

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2022**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Eduardo Lopez, PEP Scholarship Recipient, led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** Present: Councilmember Annette C. Delgadillo  
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  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Community Services Director  
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director  
Kim Sao, Finance Director  
Rafael Casillas, City Engineer  
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
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, Management Analyst II  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager

City Manager Moreno introduced Joseph “Joe” Morales who is the new Lieutenant at the Paramount Sheriff’s Station

## PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. | PRESENTATION<br>Mayor's Award of Excellence<br>CF 39.7         | Mayor Cuellar Stallings presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Patrick Pearson, Paramount apartment owner and manager.  |
| 2. | PRESENTATION<br>Recognition of Former Commissioners<br>CF 39.7 | Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the following former Commissioners for their service to the community: Elizabeth Bautista, Planning Commission; Virginia Chavez, Senior Services Commission; Ardavan Davari, Parks & Recreation Commission; Dr. Linda Timmons, Public Works Commission; and Tony Warfield, Public Works Commission |
| 3. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Wellness Month<br>CF 39.12            | Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed August as National Wellness Month and presented proclamations to Bill Sinko of Community Family Guidance Center, Cindy Skovgard of Pathways and Dean Lockwood of Su Casa for their efforts in providing wellness services to the community.  |
| 4. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Back to School Month<br>CF 39.12      | Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed August as National Back to School Month and presented the proclamation to Julie White the Homeless/Foster Youth Liaison with Paramount Unified School District.  |
| 5. | PROCLAMATION<br>National Night Out<br>CF 39.12                 | Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed August 2, 2022 as National Night Out and presented the proclamation to Paramount Sheriff's Station Lieutenant Morales  |

## CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

There were none.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

There were none.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 6, 7, 8, and 9. 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

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| 6. APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>July 12, 2022   | Approved.  |
| 7. APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2  | Approved.  |
| 8. AWARD OF<br>CONTRACT<br>Installation of 8" Fire<br>Services at 16200 and<br>16236 Illinois Avenue<br>(City Project No. 9210)<br>CF 113.15, CIP 9210 | Awarded the contract for the Installation of 8" Fire Services to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rental, Inc., Pico Rivera, California, in the amount of \$120,270, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |
| 9. RESOLUTION NO.<br>22:041<br>Amending the<br>Authorized Position<br>Listing for Full-Time<br>Employees<br>CF 28.1, 76.17                             | Adopted.   |

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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| 10. AWARD OF<br>CONTRACT<br>Traffic Control Services<br>for Heritage Festival and<br>Parade Street Closures<br>CF 43.1161, 79.14, 94.1 | Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.<br><br>In response to Councilmember Lemons, Public Works Director Figueroa explained that the reason for the increase in cost for this project is related to both labor and equipment costs. |
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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to 1) waive the bidding requirements pursuant to Paramount Municipal Code Section 3.12.070(H); 2) appropriate an additional \$15,830.25 from the available fund balance in the General Fund; and 3) award the contract for traffic control services to BC Traffic Specialist, Garden Grove, California in the amount of \$30,830.25. 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

11. APPROVAL  
Agreement for  
Information Technology  
Management Services  
with Infinity Technologies  
CF 43.1162

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

Brief discussion ensued concerning the contingency amount included in the agreement and IT professional salaries.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Infinity Technologies in an annual amount of \$334,000, with a 5% contingency for emergency IT services in the amount of \$16,700, for a total amount not to exceed \$350,700 per year, for a three year term, with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods.. 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

12. APPROVAL  
Installation of a Traffic  
Circle at the Intersection  
of Madison Street and

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to 1) appropriate \$12,000 from the available Unassigned General Fund balance; 2) Approve the installation of a temporary

Orizaba Avenue  
CF 98

traffic circle at the intersection of Madison Street and Orizaba Avenue; and 3) direct staff to analyze the proposed temporary traffic control measure for a period of one year. 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 OLD BUSINESS**

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13. ORAL REPORT  
Organics Recycling  
Program Update  
CF 86

Bill Kalpakoff, Director of Government affairs and Shane Caswell, Area Vice President, both with the City's refuse hauler Athens Recycling, provided an update on the status of the City's Pilot Organic Waste Recycling Program which went into effect in April 2022 as well as the upcoming roll-out of the citywide organics recycling program.

### **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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#### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the PUSD Board meeting where Board Member Eddie Cruz was sworn-in. She also commented that she attended the Paramount Adult School Graduation and the Women's Conference.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at several recent events including the PUSD Board meeting, the Latinas Art Foundation meeting, a Wellness Conference in Pico Rivera, the Colibri Homes Grand Opening and National Night Out.

She also reported that the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee received a report on the recent homeless census and noted that she and Councilmember Delgadillo attended the CCCA Board meeting. Lastly, she reminded everyone about the upcoming Heritage Parade and Festival.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the recent SEAACA Board meeting and reminded residents to visit SEAACA if they want to get a pet. She also reported on the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee meeting and thanked staff for the comprehensive homeless census report.

Vice Mayor Aguayo commented that she also attended the various community events mentioned and reminded residents of the Heritage Parade and Festival.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the various community events as well. She also reported that she attended the California JPIA Board meeting and Women's Club luncheon. Lastly she reminded residents about the upcoming Heritage Parade and Festival and the Paramount gym dedication.

#### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno welcomed Lieutenant Morales and reminded the community of the upcoming Paramount Gym Court Dedication. He also provided an update on the cameras being installed at certain intersections to address illegal street racing. He also commented that the presentation providing the results of the Homeless Census will be included on an upcoming agenda for the full City Council.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. in memory of Huntington Park Councilmember Manuel Avila. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2022 at 5:00 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 09/06/22