

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 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 6:04 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Eagle Scout Dustyn Schellenberg led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Larry Jameson from Lifegate Church 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  
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager  
Heidi Luce, City Clerk  
Anthony Martinez, Senior Management Analyst  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager  
Melissa Torres, Communications Specialist  
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION  
Eagle Scout Dustyn Schellenberg  
CF 39.6  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, recognized resident Dustyn Schellenberg on his accomplishment of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America organization. Mr. Schellenberg expressed his appreciation for this recognition.
2. PRESENTATION  
Mayor's Award Of Excellence  
CF 39.7  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for October to Clinica Medica Hispana. Dr. Nabil Khoury, Dr. Maribel Khoury, and Manuel Alberty were present to accept the award on behalf of Clinica Medica Hispana.
3. PROCLAMATION  
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Clinica Medica Hispana for their efforts in supporting early detection.
4. PROCLAMATION  
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence. Maria Mendez, Community Outreach Manager for Su Casa was present to accept the proclamation.
5. PROCLAMATION  
National Physical Therapy Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October as Physical Therapy Month and presented the proclamation to Pools of Hope. Carlos Urbina, Physical Therapist and President of the Pools of Hope Board of Directors was present to accept the proclamation.
6. PROCLAMATION  
Red Ribbon Week  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October 23-31, 2022 as Red Ribbon Week and presented the proclamation to the Paramount Council of PTAs and the Southeast County Young Marines. Daisy Macedo, President of the Paramount Council of PTAs was present to accept the proclamation along with the following members of the Young Marines: Corporal Matias, Private First Class Peredia, Private Carriere, Lance Corporal M. Gonzalez, and Lance Corporal G. Gonzalez.

7. PROCLAMATION  
National Crime  
Prevention Month  
CF 39.12
- Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October as Crime Prevention Month and presented the proclamation to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Paramount Station Lieutenant Joe Morales was present to accept the proclamation. Sergeant Andy Emch and the following Special Assignment Officers were also present: Deputy Furtsch, Deputy Acuna, Deputy Delgado, Deputy Rodriguez and Deputy Valenzuela.
8. PROCLAMATION  
National Community  
Planning Month  
CF 39.12
- Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed October as Community Planning Month and presented the proclamation to the City's Planning Commission. The following members of the Planning Commission were present to accept the proclamation: Commissioner Javier Gonzalez, Commissioner David Moody and Vice Chair Alicia Anderson.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

- CF 10.4
- City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Albert Wilmovsky at the September 20, 2022 City Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- CF 10.3
- The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Robert Cruz and Janette Mowery

Additionally, the following individual provided written comments: Andrea Crow, Paramount Library.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve Consent Calendar Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. 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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| 9.  | APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>September 6, September<br>20 (Bus Tour) and<br>September 20, 2022   | Approved.  |
| 10. | APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2  | Approved.  |
| 11. | ORDINANCE NO. 1163<br>(Adoption)<br>Approving Zoning<br>Ordinance Text<br>Amendment No. 27,<br>Establishing Density<br>Bonus Regulations for<br>Affordable Housing<br>Projects Citywide<br>CF 109 ZOTA 27                             | Adopted Ordinance No. 1163.  |
| 12. | ORDINANCE NO. 1164<br>(Adoption)<br>Adding Chapter 15.06<br>(Electric Vehicle<br>Charging Station<br>Requirements and<br>Review Process) to Title<br>15 (Buildings and<br>Construction) the<br>Paramount Municipal<br>Code<br>CF 70.2 | Adopted Ordinance No. 1164.  |
| 13. | APPROVAL<br>Amendment No. 2 to the<br>Agreement with the City<br>of Downey. for Traffic<br>Signal Maintenance<br>Services<br>CF 43.966  | Approved Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with<br>the City of Downey for traffic signal maintenance<br>services and authorized the Mayor or her designee to<br>sign the amendment. |
| 14. | APPROVAL<br>Declaration of Surplus<br>Property<br>CF 82.5   | Declare the items listed in the agenda report as<br>surplus property and authorized disposal of the<br>property by appropriate means.  |

15.    **APPROVAL**  
Professional Services Agreement with Ambient Pro for Sound and Stage Production Services for the Holiday Tree Lighting Event  
CF 43.1170
- Appropriated an additional \$20,000 from the available general fund for the Holiday Tree Lighting event; approved the agreement with Ambient Pro, in the amount not to exceed \$43,200, for sound and stage production services at the Holiday Tree event; and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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16.    **APPROVAL**  
Amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Expenditure Plan and FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget  
CF 47.28
- Senior Management Analyst Martinez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to amend the ARPA Project Expenditure Plan and appropriate \$3,132,000 from the ARPA fund for FY 2022-23 for projects related to water conservation program, business recovery/retention and affordable housing. 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

17.    **REPORT**  
Review of the City of Paramount's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan  
CF 46.13
- Consultant Ryan Bray with Risk Management Professionals Inc. gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and the process for updating the plan, which includes making the draft LHMP available to the public for review and comment.

Mr. Bray reported that to date, there have been no comments received from the public on draft plan. There were also no speaker cards submitted for this item at tonight's meeting.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the importance of coordination with other local agencies during an emergency.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to authorize the City Manager or his designee to submit the City's Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to Cal OES and FEMA for initial review. 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

18. APPROVAL  
Professional Services  
Agreement with MIG,  
Inc. for the Provision of  
Park Master Planning  
Services  
CF 43.1171

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement with MIG, Inc. in the amount of \$147,902 for park master planning services. 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

19. RESOLUTION NO.  
22:048  
Authorizing a Change of  
the Clean Power Alliance  
Default Community  
Renewable Energy Rate  
to the Clean Power Tier  
CF 43.1070

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

Comment Letter: David Haake, MD , Sierra Club Los Angeles Chapter

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22:048, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE DEFAULT COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY RATE TO THE CLEAN POWER TIER." 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

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Fall Summit.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Fall Summit. She also expressed appreciation to Public Safety Director Matson and Deputy District Attorney Tatman for providing a very informative presentation on the City's street racing initiatives to the Commission on Local Governments.

Councilmember Lemons inquired as to the status of the City's adopt-a-highway program for I-710, I-105 and SR-91. Public Works Director Figueroa reported that the City is still working with Caltrans to determine the requirements and move the project forward. Councilmember Lemons expressed concern regarding the trash along I-105 near Somerset Ranch Road and asked staff to continue to monitor the situation.

Vice Mayor Aguayo commented that she and Mayor Cuellar Stallings attended a workshop hosted by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio which explained the process for State governmental appointments. She also reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Fall Summit. She commented that she also has several upcoming meetings including the California JPIA Risk Management Seminar, and the Southeast Water Coalition and Eco-Rapid Transit board meetings. Lastly, she reminded residents of several upcoming events including Coffee with a Cop, Friday Night Paramount and the Public Safety Expo.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Fall Education Summit. She also reported on her attendance at the following community events: A Night Under the Hay Tree and Cookies & Ice Cream with the Seniors. Lastly, she reported that she attended a workshop hosted by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio which explained the process for State governmental appointments.

**Staff**

There were none.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. in memory of prior resident Dorothy "Dottie" Louise Hogue to a meeting on October 18, 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 November 8, 2022