fire departments, faith-based community and staff for their support during the past year. She also acknowledged the dignitaries that were present

MINUTES

2. **APPROVAL OF**
 MINUTES
 March 1 and March 15,
 2022
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings to approve the minutes of March 1 and March 15, 2022. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

REORGANIZATION

3. **REORGANIZATION**
 Selection of Mayor and
 Vice Mayor
 CF 11.3
- City Clerk Luce opened nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Aguayo nominated Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings for the office of Mayor. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Vilma Cuellar Stallings was unanimously declared **Mayor** by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Cuellar Stallings thanked the Lord for guiding her and her colleagues for giving her this opportunity to serve her community. She also thanked her family, her pastors, and her mentors for their continued support and guidance. Lastly, she thanked her coworkers and the residents of the City of Paramount.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened nominations for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Olmos nominated Councilmember Aguayo for the office of Vice Mayor. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Isabel Aguayo was unanimously declared **Vice Mayor** by the following roll call vote:

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

At 6:56 p.m., Mayor Cuellar Stallings recessed the meeting to brief reception. The meeting was called back to order at 7:20 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

There were none.

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City Manager Moreno requested that the City Council consider adding the following subsequent need item to tonight's agenda as the last item of new business.

Resolution No. 22:028 – Amending the Administrative Fine Schedule to Establish Administrative Fines for Violations by Spectators at Illegal Motor Vehicle Speed Contests or Exhibitions of Speed under Chapter 10.52 of the Paramount Municipal Code”

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Al Jacobo, Alvin Parks, Nita Juhasz, and Emily Blessing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 4, 5 and 6 as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 74.2

Approved.

5. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Installation of Water
Services at 16629 Illinois
Avenue (City Project No.
9210) CF CIP 9210

Awarded the contract for the Installation of Water Services at 16629 Illinois Avenue (CIP 9210) to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rental, Inc., Pico Rivera, California, in the amount of \$39,630, and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.

6. RESOLUTION NO.
22:023
Authorizing the Submittal
of Authorization to
Execute Agreements to
Los Angeles Homeless
Services Authority
CF 69.14

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

7. ORAL REPORT
Paramount Youth
Commission
CF 62.35
Youth Commissioners Itzel Garcia, Dulce Nolasco, and Damian Ruiz, addressed the City Council to share what they have learned as members of the Youth Commission.
8. APPROVAL
Proposed New Funding
Maximum and Funding
Criteria Values for
Community
Organizations
CF 16, 62
Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the proposed funding maximum and funding criteria values for community organizations. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
NOES: None
ABSENT: Guillen
ABSTAIN: None
9. APPROVAL
Paramount Arts in the
Community Program
CF 30.20, 60.11
Community Services Director Johnson and Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Following brief discussion concerning various aspects of the program, the report was received and filed.

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. PUBLIC HEARING
AltAir Paramount, LLC –
Refinery Conversion to
Renewable Fuels
City Attorney Cavanaugh stated that it is recommended that this item be continued to April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to continue both items A and B below to April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- A) RESOLUTION NO. Continued to April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
22:021
Approving
amendment to
Conditional Use
Permit No. 757, a
request by AltAir
Paramount, LLC to
complete the
conversion of a
refinery to
manufacture only
renewable fuels at
14700 Downey
Avenue in the M-2
zone, including
certification of the
Final Subsequent
Environmental Impact
Report, adoption of a
Mitigation Monitoring
and Reporting
Program, and
adoption of statement
of overriding
considerations
CF 101 CUP 757
- B) RESOLUTION NO. Continued to April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
22:022
Approving Zone
Variance No. 409, a
request by AltAir
Paramount, LLC for a
variance to exceed
the 55-foot height
limit for the
installation of various
pieces of equipment,
including process
vessels, a hydrogen
generation unit, and a
pretreat unit at 14700
Downey Avenue in
the M-2 zone
CF 104 VAR 409

11. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1162
Approving Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 23,
revising regulations for
condominium
conversions in the R-M
(Multiple-Family
Residential) zone
CF 109 ZOTA 23

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the number of inquiries the City has received regarding condominium conversion projects.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings 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 Olmos to close the public hearing.

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1162, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 23, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.010 (DEFINITIONS); SECTION 17.16.110(E); AND SECTION 17.44.160 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE REGULATIONS FOR CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS IN THE R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: Guillen
ABSTAIN: None

12. APPROVAL
Home Improvement
Program Construction
Services
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation on items A, B, C, and D below.
- A) AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program
Construction
Services at 13444
Jetmore Avenue
CF 54.9
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for construction services to Cal-Home Remodeling, Inc. in the total amount of \$29,765.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 13444 Jetmore Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Guillen
- ABSTAIN: None
- B) AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program
Construction
Services at 8411
Wilbarn Street
CF 54.9
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to award the contract for construction services to Cal-Home Remodeling, Inc. in the total amount of \$27,760.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 8411 Wilbarn Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Guillen
- ABSTAIN: None
- C) AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program
Construction
Services at 15340
Verdura Avenue
CF 54.9
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to award the contract for construction services to VV&G in the total amount of \$37,570.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 15340 Verdura Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

D) AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program
Construction
Services at 16317
Hunsaker Avenue.
CF 54.9

It was moved by Vice Mayor Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to award the contract for construction services to VV&G Construction in the total amount of \$34,165.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 16317 Hunsaker Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Paramount Park Picnic
Shelter Renovation (City
Project No. 9257)
CF CIP 9257

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to award the contract for the Paramount Park Picnic Shelter Renovation (CIP 9257) to Junior's Construction, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$92,941.94, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

14. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Snack Shack Renovation
(City Project No. 9262)
CF CIP 9262

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award the contract for the snack shack renovation (CIP 9262) to Silverlake Construction, Bell, California, in the amount of \$34,298, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

15. APPROVAL
Authorization for
Purchase and
Installation of Security
Equipment for City Yard
and City Hall
CF 43.781, 82.8

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize the purchase and installation of security equipment at City facilities by JMG Security Systems, in the amount of \$32,988. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM:

RESOLUTION NO.
22:028
Amending the
Administrative Fine
Schedule to Establish
Administrative Fines for
Violations by Spectators
at Illegal Motor Vehicle
Speed Contests or
Exhibitions of Speed
under Chapter 10.52 of

City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the current fine schedule and process for issuing citations; and the number citations that have been issued.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:028 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE SCHEDULE TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE

the Paramount Municipal
Code

FINES FOR VIOLATIONS BY SPECTATORS AT
ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED CONTESTS OR
EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED UNDER CHAPTER 10.52
OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE. The
motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

16. APPROVAL
Authorization for
Purchase and
Installation of Catch
Basin Connector Pipe
Screen Inserts
CF 90.1

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded
by Vice Mayor Aguayo to authorize the purchase and
installation of catch basin connector pipe screen inserts
by G2 Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$104,099.
The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Aguayo commented that street racing is not
welcome in the City of Paramount. She reminded
residents of the upcoming Eco Friendly Fair on April 16.
She also expressed concern regarding the recent
increase in graffiti and thanked public works for their
quick response to reports of graffiti. She encouraged
resident to call and report graffiti. Lastly, she thanked
her colleagues for selecting her to serve as Vice Mayor
for the coming years.

Councilmember Lemons congratulated Mayor Cuellar Stallings and Vice Mayor Aguayo and thanked Councilmember Olmos for representing the City so well as Mayor for the last year.,

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the several recent community events. She also reported that she participated in a meeting with AAA regarding the City's street racing ordinances and ways AAA can educate their members about the dangers of street racing. She inquired about the status of the possible traffic calming measures related to curbing street racing. Brief discussion ensued concerning possible traffic calming measures and installation of surveillance and license plate reader cameras.

Councilmember Olmos also suggested the City consider using ARPA funds to collaborate with Family Guidance Center to provide mental health services to residents that cannot afford services.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at several community events. She also thanked her colleagues and staff for their support.

Staff

City Manager Moreno thanked Councilmember Olmos for her service as Mayor over the last year and congratulated Mayor Cuellar Stallings and Vice Mayor Aguayo.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. to a meeting on April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk