

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 3, 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 Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 6:05 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cadet Major Jesus Hurtado, Paramount High School JROTC led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Beau Stephens, Chapel of Change delivered the invocation.

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
Elizabeth Martyn, Assistant City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Erika Aguero, Customer Service Supervisor
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Rafael Casillas, City Engineer
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yesenia Guillen, Asst. Community Services Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nikki Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award of
Excellence
CF 39.7
Mayor Cuellar Stallings presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Alfredo Castro, owner of AC 15 Choreography. Mr. Castro was present to accept the award and expressed appreciation for the recognition.
2. PROCLAMATION
National Peace Officers
Memorial Day – May
15, 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 15, 2022 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Lieutenant Omar Camacho, Motor Deputy Greg Emerson and the SAO Team were present to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATION
National Military
Appreciation Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Military Appreciation Month. Cadet Major Jesus Hurtado and other members of the Paramount High School JROTC as well as Adam Castillo with VPAN were present to accept the proclamation.
4. PROCLAMATION
National Mental Health
Awareness Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Bill Sinko, Executive Director of Community Family Guidance Center was present to accept the proclamation.
5. PROCLAMATION
National Senior Health
and Fitness Day – May
25, 2022
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 25, 2022 as National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Pat and Ken Winiecki, leaders of the City's senior walking club were present to accept the proclamation.
6. PROCLAMATION
National Water Safety
Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Water Safety Month. Jeremy Echnoz with the Los Cerritos YMCA was present to accept the proclamation.
7. PROCLAMATIONS
National Building Safety
Month and
National Public Works
Week
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Building Safety Month and May 15-21 as National Public Works Week.

8. RECOGNITION
City of Paramount
Retiree – Margarita
Gutierrez
CF 39.12
- Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, recognized retiree Margarita Gutierrez.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

- CF 10.4
- There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- CF 10.3
- The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Yesenia Cuarenta.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 9, 10, 11 and 12 as shown below. The motion 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

9. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2
- Approved.
10. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
March 31, 2022
CF 47.3
- Received and filed.

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

12. APPROVAL
Engineer's Report and
Declaration of Intent to
Levy and Collect
Assessments –
Landscaping and
Maintenance
Assessment District No.
81-1

A) RESOLUTION NO. Adopted.
22:026
Approving the
Engineer's Report
for Certain
Landscaping
Improvements for
Landscaping and
Maintenance
Assessment District
No. 81-1
CF 25.3

B) RESOLUTION NO. Adopted.
22:029
Declaring its
Intention to Levy
and Collect
Assessments within
Landscaping and
Maintenance
Assessment District
No. 81-1 for FY
2022-2023
CF 25-.3

NEW BUSINESS

13. ORAL REPORT
Paramount Youth
Commission
CF 62.35
Youth Commissioners Archie Aguirre and Javier Zaragoza addressed the City Council to share what they have learned as members of the Youth Commission.
14. PUBLIC HEARING
Adoption of the
Consolidated Plan (FY
22-26), One-Year
Action Plan (FY 23),
and Analysis of
Impediments to Fair
Housing (FY 22) for the
Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and
Home Investment
Partnerships (HOME)
Programs
CF 54.9 CDBG
Assistant City Manager Vialpando and CDBG Consultant, Esther Luis with MDG gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the process used to determine each city's allocation of funds for the programs.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to testify.

There being no one wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to close the public hearing. 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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to adopt the Consolidated Plan (FY 2022-2026) and One-Year Action Plan (FY 2022-2023); and, authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to adjust the CDBG and HOME activity budgets to conform with the final formula grant allocations upon receipt from HUD, execute and submit all required documents and agreements to implement the Consolidated Plan (FY 2022-2026), One-Year Action Plan (FY 2022-2023), and AI (2022) in compliance with HUD regulations. 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. RECEIVE AND FILE
Home Improvement
Program – Mobile
Home Guidelines
CF 54.9 HOME
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Following brief discussion concerning various aspects of the program, the report was received and filed.
16. DISCUSSION AND
APPROVAL
Disbursement of the
City of Paramount's
Allocation of CMFA
Bond Issuance Fees
CF 43.1148
CF 16
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He commented that there was an error in the chart included in the report and it has been updated to show an allocation of \$12,000 to Little House not Community Family Guidance Center who received an allocation directly from CMFA.
- In response to Councilmember Olmos, Community Services Director Johnson explained that the groups selected provide medical health services to the community versus other community organizations that provide educational or recreational programming.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the proposed disbursement of the City of Paramount's allocation of CMFA bond issuance fees as presented. 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
Revisions to
Community Garden
Rules and Guidelines
CF 74.12
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Rebecca Guillen addressed the City Council regarding this item suggesting that the City Council consider creating a Garden Council to help guide the community garden program.

Discussion ensued concerning various aspects of the community garden program and allocation of the garden plots.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the proposed revisions to the community garden rules and guidelines. 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
Agreement for
Business License
Compliance and
Operations
Management Services
with HdL Companies,
LLC
CF 43.1152

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

In response to Councilmember Lemons, Assistant City Manager Vialpando commented that it is anticipated that revenues related to business licenses will likely increase due to the enforcement and compliance component. Brief discussion ensued concerning various aspects of implementation of the contract.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the agreement for HdL Companies, LLC to provide the City with Business License Compliance and Operations Management Services. 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. ORAL REPORT
Contractual Security
Services for Park
Supervision
CF 79.7

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the proposed use of contracted private security firm(s) to provide park patrols and customer service contact with the public as part of the Community Services Department's Park Supervision services.

20. APPROVAL
Appointment of a Parks
and Recreation
Commissioner
CF 27

Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings stated that she proposes to appoint Jennifer Alcaraz to fill the vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Commission and asked for a motion to confirm the appointment.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jennifer Alcaraz to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term. 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. APPROVAL
Service Agreement
between the City of
Paramount and
TreePeople for
Management of the
Urban Forest
Management Plan
Program
CF 43.1153

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve an agreement with TreePeople in the amount of \$250,490.94 for management of the Urban Forest Management Plan Program 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

22. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
City Hall LED
Retrofit Lighting
(City Project No.
9293)
CIP 9293

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to award the contract for the City Hall LED Retrofit Lighting Project to Junior's Construction, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$97,668.37, 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Guillen wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and reminded everyone to show their mom appreciation and love. She also reported on her attendance at the Veteran's Affair event in the City of Whittier hosted by Supervisor Janice Hahn. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Parkinson's walk on June 5.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at CCCA's Local Advocacy Day in Los Angeles and the League of California Cities' Environmental Policy Committee meeting. She invited everyone to attend the Paramount Historical Society's ribbon cutting event on May 17. She reported that she and Mayor Cuellar Stallings attended a student culinary showcase at Northgate Markets and recognized the Paramount High school students that participated in the event. She also thanked Councilmember Eddie De La Riva from the City of Maywood for his generous food donation. She wished all the moms a Happy Mother's Day and expressed appreciation for the teachers in the community.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at a women's conference and reminded everyone about the upcoming Women's Empowerment Tea on May 21st. She also wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported on her attendance at CCCA's Local Advocacy Day and noted that she will be attending SCAG conference at the end of the week. She also wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at several recent events including the City's Comedy Night, the Women in Business luncheon; CCCA's Local Advocacy Day; the student culinary presentation at Northgate; and the Latinas Arts Foundation photography walk. She reminded the public of several upcoming events including, National Day of Prayer on Thursday, the Senior Mother's Day Luncheon and Friday Night Market. She also noted that she was interviewed for a Spectrum News One story called the Power of Mom, along with other local community leaders, and encouraged everyone to watch the story. Lastly, she wished all the moms a Happy mother's Day and the teachers a happy Teacher Appreciation Day.

Staff

City Manager Moreno introduced Erika Aguero who was recently promoted to Finance Supervisor. He also announced that Maggie Matson, who has been serving as Interim Public Safety Director, has been named Public Safety Director.

Lieutenant Omar Camacho provided an overview of a recent street takeover incident that occurred on Saturday in the area of Downey Ave. and Jackson St.

At 8:14 p.m., Mayor Cuellar Stallings recessed the City Council meeting to convene the meeting of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the City Council meeting back to order at 8:16 p.m. and the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matter listed below.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6
City Representatives: Andrew Vialpando/Irma Moisa
Employee Organization: Teamsters

Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the meeting back to order in open session at 8:42 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Martyn reported that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the matter listed above and there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. to a meeting on May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk