

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
June 21, 2022**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Cuellar Stallings at 5:00 p.m. at Paramount Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Present: Councilmember Peggy Lemons\*  
Councilmember Brenda Olmos  
Vice Mayor Isabel Aguayo  
Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

*It was noted that Councilmember Lemons is expected to arrive shortly.*

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to excuse Councilmember Guillen's absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember Olmos;  
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Guillen and Lemons

**ABSTAIN:** None

*Councilmember Lemons arrived at 5:09 p.m.*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Kim Sao, Finance Director  
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director  
Sol Bejarano, Permit Technician  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst

Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. 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, Senior Management Analyst  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager  
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. **PRESENTATIONS  
EDUCATION MONTH**

- Recognition of Valedictorian, Paramount High School Class of 2022
- Recognition of 2022 Strong Minds Awardees, Odyssey STEM Academy Class of 2022
- Recognition of Top 25 Paramount High School Academic Students, Class of 2022
- Recognition of Top 10 Odyssey STEM Academy Students. Class of 2022
- Recognition of Top 5 Paramount High School Student Volunteers, Class of 2022
- Recognition of Top 5 Paramount High School Momentum Students, Class of 2022

CF 39.7

The City Council recognized Paramount High School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Top 25 Academic Students (26 students were recognized), Top 5 Student Volunteers, and Top 5 Momentum Students,

The City Council also recognized Odyssey STEM Academy's Class of 2022 Strong Minds Awardees (two students were recognized) and Top 10 Students.

2. PRESENTATIONS  
PARAMOUNT  
EDUCATION  
PARTNERSHIP (PEP)

- Introduction of PEP Donors
- Recognition of PEP Scholarship Recipients  
CF 39.7

The Paramount City Council expressed appreciation to the PEP Board of Directors, the PEP Donors, and the PEP Scholarship Selection Committee. The PEP Donors were recognized for their generous support of the PEP Scholarship program.

The Paramount City Council, joined by Mr. Adrian Landa, representing Assemblymember Anthony Rendon's office and PEP Board Members Dr. Max Martinez and Jose Baca, recognized each of the PEP scholarship recipients.

3. PROCLAMATION  
LGBTQ Pride Month  
CF 39.12

Mayor Cuellar Stallings on behalf of the City Council proclaimed June as LGBTQ Pride Month. Dr. Cherylin Lew, PUSD Director of Secondary Education accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Paramount High School Unity Club.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings recessed the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

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**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

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CF 10.4

There were none.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Adam Townsend (on behalf of SkillSet Gives) and Abelardo Jacobo.

Additionally, Andrea Crow on behalf of the Paramount Library submitted a written public comment that was read into the record.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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*All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the City Council.*

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar items 4 and 5 as presented below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 4. AWARD OF CONTRACT<br>Gym Improvements (City<br>Project No. 9265)<br>CIP 9265  | Awarded the contract for the gym improvements to Pacific Floor Company, Chatsworth, California, in the amount of \$54,012.00, and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |
| 5. AUTHORIZATION<br>Cost Sharing<br>Agreement between the<br>City of Bellflower and<br>the City of Paramount<br>for Lakewood<br>Boulevard and<br>Somerset Boulevard<br>Intersection<br>Improvements<br>CIP 43.1158 | Authorized the cost sharing agreement with the City of Bellflower for Lakewood Boulevard and Somerset Boulevard intersection improvements.   |

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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| 6. ORAL REPORT<br>Eco-Rapid Transit and<br>West Santa Ana Branch<br>Transit Corridor Project<br>CF 99.16   | Michael Kodama, Executive Director of Eco-Rapid Transit presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding Eco-Rapid Transit and the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project.   |
| 7. ORAL REPORT<br>Southeast Los Angeles<br>County Workforce<br>Development Board<br>(SELACO)<br>CF 43.1093 | Yolanda Castro, Executive Director of Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO) presented a PowerPoint presentation on the workforce development and employment services SELACO provides to the Paramount community |

8. APPROVAL  
Professional Services Agreement with Geocko, Inc., DBA LiveStories to Administer and Award Small Business Grants Funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds  
CF 43.1159
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion ensued concerning process for administering the business assistance grant program and the criteria for the grant awards. The City Council expressed interest in reviewing the grant criteria. It was also suggested that a workshop be held for local businesses to explain the program.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Geocko, Inc., dba LiveStories in an amount not to exceed \$27,500 for administration of the Small Business Assistance program.
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;  
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None
9. CIP 9116  
Water Well No. 16 (City Project No. 9116)  
CIP 9116
- City Manager Moreno recommended continuing this item due to the absence of Public Works Director Figueroa.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to continue both items A and B below to the next meeting of the City Council. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;  
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None
- A) ORAL REPORT  
Update on Status of Water Well 16 Project (City Project No. 9116)
- Continued.

- B) APPROVAL Continued  
Amendment No. 3 to  
Agreement with AKM  
Consulting Engineers  
for Continued  
Construction  
Management  
/Inspection Services;  
and Amendment No.  
4 to Agreement With  
Bucknam &  
Associates for  
Continued Program  
Management for  
Water Well 16 (City  
Project No. 9116)  
CIP 9116

10. BUDGET  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
Budget

Finance Director Sao gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Additionally, each of the department directors (or Assistant Directors) provided an overview of their departmental budget with a corresponding PowerPoint presentation. During the presentations, the following supplemental budget requests were presented for consideration:

Expenditure	Department	General Fund	Restricted Fund
City Council Conferences	City Council	\$23,600	
City Attorney Services	City Attorney	\$38,700	
City Manager Contract	City Manager	\$17,100	
Deputy District Attorney	Public Safety	\$75,000	
Homeless Prevention (CDBG/ARP)	Public Safety		\$97,300

Mayor Cuellar Stallings recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Lastly, a detailed overview of the proposed capital improvement projects was presented.

During the presentation, staff responded to questions from the City Council regarding various aspects of the proposed budget and associated programming.

A) RESOLUTION NO. 22:035  
Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Annual Municipal Operating and Capital Improvement Budget; Assigning the FY 21-22 Surplus; Amending the Authorized Position Listing and Salary Schedule for City Employees; and Authorizing the City Manager to Administer said Budget and make such changes as may be necessary during the Fiscal Year to Maintain Standards and Levels of Services and Achieve the Intent of the City Council in Providing Municipal Services for FY 2022-2023.  
CF 28.1

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:035, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-2023 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, ASSIGNING THE FY 2021-2022 SURPLUS, AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED POSITION LISTING AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTER SAID BUDGET AND MAKE SUCH CHANGES AS MAY BE NECESSARY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN STANDARDS AND LEVELS OF SERVICES AND ACHIEVE THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR FY 2022-2023," as amended to include the supplemental budget requests listed above. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

B) RESOLUTION NO. 22:036  
Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
CF 47.16

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:036, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 7900 ET. SEQ. OF THE GOVERNMENT 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: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None

C) RESOLUTION NO. 22:038  
Setting the Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) at Two and a Half Percent (2.5%) Effective in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023; One Percent (1%) Effective in FY 2023-2024; and Zero Percent (0%) Effective in FY 2024-2025 for Classic CalPERS Employees CF 76.2, CF 76.5

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:038, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING THE EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTION (EPMC) AT TWO AND A HALF PERCENT (2.5%) EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-23; ONE PERCENT (1%) EFFECTIVE IN FY 2023-24; AND ZERO PERCENT (0%) EFFECTIVE IN FY 2024-25 FOR CLASSIC CALPERS EMPLOYEES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. RESOLUTION NO. 22:037  
Amending the City's Personnel Manual to Incorporate New Benefit Policies  
CF 76

Human Resources Manager Nicole Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:037, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, AMENDING THE CITY'S PERSONNEL MANUAL TO INCORPORATE NEW BENEFIT POLICIES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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



12. CONSIDERATION  
Approval of First  
Amendment to the  
Amended and Restated  
City Manager  
Employment Agreement  
CF 43.1026
- City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated City Manager Employment 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: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None
13. PUBLIC SAFETY  
Service Agreements  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- City Manager Moreno gave the report.
- A) APPROVAL  
All City Management  
Services, Inc. –  
Crossing Guard  
Services  
CF 43.709
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the agreement with All Cities Management Services, Inc. for crossing guard services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;  
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None
- B) APPROVAL  
David Beighton –  
Detective Bureau  
Consultation Services  
CF 43.980
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the agreement with David Beighton for Detective Bureau Consultation Services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos;  
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Guillen  
ABSTAIN: None

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS**

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14. RESOLUTION NO.  
22:039  
Authorizing the City  
Manager to Execute All  
Agreements with  
Southern California  
Edison for the Charge  
Ready Program  
CF 112.2

Assistant Public Works Director Ho 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. 22:039, “ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR THE CHARGE READY PROGRAM.” The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the Paramount High School graduation and the recent ADU workshop hosted by the City. She suggested that the City consider an alley revitalization program similar to the Pitch in Paramount program and inquired as to the schedule for future Pitch in Paramount events.

Councilmember Lemons thanked staff for the comprehensive presentations at tonight’s meeting.

Vice Mayor Aguayo suggested enhancing the Pitch in Paramount events and reaching out to the stakeholders of the “Lookin’ Good Paramount” program for input. The City Council concurred and staff was directed to report on this item.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at several recent community events. She also provided an update on the recent Paramount Historical Society meeting and upcoming parade. She expressed appreciation to staff for all they do.

**Staff**

City Manager Moreno thanked the City Council for their support and for approving the budget.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. with hope and prayers for the CHP Officer who was shot in the line of duty in Studio City, and in memory of the two El Monte Police Officers who lost their lives in a senseless act of violence last week to a meeting on July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

*/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings*  
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Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Heidi Luce*  
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Heidi Luce, City Clerk

Approved 07/12/22