

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 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 6:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Adaptive Recreation participant Alejandro Rangel led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Ken Korver, Emmanuel Reformed 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
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
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
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
Melissa Torres, Communications Specialist
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION
 Developmental
 Disabilities Awareness
 Month
 CF 39.12

Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of Paramount. Paramount High School Vice President Jill Hammond was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of Paramount High School's Inclusifit Club.
2. PRESENTATION
 Mayor's Award of
 Excellence
 CF 39.7

Mayor Cuellar Stallings presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Biviano Favela. Mr. Favela was present to accept the award and expressed appreciation for the recognition.
3. COMMENDATION
 Deputy Greg Emerson
 CF39.6

Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, presented a commendation to Deputy Greg Emmerson in recognition of his retirement from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Emerson was present to accept the commendation and expressed sincere appreciation for the recognition.
4. PROCLAMATION
 American Red Cross
 Awareness Month
 CF 39.12

Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as American Red Cross Awareness Month in the City of Paramount. American Red Cross Executive Director Amy Papageorges and Community Volunteer Lead Dr. Linda Timmons were present to accept the proclamation.
5. PROCLAMATION
 National Women's
 History Month
 CF 39.12

Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed March as National Women's History Month in the City of Paramount. Women's Club President Lucy Hase was present to accept the proclamation.
6. CERTIFICATE OF
 RECOGNITION
 Paramount Youth Soccer
 Organization 2023 Cal
 South State Cup
 Presidents Youngers
 (9U) Champions
 CF 39.6

Mayor Cuellar Stallings, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate of recognition to the Paramount Youth Soccer Organization Boys 9U Team for winning the 2023 Cal South State Cup Presidents Youngers (9U) Championship.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Patricia Garcia, Jose Estrada, and Yesenia Cuarenta at the February 28, 2023 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Items 7 and 8. 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

7. APPROVAL OF
 MINUTES
 February 14 and
 February 28, 2023 Approved.

8. APPROVAL
 Register of Demands
 CF 47.2 Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

9. AWARD OF
 CONTRACT
 Arterial Street
 Resurfacing
 (City Project No. 9330) Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to award the contract for the Arterial Street Resurfacing to Palp, Inc., DBA Excel Paving, Corona, CA, in the amount of \$779,310, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the 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

10. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Curb Address Painting
(City Project No. 9333)

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to award the contract for the Curb Address Painting to Project Hope, Corona, CA, in the amount of \$50,400, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. 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. RESOLUTION NO.
23:009
Approving the
Modification of Fees and
Charges for Pick-Up and
Hauling of Refuse Within
the City of Paramount
CF 43.23

City Manager Moreno asked the City Council to continue this item to the next regular meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to continue this item. 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. RESOLUTION NO.
23:010
Declaring Certain
Property Located at
15538 Colorado Avenue,
Assessor's Parcel
Number 6270-015-900,

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. 23:010, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

in the City of Paramount
Surplus Land pursuant to
the Surplus Land Act
(Government Code
Sections 54220 Et Seq.)
CF 82
CF 82.5

OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 15538 COLORADO AVENUE,
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 6270-015-900, IN
THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SURPLUS LAND
PURSUANT TO THE SURPLUS LAND ACT
(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54220 ET SEQ.)“
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

13. APPROVAL
Appointment of a
Planning Commissioner
CF 27.7

Mayor Cuellar Stallings stated that she proposes to
appoint Dr. Linda Timmons to fill the vacant position
on the Planning Commission and asked for a motion
to confirm the appointment.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and
seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to confirm the
Mayor's appointment of Dr. Linda Timmons to the
Planning Commission. 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 NEW
BUSINESS**

None.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos requested that staff provide
an educational report to City Council regarding the
economic development process in the City. With City
Council concurrence, staff was directed to provide a
report at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Lemons stated that she had nothing to report.

Councilmember Delgadillo reported that she was honored to serve as a guest reader on National Read Across America Day at two local elementary schools. She reported that she attended Pan Dulce with a Deputy and thanked the Deputies and Public Safety Department for their service to the community and for the school supply give-a-way at the event.

She further reported that she also attended Paramount Council of PTAs Honorary Service Awards banquet and the MUSA International Women's History Day celebration.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported that she attended many of the same events previously mentioned including Pan Dulce with a Deputy. She also reported that she served as a guest reader at a school in Lynwood on National Read Across America Day.

She provided a brief report on the recent PUSD Ad Hoc Committee meeting where the major topic was safety in our schools. She also noted that she attended Tree People workshop and encouraged residents to attend the two additional workshops. She reminded residents of the upcoming Pop-up Friday Night event at Bianchi Theaters. She also noted that Tepic Sister Cities is holding a membership drive and encouraged residents to check them out. Lastly, she wished sincere condolences to the Olmos Family.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the recent Los Angeles County Sanitation District meetings, the Gateway Cities COG meeting and the Clean Power Alliance meeting. She also noted that she attended many of the same events mentioned previously including Pan Dulce with a Deputy; the Paramount Council of PTAs Honorary Service Awards banquet; the MUSA International Women's History Day celebration, where she was given a Leadership Award; the Tree People event and Snacks and Chats with the Mayor. She expressed appreciation to all those involved.

Staff

There were no comments from staff.

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 6:56 p.m. to a meeting on March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED April 11, 2023