

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

Present: Councilmember Brenda Olmos
Vice Mayor Isabel Aguayo
Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Absent: Councilmember Annette C. Delgadillo
Councilmember Peggy Lemons

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to excuse Councilmembers Delgadillo and Lemons' absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

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
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Pauline Aguayo, Management Analyst
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
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

There were no public comment updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez and Carmina Lopez on behalf of Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:009, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR PICKUP AND HAULING OF REFUSE WITHIN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

The City Council took a brief recess at 5:20 p.m. to address some audio-visual technical issues. Mayor Cuellar Stallings called the meeting back to order at 5:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL
AltAir Community
Benefits Agreement
CF 43.1195

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the Community Benefits Agreement with AltAir. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONSIDERATION
Request submitted by
Eco-Rapid Transit for the
City of Paramount to
Remit Advance Payment
of its Annual
Membership Dues for
Fiscal Year 2023-2024
CF 99.16

City Manager Moreno gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Eric Shen, Executive Director of Eco-Rapid Transit responded to questions from the City Council about the background and current status of Eco-Rapid Transit's economic situation and Eco-Rapid Transit's viability moving forward.

Discussion ensued concerning Eco-Rapid Transit's economic situation and the possibility of continuing consideration of this item to the next City Council meeting to allow Councilmembers Delgadillo and Lemons to participate in consideration of this item.

It was moved by Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting of the City Council. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons

4. APPROVAL / AWARD
Reclaim Water
Extension on Lakewood
Boulevard (City Project
No. 9238)
CIP 9238
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation on both items.
- a) APPROVAL
Agreement between
the City of Bellflower
and City of Paramount
for Reclaim Water
Extension on
Lakewood Boulevard
Fiscal Year 2022-
2023
CF 43.1196
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve an agreement with the City of Bellflower for Reclaim Water Extension on Lakewood Boulevard FY 2022-23. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons
- b) AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Reclaim Water
Extension on
Lakewood Boulevard
(City Project No.
9238)
CIP 9238
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to award the contract for the Reclaim Water Extension on Lakewood Boulevard to Valverde Construction, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$52,200; and Authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmember Olmos,
Vice Mayor Aguayo; and
Mayor Cuellar Stallings
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmembers Delgadillo and
Lemons
5. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Neighborhood Street
Resurfacing (City Project
No. 9331)
CIP 9331
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to award the contract for the Neighborhood Street Resurfacing to Onyx Paving Co, Anaheim, CA, in the amount of \$1,472,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

6. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Citywide Copier and
Printing Services to
UBEO Business
Services
CF 43.1197

Management Analyst Aguayo gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to 1) award a contract to UBEO Business Services for Citywide network copier, print, and fax services for a five-year term; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement to include a 10% contingency for unexpected costs in the amount of \$6,348, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$69,828 annually. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. RESOLUTION NO.
23:011
Amending Resolution
No. 21:026 to Establish
the Revised Summer
Day Camp Weekly Fee
CF 30, 60

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

Councilmember Olmos asked if it would be possible to continue with current Summer Day Camp weekly fee as it currently exists for this year and possibly consider this increase for next year to allow residents time to prepare for the increase.

Discussion ensued concerning the City's subsidy of the program and other ways to reduce the costs associated with the program as an alternative to raising the weekly fee. City Manager Moreno suggested that staff could include a subsidy for the Day Camp program when the spending plan for the AltAir Community Benefits Agreement is brought before the City Council for consideration.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to **deny** Resolution No. 23:011, "AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21:026 TO ESTABLISH THE REVISED SUMMER DAY CAMP WEEKLY FEE." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. RECEIVE AND FILE
General Plan Annual
Progress Report –
Calendar Year 2022
CF 54.14

Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

The report was received and filed.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

9. APPROVAL
Agreement for
Consulting Services with
Trinity Consultants, Inc.
for continued Services
related to Air Monitoring
CF 43.1198

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the agreement with Trinity Consultants, Inc. for continued air monitoring services for a period of twenty-five (25) months with the total amount not exceeding \$311,644 and with the option to extend the twenty-five (25) month period at the discretion of the City. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. APPROVAL
Contingent Design and
Engineering Services
Agreement with Willdan

City Manager Moreno introduced Colton Gorman and Scott Griffith with Willdan Energy Solutions who gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Energy Solutions for
Efficiency and
Infrastructure
Improvement Projects
and Consideration of a
Funding Plan
CF 43.1199

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve the Contingent Design and Engineering Services agreement with Willdan Energy Solutions in the amount of \$50,000 for energy efficiency and infrastructure projects and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos commented on her attendance at the Pitch-in Paramount event on Saturday and thanked the volunteers and staff that helped make the event successful. She also thanked CalCities for recognizing the State's all female City Council's in recognition of Women's History Month.

Vice Mayor Aguayo commented on her attendance at several recent events including the Cooking Up Change event where Paramount High School students participated in the culinary competition, the Pop-up Friday Night event at Bianchi Theater, and Lincoln School Career Day.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings commented on her attendance at several recent events including the St. Patrick's Day event at the Senior Center, the Lincoln School Career Day, the Cooking Up Change event, the Unity in the Community excursion with Paramount High School students to see the Lion King, and the Pitch-in Paramount event. She expressed appreciation to those involved in the events.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings invited residents to the Easer Egg Hunt and special presentation of the Three Little Pigs play on Saturday, April 1st at Progress Park.

Staff

City Manager Moreno expressed appreciation to the volunteers that helped at the Pitch-in Paramount event on Saturday. He also noted that City Hall and the City Yard will be closed on Friday, March 31st in observance of the Cesar Chavez Day holiday.

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 7:16 p.m. in memory of Rosalva Sanchez Olmos, the victims of the deadly tornado in Mississippi, and the victims of the senseless act of violence at The Covenant School in Nashville, TN. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED April 11, 2023