

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
FEBURARY 14, 2023**

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 6:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dr. Linda Timmons, with Unity in the Community and Michaela Hawkins, President of the Paramount High School Black Student Union led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Ray Moten, Joseph of Jacob United Church of God in Christ 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  
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director  
Leslie Arias, Community Services Supervisor  
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Erika Carmody, Administrative Assistant  
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.  
Anthony Gonzalez, IT Consultant  
Magda Garcia, Community Serv. Senior Supervisor  
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  
Marlene Ramirez, Community Services Supervisor  
Michelle Razo, Community Services Specialist  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager  
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst  
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. PROCLAMATION  
National Black History  
Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as National Black History Month in the City of Paramount. The following representatives were present to accept the proclamation: Pastor Grady Jones, Dr. Linda Timmons along with other members from Unity in the Community; and Advisor Akisha Brooks and members Aniyah Green, Tayzhon Raglin and Saria Navoa from the Paramount High School Black Student Union.
2. PRESENTATION  
Mayor's Award of  
Excellence  
CF 39.7  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Norma Parra. Norma was present to accept the award and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the kind recognition.
3. PROCLAMATION  
National Children's  
Dental Health Month  
CF 39.12  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as National Children's Dental Health Month in the City of Paramount. Dr. John Blake and Dr. Karen Byrnes from the Children's Dental Health Clinic were present to accept the proclamation.

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

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- CF 10.4  
City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Alejandro Yanez at the January 24, 2023 City Council meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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- CF 10.3  
The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Tracie Ragland and Bella De Soto.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 4. | APPROVAL OF<br>MINUTES<br>January 24 and January<br>28, 2023   | Approved.  |
| 5. | APPROVAL<br>Register of Demands<br>CF 47.2   | Approved.  |
| 6. | ORDINANCE NO. 1167<br>(Adoption)<br>Approving a request by<br>Michael Zenon/ZT<br>Architecture + Land<br>Development for United<br>Methodist Church to (1)<br>change the official<br>Zoning Map from C-3<br>(General Commercial) to<br>PD-PS (Planned<br>Development with<br>Performance<br>Standards)/Mixed-Use<br>Commercial and Senior<br>Assisted/Independent<br>Living Facility at 16635<br>Paramount Boulevard for<br>a project at 16635-16683<br>Paramount Boulevard<br>and (2) repeal Zone<br>Change No. 230 for the<br>PD-PS zone at 16675- | Read by title only and adopted Ordinance No. 1167. |

- 16683 Paramount  
Boulevard and  
incorporating this land  
into Zone Change No.  
239.  
CF 109; ZC 239
7.     RECEIVE AND FILE             Received and filed.  
Treasurer's Report for  
the Quarter Ending  
December 31, 2022  
CF 43.3
8.     AWARD OF  
CONTRACT                     1) Appropriated an additional \$15,000 from the  
City Hall Kitchen             available general fund balance, and 2) Awarded the  
Renovation (City Project     contract for the City Hall Kitchen Renovation to Corral  
No. 9384)                     Construction & Development, Inc., Commerce,  
CIP 9384                     California, in the amount of \$73,846.00.
9.     APPROVAL                     1) Appropriated an additional \$100,000 from the  
Agreement with Laurinco     available fund balance in the Equipment  
Interior Planning and         Replacement Fund; 2) Authorized the City Manager  
Design for Interior and     to enter into an Agreement with Laurinco Interior  
Exterior Planning and     Planning and Design for planning and design  
Design Consulting             consulting services in an amount not to exceed  
Services                     \$150,000.  
CF 43.1191
10.    ACCEPTANCE OF             Accepted the work by Smart City Electric, Woodland  
WORK                     Hills, California, for the Electric Vehicle Charging  
Electric Vehicle Charging     Stations and authorized payment of the remaining  
Stations (City Project No.     retention.  
9290)  
CIP 9290

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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11.    ORAL REPORT                     Biviano Favela from the Paramount Lions Club  
Community Service             presented a PowerPoint presentation sharing the history  
Organization Update –         and purpose of the Lions Club. His presentation also  
Paramount Lions Club         provided an overview of the services and events the  
CF 62                     Paramount Lions Club provides for the Paramount  
community.

12. ORAL REPORT  
2022 Annual Uniform  
Crime Report  
CF 61.14  
Lakewood Sheriff's Station Captain Dan Holguin gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the 2022 Annual Uniform Crime Statistics for the City of Paramount.
13. ORAL REPORT  
Public Safety Resident  
Satisfaction Survey 2022  
CF 79  
Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the results of the City's annual Public Safety Resident Satisfaction Survey for 2022.
14. ORAL REPORT  
Planning Department  
2022 Year-End  
Summary  
CF 78  
Planning Director Carver gave the report and provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the applications that the Planning Commission and Development Review Board reviewed and approved in 2022 and providing an update on other projects and activities in the City. The presentation also included information on permits issued and inspections completed by the Building and Safety Division.
15. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1168  
(Introduction)  
Amending Chapters  
8.04.010 and 8.04.040 of  
the Paramount Municipal  
Code regarding  
incorporation of the  
County Health and  
Safety Code  
CF 61.23  
Public Safety Director Matson gave the report.  
Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.  
There being no public testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo 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 Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1168, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING CHAPTERS 8.04.010 AND 8.04.040 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption.

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. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1169  
(Introduction)  
Amending Chapters  
10.04.010 and 10.04.020  
of the Paramount  
Municipal Code  
regarding incorporation  
of the County Traffic  
Code  
CF 98.1
- City Manager Moreno gave the report on behalf of  
Public Safety Director Matson.
- Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened the public hearing  
and called for public testimony.
- There being no public testimony. it was moved by  
Councilmember Lemons and seconded by  
Councilmember Delgadillo 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 Lemons and  
seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only,  
waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No.  
1169, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING  
CHAPTERS 10.04.010 AND 10.04.020 OF THE  
PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING  
INCORPORATION OF THE COUNTY TRAFFIC  
CODE," and place it on the next regular agenda for  
adoption. 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. PUBLIC HEARING  
Substantial Amendment  
to the 2021-2022 Annual  
Action Plan HOME-ARP  
Allocation Plan  
CF 54.9
- Consultant David Munoz with MDG Associates gave the report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mayor Cuellar Stallings opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.
- There being no public testimony. it was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons 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 Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to authorize the City Manager or his designee to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 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. RESOLUTION NO.  
23:005  
Approving, Authorizing,  
and Directing City  
Execution of the Joint  
Exercise of Powers  
Agreement relating to  
Membership in the  
Gateway Cities  
Affordable Housing Trust  
CF 43.1192  
CF 37.8
- Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to: 1) Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:005, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING CITY EXECUTION OF THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE GATEWAY CITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST," and 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Joint Powers Exercise of Powers

Agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

19. APPROVAL  
Bikeway License  
Agreement between the  
City of Paramount and  
Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority  
for WSAB Bikeway  
Phase 2  
(City Project No. 9932)  
CF 43.1193

Public Work Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to approve the Bikeway License Agreement between the City of Paramount and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for WSAB Bikeway Phase 2. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

20. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Program Partner  
Agreement – Annual  
Update  
CF 62

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the status of Paramount Junior Athletic Association's current season registration.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS**

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None.

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy and shared information on the sessions she attended.

Councilmember Olmos reported on the City Council's recent goal setting session. She also commented that there have been a number of sports related happenings in the City and expressed appreciation to the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, Bank of America, and Jack in the Box for choosing Paramount for a recent Dodgers event. She also reported that she attended the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Government Services meeting where City Manager Moreno gave a presentation on the City's pilot traffic roundabout. Lastly, she reported on her attendance at the WELL Fellowship educational meeting in Tehachapi.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported that she attended the recent Snacks and Chat with the Mayor event. She commented that it was a great event with good attendance and it served its purpose.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy and the City's Goal Setting Workshop. She also commented that she attended several community events including, Snacks and Chat with the Mayor, Friday Night Paramount, the Senior Valentines Dance, and the cookie making event at the Senior Center.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno commented that it was nice to see the mini-pitch soccer facility repurposed to be used for youth hockey through the City's partnership with the LA Kings.

At City Manager Moreno's request, Community Services Director Johnson provided an update on how it is going with the private security firm that is patrolling the City's parks. Brief discussion ensued concerning the roll of the private security firm.

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At 8:01 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 8:02 p.m. and the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matters listed under the Closed Session agenda below at 8:03 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

##### CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Gov't Code § 54956.8 – One (1) Property  
15538 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723  
Agency negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating parties: City of Paramount  
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

*No reportable action.*

##### PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

EVALUATION: City Manager  
Pursuant to Gov't Code § 54957(b)(1)

*On a vote of 5-0 the City Council issued a vote of confidence for the City Manager and authorized an amendment to the City Manager's contract to provide for a performance-based incentive in the amount of \$15,000 and enhanced vacation accrual which will be brought back for City Council approval in open session at the next City Council meeting.*

Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the meeting back to order in open session at 9:14 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council held a duly authorized closed session to discuss the matter listed above and took action as noted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. to a meeting on February 28, 2023 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 March 14, 2023