

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 19, 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 Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
Margarita Matson, Assistant 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
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Andres Gonzales, Community Services Supervisor
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION**
National Library Week –
April 3-9, 2022
CF 39.12 Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 3-9, 2022 as National Library week. Jackie Ramirez, Paramount Library Youth Services Librarian was present to accept the proclamation.

2. PROCLAMATION
Fair Housing Month –
April 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. Christina Prado, Fair Housing Foundation CA Outreach Coordinator was present to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATION
Arbor Day – April 29,
2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day. Jackie Ramirez, Youth Services Librarian was present to accept the proclamation.
4. PROCLAMATION
DMV/Donate Life Month
– April 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as DMV/Donate Life Month. One Legacy Ambassador Teresa Garcia was present to accept the proclamation.
5. PROCLAMATION
Alcohol Awareness
Month – April 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as Alcohol Awareness Month. Little House Specialist Loretta Dearing was present to accept the proclamation.
6. PROCLAMATION
Autism Awareness
Month – April 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as Autism Awareness Month.
7. PROCLAMATION
National Child Abuse
Prevention Month – April
2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Helpline Youth Counseling Representatives Joanna Garcia and Rocio Herrera were present to accept the proclamation on behalf of Helpline.
8. PROCLAMATION
National Sexual Assault
Awareness Month – April
2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Su Casa representatives Dean Lockwood, Director of Development and Lilly Lopez, Director of Programming were present to accept the proclamation.
9. VIDEO
School Traffic Safety
CF 39.7
A brief video highlighting the importance of school traffic safety was shown.

10. VIDEOS
Highlighting Women's History Month
- News Feature 19th Amendment Art Piece Unveiling
 - News Feature All Female City Council
 - Spectrum News Channel 1 Interview
- CF 39.7

City Manager Moreno requested that the City Council consider adding the following subsequent need item to tonight's agenda under Closed Session:

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 16280 Paramount Blvd., Suite C

Agency negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating parties: NAIA Capital/LA Monarca

Under negotiation: Price.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to add the subsequent need item listed above to the closed session agenda. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Guillen

ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abelardo Jacobo, Emily Blessing, and Nita Juhasz at the April 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez and Abelardo Jacobo.

City Manager Moreno provided an update on the status of driveway plans for the AppleJacks Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 11, 12, and 13 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: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Guillen

11. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Neighborhood Street
Resurfacing
Improvements Project
Fiscal Year .2021 and
Vermont Avenue Traffic
Calming Improvements
(City Project Nos. 9131
and 9137)

Accepted the work performed by All American Asphalt, Corona, California, for the neighborhood street resurfacing improvements project for Fiscal Year 2021 and Vermont Avenue traffic calming improvements and authorized payment of the remaining retention

12. APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase Barricades
CF 82.3

Authorized the purchase of barricades by Meridian Defense Group, in the amount of \$95,856.13

13. RESOLUTION NO.
22:025
Ordering the Annual
Engineer's Report for
Landscape Maintenance
District No. 81-1
CF 25.3

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

14. RESOLUTION NO. 22:024
Affirming the FY 2022-2023 Budget for the use of Funds Provided by the Road Repair Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1)
CF 94
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:024, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AFFIRMING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR THE USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 (SB1)." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
15. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Arterial Street Resurfacing Improvements for FY 2022 (City Project No. 9230)
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to award the contract for Arterial Street Resurfacing Improvements for FY 2022 to Hardy Harper, Inc., Lake Forest, California in the amount of \$1,040,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

16. APPROVAL
Professional Services
Agreement with Hazen
and Sawyer for a Site
Investigation Report on
the Vermont Avenue
Water Infrastructure
Facility
CF 43.1151

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of \$65,834 for a site investigation report for the Vermont Avenue Water Infrastructure Facility and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

17. APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase and Install
Paramount Park and
Progress Park Ballfield
Lighting Retrofit
CF 74.8, 60.7, 74.2

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

In response to Councilmember Olmos' inquiry regarding the feasibility of using solar light, staff responded that staff will research the possibility of using solar lighting for other general park lighting projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to authorize the purchase and installation of retrofit ballfield lighting at Paramount Park and Progress Park from MUSCO Lighting in the amount of \$540,600.50. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

18. APPROVAL
Authorization to
Purchase and Install
Paramount Park Gym
Replacement Bleacher
CF 74.2

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to authorize the purchase and installation of new bleachers at the Paramount Park Gym from Irwin Seating Company in the amount of \$70,086.79. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

19. APPROVAL
Neighborhood Permit
Parking Request for the
6400 through 6500 Block
of Alondra Boulevard
CF 73

Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the parking concerns in the area.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to authorize Neighborhood Permit Parking for the 6400 through 6500 block of Alondra Boulevard, to be effective immediately. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

20. APPROVAL
Extension of
Commissioner and
Mayor's Appointment
Terms to Align with New
Election Cycle
CF 11, 27, 27.4, 27.7,
27.4, 27.27, 27.28

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

It was moved by Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to move the Commission appointments and Mayor's appointments to the various external boards and agencies to July and extend the terms of the sitting Commissioners by three months. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

21. RESOLUTUION NO.
22:027

Authorizing the Submittal
of a Grant Application for
Funding from the Lower
Los Angeles Rivers and
Mountains Conservancy
for the Water Quality,
Supply and Infrastructure
Improvement Act of 2014
(Proposition 1), for the
Spane Park Stormwater
Capture Project
CF 74.9, 90.1

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Aguayo and seconded by
Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt
Resolution No. 22:027, "A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE LOWER
LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY FOR THE WATER QUALITY,
SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1), FOR THE SPANE
PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT". The
motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen asked for an update on the
traffic citation statistics relative to Tam's drive-through
on Downey Ave. and expressed concern about the
proposed right turn only signage at the AppleJacks
market on Elburg. She also suggested no truck signs
be installed on Downey Ave. to prevent World Energy
truck traffic from using Downey as a thoroughfare.

She also recognized April as Parkinson's Awareness Month and invited the City Council and the public to participate in the Parkinson's walk at the end of the month.

Councilmember Olmos reported that she and Councilmember Lemons participated in a tour of Esplananza Villa, a tiny home project for the homeless in Baldwin Park. She also noted that she and several colleagues will be attending the California Contract Cities Associations' Local Advocacy Day in downtown Los Angeles next week. Lastly, she suggested, in addition to the letters that were sent to the Paramount restaurants with permits for the Al Fresco program, that staff place a courtesy call to those businesses reminding them of the program.

Councilmember Lemons commented on her attendance at Eco-Friendly Fair and said it was a great event. She reported that the next SELACO regional job fair will be held in Artesia and that SELACO is still reporting an employee shortage and encouraged residents who are looking for a job to reach out to SELACO.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported that at the recent PUSD Ad Hoc meeting, the City shared information with the district about the City's new organics recycling program, the Paramount Arts Program and the Volunteering is Paramount program. She also reported that GLACVCD Celebrated 70th Anniversary on April 16th and encouraged residents to take advantage of the resources they offer. She also suggested inviting them to participate in the next Eco-Friendly Fair. She reminded residents about this Friday's Comity Night and Speaker Anthony Rendon's Earth day Bike Ride this Saturday. Lastly, she commented that she is seeing an increase in graffiti and reminded residents to report it if they see it.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings informed residents that SCE is offering a Lineworker Scholarship program that leads to a job and encouraged residents to visit the SCE website for more information. She commented on several community events she recently attended. She also reported that she recently visited the City's recently renovated Community Garden and was very

impressed. She commented that during her visit, staff suggested that the City Council should name the garden and encouraged her colleagues to submit potential names for consideration. Lastly, she commented that she recently visited the La Paz Gerosychiatric Center and met with representatives from the facility, and they very are responsive in addressing the neighboring residents concerns.

Staff

City Manager Moreno commented that staff will try to get the GLACVCD's Mosquito SWAT Lab to participate in the Eco-Friendly Fair. He also reminded the City Council and the public that the Open Houses for the Metal Businesses are scheduled for April 25 and 27.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:51 p.m. the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the items listed below:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

City Representatives: Andrew Vialpando/Irma Moisa

Employee Organization: Teamsters

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 16280 Paramount Blvd., Suite C

Agency negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating parties: NAIA Capital/LA Monarca

Under negotiation: Price.

At 7:47 p.m., Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the meeting back to order in open session.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the items listed above and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 7:48m. to a meeting on May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk