

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 5:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Annette C. Delgadillo led the pledge of allegiance.

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
Elizabeth Martyn, Assistant 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
Pauline Aguayo, Management Analyst
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Anthony Gonzalez, IT
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
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Tracie Ragland at the February 14, 2023 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Andrew Castillo with Tree People, Yesenia Cuarenta, Jose Estrada, and Patricia Garcia.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, and 4. 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

1. AWARD OF
 CONTRACT
 City Yard Fence Repairs
 (City Project No. 9377)
 CIP 9377 Awarded the contract for the City Yard Fence Repairs to A&G Sales, Downey, California, in the amount of \$44,750, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 1168 Adopted Ordinance No. 1168.
 (Adoption)
 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

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| 3. | ORDINANCE NO. 1169
(Adoption)
Amending Chapters
10.04.010 and 10.04.020
of the Paramount
Municipal Code
regarding incorporation
of the County Traffic
Code
CF 98.1 | Adopted Ordinance No. 1169. |
| 4. | APPROVAL
Second Amendment to
the Amended and
Restated City Manager
Employment Agreement
CF 43.1026 | Approved the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of Paramount and John Moreno. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 5. | ORAL REPORT
Community Service
Organization Update –
Unity in the Community
CF 62
CF 30 | Dr. Linda Timmons from Unity in the Community presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the role and purpose of Unity in the Community. | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program Construction
Services at 16601
Garfield Avenue #702
CF 54.9 | <p>Associate Planner Reyes gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to award the contract for construction services to P.M.R. in the total amount of \$30,325.00 from Federal HOME funds and property owner contributions for Home Improvement Program construction services at 16601 Garfield Avenue #702. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-top: 20px;"><tr><td style="padding-right: 20px;">AYES:</td><td>Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings</td></tr><tr><td>NOES:</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td>ABSENT:</td><td>None</td></tr><tr><td>ABSTAIN:</td><td>None</td></tr></table> | AYES: | Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings | NOES: | None | ABSENT: | None | ABSTAIN: | None |
| AYES: | Councilmembers Delgadillo, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Aguayo; and Mayor Cuellar Stallings | | | | | | | | | |
| NOES: | None | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | None | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN: | None | | | | | | | | | |

7. RESOLUTION NO. 23:006
Opposing State Ballot Measure Initiative No. 21-0042A1 Restricting Voters' Input and Local Taxing Authority
CF 62.2
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT OPPOSING STATE BALLOT MEASURE INITIATIVE NO. 21-0042A1 RESTRICTING VOTERS' INPUT AND LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY." 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. RESOLUTION NO. 23:007
Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Midyear Municipal Operating and Capital Improvement Budget 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
- Finance Director Sao gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Assistant City Manager Vialpando provided information on the Pride of Paramount Beautification Awards Program and Public Works Director Figueroa provided information on the proposed major Capital Improvement Projects.
- Discussion ensued concerning the awards associated with the Pride of Paramount Beautification Awards Program. Staff was directed to revise the awards to include VIP Access to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and a ride on the Christmas Train for the top Home Beautification Award winner. It was also suggested that the program include a process to encourage removal of the older beautification award lawn signs.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-2023 MIDYEAR MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET 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." 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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

9. APPROVAL
Agreement between the
City of Paramount and
Central Basin Municipal
Water District for Turf
Replacement Rebate
Program
CF 43.1194

Public Works Manager Macias gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the agreement between the City of Paramount and the Central Basin Municipal Water District for the turf replacement rebate program. 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

10. RESOLUTION NO.
23:008
Consenting to the
Inclusion of Properties
within the Territory of the
City in the CSCDA Open
PACE Programs;
Authorizing the California
Statewide Communities
Development Authority
to Accept Applications
from Property Owners,
Conduct Contractual

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the process by which the assessment is placed on the homeowner's property tax bill. Rachel Hobbs with Home Run Financing further explained how the assessment is processed and the methods by which homeowners are informed of the assessment process.

Assessment
Proceedings and Levy
Contractual
Assessments within the
Territory of the City; and
Authorizing Related
Actions
CF 46.1

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No., "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY IN THE CSCDA OPEN PACE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS, AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS." 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Delgadillo reported that she attended the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) event where Brandon Tsay was recognized for his heroic act of bravery during the recent tragedy in Monterey Park. She commented that she also attended PUSD's first Black History Month Celebration and the Paramount Chamber of Commerce State of the City event. She commended City Manager Moreno for the State of the City presentation.

Councilmember Olmos commented that she echoes Councilmember Delgadillo's comments.

Councilmember Lemons clarified her response to a comment made during the public comment part of the meeting. She also provided a brief summary from the

recent SEAACA board meeting and commented that she attended the Lion's Club speakers' event where students spoke on the topic of social media.

Lastly, she commented that she also attended the State of the City event and gave kudos to the Mayor and City Manager for their presentations.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported that she also attended the Lion's Club speakers' event and the PUSD Black History Month celebration event. She commented that she also attended the Paramount Homeless Plan community input meeting and appreciated seeing so many residents there to participate. She reported that she also attended the State of the City event and reminded residents about this week's Friday Night Paramount event.

Lastly, she thanked Public Safety Director Matson and the public safety team for giving the Girl Scouts a great tour of the Paramount Sheriff's Station.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported that she also attended the CCCA meeting where Brandon Tsay was recognized and the PUSD Black History Month Celebration. She commented that she visited the Star Program at Jackson School to observe the program and also attended the Lion's Club speakers' event. She expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for an excellent job at the State of the City event and for all they do for the community. Lastly, she reported that she attended the MUSA Zumbathon.

Staff

City Manager Moreno expressed appreciation for the positive comments about the State of the City presentation and commented that it was a team effort and couldn't be done without the talented staff.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. Mayor Stalling recessed the meeting for a brief break to be followed by closed session commencing at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the matters listed below.

THREAT TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Government Code §54957

Preparation for threat to public facilities presented by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to the City Council, City Attorney and Management Staff

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code §
54956.9(d) (1) - Two (2) cases

1. Communities for a Better Environment; East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; and Center for Biological Diversity v. City of Paramount – Case No. 22STCP01875
2. Shadowood Development Company v. City of Paramount – Case No. 22STCV09407

Mayor Stallings called back to order in open session at 8:11 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Martyn reported that the City Council held a duly authorized closed session to discuss the matters listed above and there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. in memory of Bryan Valenzuela. The next City Council meeting will be held on March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED March 14, 2023