

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
July 12, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: An adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 6:07 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Instructor Marc Razzouk and participant Maria Duran from the City's PHIT Program led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Ken Korver Emmanuel Church delivered the invocation.

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

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Guillen

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, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
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, Management Analyst
Daniel Martinez, IT Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner

Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Michelle Razo, Community Services Supervisor
Ben Svensson, IT Manager

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
June 8 and June 21,
2022

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the minutes of June 8 and June 21, 2022. 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

ELECTION/REORGANIZATION

2. RESOLUTION NO.
22:040
Reciting the Fact of the
General Municipal
Election Consolidated
with the Special
Countywide Election
Held on June 7, 2022
and Declaring the
Results
CF 45.10

City Clerk Luce 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. 22:040, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ON JUNE 7, 2022, IN CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW." 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

3. OATH OF OFFICE
Councilmembers Elected
June 7, 2022

City Clerk Luce administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Delgadillo and Councilmember Lemons.

CF 11.6

City Manager Moreno delivered the Certificates of Election to Councilmember Delgadillo and Councilmember Lemons. He also presented a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to them.

Councilmember Lemons thanked her family, supporters and colleagues for their unwavering support during the election. She welcomed Councilmember Delgadillo and commented that she is honored to work with this group of women.

Councilmember Delgadillo expressed appreciation to her family and friends, as well as the volunteers that supported her during her campaign. She commented that she is honored to serve this great City and will work to be a voice for the residents.

4. REORGANIZATION
Selection of Mayor and
Vice Mayor
CF 11.3

City Clerk Luce opened nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Olmos nominated Vilma 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 Delgadillo, Lemons,
Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Lemons nominated Isabel 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 Delgadillo, Lemons,
Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PRESENTATIONS

5. PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award of
Excellence
CF 39.7
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Pat and Ken Winiacki. The Winiackis were present to accept the award and expressed sincere appreciation for this honor.
6. PROCLAMATION
Park and Recreation
Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month. Alex Maldonado, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission was present to accept the award.

Additionally, PHIT Program participant Nelson Guevara was recognized as an example of someone who has improved his life through recreation programs.
7. RECOGNITION
City of Paramount
Retiree –
Ben Svensson
CF 39.7
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, recognized City of Paramount retiree Ben Svensson.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

- CF 10.4
City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Abelardo Jacobo at the June 21, 2022 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- CF 10.3
There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 8, 9, 10, and 11. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. APPROVAL Register of Demands
CF 47.2 Approved.
9. RECEIVE AND FILE Citizen Participation Plan
for the Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and Home
Investment Partnership
(HOME) Programs
CF 54, 54.9 (CDBG) Received and filed.
10. APPROVAL Authorization to
Purchase Barricades
CF 82.3 Approved.
11. APPROVAL Public Safety Service
Agreement with Los
Angeles County District
Attorney – Community
Prosecutor Program for
Fiscal Year 2022-2023
CF 79, 43.748 Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

12. CIP 9116 Water Well No. 16 (City
Project No. 9116)
CIP 9116 Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and
presented a PowerPoint presentation for both items A
and B below.
- A) ORAL REPORT Update on Status of
Water Well 16 Project
(City Project No.
9116) Public Works Director Figueroa provided an update on
the status of the Water Well 16 Project.

- B) APPROVAL
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)

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with AKM Consulting Engineers for continued construction management/inspection services for Water Well 16 in the amount of \$99,888 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the amendment. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was further moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with Bucknam & Associates for continued program management for Water Well 16 in the amount of \$23,000 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the amendment. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. ORAL REPORT
Clean Power Alliance
Presentation
CF 112.2, 43.1070

Dalia Gomez, External Affairs Manager, Clean Power Alliance presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the organization the programs offered.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the PowerShare and Community Solar programs. It was suggested that the City coordinate with Clean Power Alliance to conduct a workshop for the City's senior population to explain the PowerShare program and help residents sign up for the program.

14. ORAL REPORT
Shop Paramount
Campaign
CF 47.28

Assistant City Manager Vialpando presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Shop Paramount campaign. He explained that Shop Paramount is a multi-faceted approach under the Explore Paramount Program to encourage local shopping at many unique and innovative businesses in town. He noted that In August, staff plans to promote a variety of promotional shop local events, including the ARPA funded gift card giveaway.

15. PUBLIC HEARING
Assessment of Charges
for Delinquent Refuse
Collection
CF 86.1

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

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

Sara Huevo addressed the City Council in opposition to this item and to request that the item be continued to allow for completion of her existing payment arrangement that is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Discussion ensued concerning Ms. Huevo's request. Public Works Director Figueroa clarified that the final list of properties to be assessed will not be submitted to the Los Angeles County Auditor/Controller until August 1, 2022, and only the accounts delinquent as of that date will be included.

There being no further testimony, 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 Delgadillo, Lemons,
Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to authorize the City Manager to submit the final Calendar Year 2021 delinquent refuse collection charge list as of August 1, 2022 to the Los Angeles County Auditor/Controller. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

16. DISCUSSION
Application Criteria for
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.
- Brief discussion ensued concerning the eligibility criteria. The City Council expressed interest in getting this program up and running as soon as possible.
17. APPROVAL
Traffic Control Plan for
Heritage Festival and
Parade Street Closures
CF 79.14, 94.1
- 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 approve the proposed traffic control plan for the Heritage Festival and Parade Street Closures. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons,
Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
18. CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL
Proposed Revisions to
Youth Sports League
Scholarship Program
CF 62
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion ensued concerning the proposed revisions to the scholarship program and providing for 100% funding to especially needy participants.
- By concurrence of the City Council, staff was directed to revise the scholarship funding scale to include a provision for participants to receive 100% funding and bring this item back to the City Council for further consideration.
19. CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL
Proposed Revisions to
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

- the Military Banner Recognition Program
CF 43.1160
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the proposed revisions to the Military Banner Recognition Program as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
20. APPROVAL
Agreement with VenaVer Events to Operate the Farmers Market in the City of Paramount
CF 43.1160, 39
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the Weekly Farmers Market Agreement assigning the market to VenaVer Events LLC; change the location of the Farmers Market to Paramount Park; and change the day and times to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
21. ORAL REPORT
2022 Fourth of July After-Action Report
CF 75.2
- Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a comprehensive analysis of this year's Fourth of July deployment and after-action results.
22. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Traffic Signal Installation Improvements at Alondra Boulevard and Passage Avenue (City Project No. 9232)
CIP 9232
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to: 1) appropriate an additional \$40,777 from the available Measure M fund balance for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Alondra Boulevard and Passage Avenue (CIP 9232) project; 2) award the contract to ILB Electric, Corona, California, in the amount of \$372,677.00; and, 3) authorize the Mayor or her

designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

23. APPROVAL
Mayor's Appointments
CF 11.4

At the request of Mayor Cuellar Stallings, City Clerk Luce read the Mayor's list of Councilmembers recommend for appointment to serve as delegates and/or alternate delegates for the various committees and outside agencies.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the appointments as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

24. APPROVAL
Appointment of City
Commissioners
CF 27

At the request of Mayor Cuellar Stallings, City Clerk Luce read the Mayor's recommended list of Commission appointments prepared by the Mayor.

Planning Commission

New Appointments: Javier Gonzalez appointed to an unexpired term expiring July 2024 and David Moody appointed to a full four-year term

Continuing Appointments: Alicia Anderson, Ernie Esparza and Gordon Weisenburger

Public Works Commission (2-year term)

New Appointments: Jaime Abrego, Rita Aguilar, and Georgina Arceo

Continuing Appointments: Alvin Parks and Rosemary Vasquez

Parks and Recreation Commission (1-year term)

New Appointment: Austin Moreno

Continuing Appointments: Jennifer Alcaraz, Charlene Landry, Alejandro Maldonado, and Steve Yanez

Public Safety Commission (1-year term)

New Appointment: Gerardo Ruiz

Continuing Appointments: Marcelina Bridges, Robert Cruz, Rosemary Mendez, and Dora Sanchez

Senior Services Commission (1-year term)

New Appointment: Martha Garcia

Continuing Appointments: Magdalena Ortega, Elsa Padilla, Claudia Quinones, Patricia Winiacki

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Councilmember Olmos to approve the appointments to the Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, and Senior Services Commissions as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
(City Project No. 9290)
CIP 9290

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to: 1) appropriate an additional \$92,000 from the available AQMD fund balance for the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (CIP 9290) project; 2) award the contract to Smart City Electric Woodland Hills, California, in the amount not to exceed \$162,000.00; and, 3) authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at several community events including Alondra Hot Wings 20th Anniversary, the Bruno Mars Concert, and the Health Care Career College Graduation where she was the keynote speaker. She also noted that she attended the Historical Society General Meeting and reminded residents that the Historical Society is looking for historical items. She also reminded residents to sign up for the adult softball league. On behalf of Contract Cities Association, she thanked City Manager Moreno and Assistant City Manager Vialpando for their presentation on SB 972. She reminded residents to do their part to keep the City clean. Lastly, she congratulated Councilmember Delgadillo and Lemons on their election to the City Council.

Councilmember Delgadillo commented that she is looking forward to working with her colleagues.

Vice Mayor Aguayo commended the staff members that stepped in to present the reports at the last City Council meeting. She wished Mayor Cuellar Stallings and Councilmember Olmos a Happy Birthday, and congratulated Councilmember Lemons and Delgadillo on their election to the City Council. She reported on her attendance at the Tepic Sister Cities Committee meeting and the PUSD Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Lastly, she reminded residents to take advantage of the services and activities the City provides and to take care of each other.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at several community events including the Thursday night concert at Progress Park, where she met Timmy

Garcia, and the event at Horchateria Rio Luna hosted by Speaker Anthony Rendon. She also noted that she and her granddaughter attend a poetry reading by Jessica Star and shared a book of poetry written by Jessica. Lastly, she thanked Councilmember Olmos for her work on the Historical Society and congratulated Councilmembers Lemons and Delgadillo on their election to the City Council.

Staff

City Manager Moreno introduced Sol Bejarano who was recently promoted to Management Analyst.

Community Services Director Johnson introduced the Heritage Festival mascot, Petunia the Cow, in recognition of National Cow Appreciation Day and presented each Councilmember with the commemorative Heritage Festival shirt.

At 9:49 p.m., Mayor Cuellar Stallings recessed the City Council meeting to convene the meetings of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, Industrial Development Authority, Parking Authority, and Public Financing Authority.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the City Council meeting back to order at 9:58 p.m. and the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matters listed below.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
EXISTING LITIGATION
Gov't. Code § 54956.9 (d)(1)
Name of case: Arcadia, et al. v. So. Cal. Edison
Corp., Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 20 CV
02026

*Voted 4-1 to pursue penalties on interest in the
above-mentioned case.*

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS

Gov't Code § 54956.8

Property: (Kindred Hospital) -The Moskowitz
Foundation - 16453 South Colorado Avenue,
Paramount, CA 90723

Agency negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating parties: City of Paramount, Moskowitz
Foundation and Paramount Saw Investors, LLC

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

No reportable action.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the meeting back to
order in open session at 10:59 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City
Council met in closed session to discuss the matters
listed above and took action as noted above.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the
City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the
meeting at 10:57 p.m. to a meeting on August 2, 2022
at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

Approved 08/02/22