



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

Public Participation Accessibility for the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Board scheduled for **April 5, 2023**.

### **In-person Attendance:**

The public may attend the Economic Development Board meeting in-person.

### **Public Comments:**

Members of the public wanting to address the Economic Development Board, either during public comments or for a specific agenda item, or both, may do so by the following methods:

- **In-Person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail: [planning@paramountcity.com](mailto:planning@paramountcity.com)**

E-mail public comments must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023**. The e-mail must specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item Number; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

- **Teleconference: (562) 220-2036**

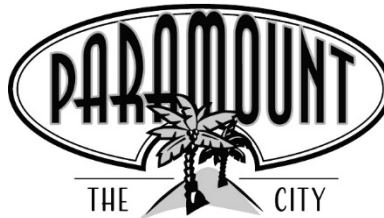
Participants wishing to address the Economic Development Board by teleconference should call City Hall at **(562) 220-2036** by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023** and provide the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item Number; 5) Subject. Teleconference participants will be called back during the Economic Development Board meeting on speaker phone to provide their comments.

All public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes unless an extension is granted. Please be mindful that the meeting will be recorded as any other person is recorded when appearing before the Economic Development Board, and all other rules of procedure and decorum will apply when addressing the Economic Development Board by teleconference.

# AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board

April 5, 2023



*Safe, Healthy, and Attractive*

Regular Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers  
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ [www.paramountcity.com](http://www.paramountcity.com)

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**Americans with Disabilities Act:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 220-2027 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

**Note:** Agenda items are on file in the Planning Department office and are available for public inspection during normal business hours. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet are also available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Planning Department office. The Planning Department office is located at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount.

## Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair David Moody

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Linda Timmons  
Board Member Gordon  
Weisenburger  
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez  
Chair David Moody

## MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES](#)

March 1, 2023



APRIL 5, 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF  
MARCH 1, 2023.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] APPROVED

[ ] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES MARCH 1, 2023**

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair Moody at 6:39 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Present: Board Member - VACANT  
Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger  
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez  
Chair David Moody

Absent: None

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

John Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
John Carver, Planning Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager  
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Andrew Farias, Planning Intern  
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Moody presented the Economic Development Board minutes of February 1, 2023 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Esparza, seconded by Board Member Weisenbuger, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza and  
Weisenburger, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Chair  
Moody  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**REPORTS**

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## 2. ORAL REPORT

Assistant Planning Director John King gave a presentation on the Paramount Paints Mural Project to the rear of 8026 Alondra Boulevard and two residential properties to the south.

3. COMMENTS FROM  
BOARD MEMBERS  
AND STAFF

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Moody at 6:46 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California, at 6:00 p.m.

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David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

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Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

APRIL 5, 2023

ORAL REPORT

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY



**To:** Honorable Planning Commission  
**From:** John Carver, Planning Director  
**By:** Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
**Date:** April 5, 2023

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**Subject: ORAL REPORT – SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY**

An update of the Small Business Assistance Grant Program will be provided. The City of Paramount received American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$18,895,185.00. From the ARPA funds, the City Council allocated funds for grants up to \$20,000 from the City to businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Forward (previously known as LiveStories) administered the program and began accepting applications on August 3, 2022. At the conclusion of the program, the City awarded \$672,500 to 40 small businesses. \$16,813 was the average grant amount amount.



APRIL 5, 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF