

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 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 Isabel Aguayo at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cadet Major Angel Aguilar, Paramount High School JROTC led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Nathan Hamry, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS: Present: Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Councilmember Brenda Olmos
Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Vice Mayor Annette C. Delgadillo
Mayor Isabel Aguayo

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
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Andres Gonzales, Community Services Supervisor
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Jocelyn Hernandez, Communications Specialist
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, Finance Services Manager
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst

Melissa Torres, Communications Specialist
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESENTATION**
Mayor's Award of Excellence
CF 39.7

Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Colonel Robert Guild and Sergeant Dannie Brayboy, retiring Paramount High School JROTC advisors.

2. **PROCLAMATION**
National Military Appreciation Month
CF 39.12

Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Military Appreciation Month. The following graduating seniors from Paramount High School ROTC who will be enlisting in the military upon graduation were recognized in honor of Military Appreciation Month: Christopher Velasquez, Air Force; Dallanara Magana, Army; Jordan Menesses, Army; David Paguay, Army; Jesus Hurtado, Marines; Joshua Palomo, Marines; Emily Street, Marines; and Julthiza Camarillo, Navy.

3. **PRESENTATION**
Pride of Paramount Beautiful Property Awards
CF 74.3

Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented the following Pride of Paramount Beautiful Property Awards: Outstanding Landscape, Emanuel and Kathleen London, 8526 Madison Street; Waterwise Landscape, Ric and Norma Franco, 8065 2nd Street; Beautiful Business, Starbucks, 7905 Alondra Boulevard; Model Apartment, Four Seasons Apartment Homes, 15940 Indiana Avenue; Most Beautiful Home, 3rd Place, Rebecca Guillen and Family, 8427 Ives Street; Most Beautiful Home, 2nd Place, the Carranza Family, 8057 Denbo Avenue; and Most Beautiful Home 1st Place, the Jimenez Family, 14402 Coke Avenue.

4. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**
Edison Scholarship Recipient – Kayla Bullard, Odyssey STEM Academy
CF 39.6

Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate of recognition to Edison Scholarship recipient Kayla Bullard, Odyssey STEM Academy.

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| 5. PROCLAMATION
National Police Week –
May 14-20, 2023
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Police Week – May 14-20, 2023. Lieutenant Joseph Morales and members of the Special Assignment Officers team were present to accept the proclamation. |
| 6. PROCLAMATION
National Mental Health
Awareness Month
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Victor Sanchez, Director of Community and Donor Relations, Community Family Guidance Center was present to accept the award. |
| 7. PROCLAMATION
National Water Safety
Month
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Water Safety Month. Haydee Mata from the Los Cerritos YMCA was present to accept the award. |
| 8. PROCLAMATION
National Senior Health &
Fitness Day – May 31,
2023
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 31, 2023 as National Senior Health & Fitness Day. Ron Roberson, senior fitness class leader and fitness class participants Christina Gonzalez, Ralph Guillen and Maria Vega were present to accept the proclamation. |
| 9. PROCLAMATION
National Public Works
Week
CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May as National Public Works Week. Rosemary Vasquez, Chair of the Public Works Commission was present to accept the proclamation. |
| 10. VIDEOS
Paramount Pothole
Brigade and Seniors
Exercise Class
CF 39.7 | A video highlighting the City's senior exercise program was played. Due to technical difficulties, the video featuring the Paramount Pothole Brigade was not able to be played. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Ron Ibarra, Alejandro Yanez, and Gabriel Espinoza.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve Consent Calendar Items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 as shown below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 11. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
April 11 and April 25,
2023 | Approved. |
| 12. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2 | Approved. |
| 13. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
March 31, 2023
CF 47.3 | Receive and filed. |
| 14. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Replacement/Renovation
of Bus Shelters (City
Project No. 9135)
CIP 9135 | Accepted the work performed by C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., Chino, California, for replacement/renovation of bus shelters and authorize payment of the remaining retention. |
| 15. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Arterial Street
Resurfacing
Improvements Project for
Fiscal Year 2022 (City
Project No. 9230)
CIP 9230 | 1) Appropriated an additional \$138,191 from Measure M funds; and 2) Accepted the work performed by Hardy and Harper Inc., Lake Forest, California, for construction of the arterial street resurfacing improvements project for Fiscal Year 2022 and authorize payment of the remaining retention. |

16. APPROVAL
Engineer's Report and
Declaration of Intent to
Levy and Collect
Assessments –
Landscaping and
Maintenance
Assessment District No.
81-1
CF 25.3
- Read by title only and adopted Resolution No. 23:015
and Resolution No. 23:016.
- a) RESOLUTION NO.
23:015
CF 25.3
- Read by title only and adopted Resolution No.
23:015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE
ENGINEER'S "REPORT FOR CERTAIN
LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS FOR
LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 81-1."
- b) RESOLUTION NO.
23:016
CF 25.3
- Read by title only and adopted Resolution No.
23:016, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DECLARING ITS
INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT
ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPING AND
MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 81-1
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AND SETTING
A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
THEREON.
17. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Perimeter Wall on 70th
Street (City Project No.
9385)
CIP 9385
- 1) Appropriated an additional \$50,100 from available
General Fund balance; and 2) awarded the contract
for the Perimeter Wall on 70th Street to Parsam
Construction, Inc., Glendale, CA in the amount of
\$175,750, authorized contingency in the amount of
\$26,350, and authorized the Mayor or her designee
to execute the agreement.
18. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Paramount Pool
Upgrades – Heater
Replacement (City
Project No. 9354)
CIP 9354
- Awarded the contract for the Paramount Pool
Upgrades - Heater Replacement to KLM HVAC and
Refrigeration, Los Alamitos, California, in the amount
of \$66,950, authorized contingency in the amount of
\$10,050, and authorized the Mayor or her designee
to execute the agreement.

19. **APPROVAL**
 Parade Permit
 Application for Hynes
 D.E.S. Inc. – June 25,
 2023
 CF 75.1
 Approved the parade permit application with the understanding that Hynes D.E.S. Inc. will reimburse the City for approximately \$1,650 for the cost to provide assistance for their annual parade, acquire appropriate liability insurance for the event, and contract with a third-party motorcade agency to provide eight motorcade units for their event.
20. **APPROVAL**
 Change Order Nos. 1, 2,
 3, and 4 in the amount of
 \$25,889 for the City Hall
 Office Furniture Upgrade
 and Replacement Project
 (City Project No. 9382)
 CF 43.1190
 1) Appropriated an additional \$25,889 from the available fund balance in the Equipment Replacement Fund; and 2) Approved Change Orders Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the contract with Interior Office Solutions, Inc., dba PeopleSpace for the purchase of office furniture and storage solutions for the City Hall Office Furniture Upgrade and Replacement Project (CIP No. 9382), for a total contract amount not to exceed \$292,852.
21. **APPROVAL**
 Amendment No. 1 to
 Agreement with Kosmont
 Transactions Services,
 Inc., dba Kosmont
 Municipal Treasury
 Consulting (KMTC) for
 Financial Advisory and
 Consulting Services
 CF 43.1203
 Approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Kosmont Transactions Services, Inc., dba Kosmont Municipal Treasury Consulting, for financial advisory and consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for each of the three (3) Fiscal Year terms shown in Exhibit A, and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

22. **ORAL REPORT**
 Community Service
 Organization Update –
 Paramount-Tepic Sister
 Cities
 CF 62.15
 Frank Barraza with Paramount Tepic Sister Cities provided an overview of the Paramount Tepic Sister Cities organization and the services they provide to the community.
23. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 ORDINANCE NO. 1170
 Repealing Section
 15.04.020 of the
 Paramount Municipal
 Code and Amending
 Sections 15.04.010,
 15.12.010, 15.16.010,
 Building and Safety Manager Rightmer gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

 Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify.

and 15.20.010 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code, adopting by
reference the 2022
California Building Code
including Chapter 1,
Division 2, Residential
Code, Green Building
Standards Code,
Electrical Code,
Mechanical Code, and
Plumbing Code
CF 29

There being no one in the audience wishing to testify,
it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and
seconded by Councilmember Olmos to close the
public hearing. The motion was passed by the
following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and
seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title
only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No.
1170, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, REPEALING
SECTION 15.04.020 OF THE PARAMOUNT
MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING SECTIONS
15.04.010, 15.12.010, 15.16.010, AND 15.20.010 OF
THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING
BY REFERENCE THE 2022 CALIFORNIA
BUILDING STANDARDS CODE INCLUDING
CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 2, RESIDENTIAL CODE,
GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, ENERGY
CODE, ELECTRICAL CODE, MECHANICAL CODE,
AND PLUMBING CODE," and place it on the June
13, 2023 agenda for adoption. The motion was
passed by the following roll call vote:

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

24. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1171
Zone Change No. 243 –
Approving an
amendment to
Ordinance
No.1072/Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 3 by

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

Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked
if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify.

establishing revised development standards, including special event regulations, in the Town Center East PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) zone CF 109 ZC 243

There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
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, introduce Ordinance No. 1171, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 243, REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1072/ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 3; AND ESTABLISHING REVISED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENT REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN CENTER EAST PD-PS (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS) ZONE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT," and place it on the June 13, 2023 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

25. PUBLIC HEARING
Adoption of the
Amended Five-Year
2022-2026 Consolidated
Plan and the Fiscal Year
2023-2024 One-Year
Action Plan for the
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) and
Home Investment
Partnerships (HOME)

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

Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify.

There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Programs
CF 54.9 CDBG

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to adopt the amended Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2022-2026); adopt the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2023-2024); and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to adjust the CDBG and HOME activity budgets to conform with any change to the formula for grant allocations, and execute and submit all required documents and agreements to implement the One-Year Action Plan and amended Consolidated Plan in compliance with HUD regulations. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT
City Hall Conference
Room Upgrade (City
Project No. 9280)
CIP 9280

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

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to 1) appropriate an additional \$50,850 from the available General Fund balance; and 2) award the contract for the City Hall Conference Room Upgrade to Junior's Construction, Inc., Compton, CA in the amount of \$83,690, authorize contingency in the amount of \$12,640, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

27. APPROVAL
Santa Train Route
Adjustment
CF 39.17
- Assistant Community Services Director Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the proposed route adjustments for the 2023 Santa Train. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
28. APPROVAL
Proposed Restructuring
of Volunteering Is
Paramount (V.I.P.)
Student Recognition
Program and Youth and
Young Adult Committee
into the Paramount Teen
Leadership Program
CF 62.35
CF 60.11
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the proposed Paramount Teen Leadership program. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo;
and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
29. ORAL REPORT
2023 Summer Concert
Lineup
CF 39
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a preview of the upcoming summer concert lineup.
30. RESOLUTION NO.
23:017
Adopting the Fund
Balance Policy
CF 47.28
- Finance Director Sao gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:017, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING THE FUND BALANCE POLICY." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

31. ORAL REPORT
Update on Community
Outreach Campaign for
Clean Power Alliance
Tier Adjustment
CF 43.1070
CF 112.2

Public Works Manager Macias gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City's community outreach campaign for the upcoming Clean Power Alliance (CPA) renewable energy tier adjustment which goes into effect October of 2023. Additionally, she provided information on the methods by which the Clean Power Alliance will inform residents of the upcoming rate tier adjustment in compliance with the California Public Utilities Commission requirements.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings noted that she attended the Northgate grand reopening with Mayor Aguayo. She also reported that she participated on the interview panel for the new Gateway Cities COG Executive Director who will replace the current director upon her retirement. Lastly, she reported on her attendance at SCAG conference and the WSAB Metro meeting with Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Councilmember Lemons commented that she visited Alas Kitchen & Bar on Cinco de mayo for their grand reopening and encouraged residents to try it.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at Section 6 of the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) fellowship which was on finance and water and noted that she will be graduating next month. She reported that she also served as a keynote speaker at the Girls to Growing Empowerment Conference and attended the Local Government Commission meeting. She noted that she attended

several local events including the active shooter drill at Our Lady of the Rosary School and the National Day of Prayer. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported that she attended the showing of the Diary of Anne Frank at the Long Beach Playhouse sponsored by Pathways as well as the Dirty Bean, Water and Tea at Paramount High School. Lastly, she reported on her attendance at the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly.

Mayor Aguayo reported on her attendance at several events including the Northgate grand reopening, the press conference at World Energy with Governor Newsom and the Water Replenishment board meeting on the proposed water rate increase and the WSAB Metro meeting. She also reported on her attendance at several community functions including the National Day of Prayer, Friday Night Paramount, the STAR Principals Luncheon and Congresswoman Barragan's art contest awards ceremony. Lastly, she encouraged the community show support for the Espinoza family by sharing the missing person bulletin.

Staff

City Manager Moreno wished the City Council a Happy Mother's Day.

At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Aguayo recessed the City Council meeting to convene the meeting of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

Mayor Aguayo called the City Council meeting back to order at 8:39 p.m. and the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matter listed under the Closed Session agenda below.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Gov't Code § 54956.8

16493 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723

Agency negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating parties: Paramount Saw, LLC

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Mayor Aguayo called the City Council back to order in open session at 8:52 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. to a meeting on May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk