

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Isabel Aguayo at 6:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California.

Mayor Aguayo shared a brief history of former Councilmember Tom Hansen's service to the City of Paramount and observed a moment of silence in memory of Tom Hansen in light of his recent passing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Linda Timmons and other Members of Unity in the Community led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Larry Jameson, Lifegate Church, 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
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director (remote)
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Anthony Gonzalez, IT
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

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESENTATION**
Mayor's Award of Excellence
CF 39.7
Mayor Aguayo presented, the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Judy Diaz. Ms. Diaz was present to accept the award and expressed sincere appreciation for the recognition.
2. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**
Hynes D.E.S. 100th Anniversary
CF 39.6
Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate to Hynes D.E.S. in recognition of their 100th Anniversary. John Ormonde was present to accept the certificate of recognition and expressed appreciation for the acknowledgement.

3. PROCLAMATION
LGBTQ Pride Month
CF 39.12
Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed June as LGBTQ Pride Month. Andie Darling, Coordinator of Operations and Outreach for the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach and members of Unity in the Community were present to accept the proclamation.
4. PROCLAMATION
Juneteenth
CF 39.12
Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth. Pastor Grady Jones, Dr. Linda Timmons, and members of Unity Club were present to accept the proclamation.
5. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
PEP Board Member
Matt Knabe
CF 39.6
Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate to Matt Knabe in recognition of his dedicated service to the Paramount Education Partnership serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 2008 until his retirement earlier this year. Mr. Knabe was present to accept the certificate of recognition and expressed appreciation for the recognition.
6. PRESENTATIONS
PARAMOUNT
EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP (PEP)
 - PEP Board of Directors
 - PEP Scholarship Selection Committee
 - PEP Donors
 - Recognition of PEP Scholarship RecipientsCF 39.7
The City Council expressed appreciation to the PEP Board of Directors and the PEP Scholarship Selection Committee. The PEP Donors were recognized for their generous support of the PEP Scholarship program.

The City Council presented certificates of recognition from the City and Assemblymember Anthony Rendon to each of the PEP scholarship recipients.
7. PRESENTATIONS
EDUCATION MONTH
 - Recognition of Valedictorian, Paramount High School, Class of 2023
 - Recognition of Salutatorian, Paramount High School, Class of 2023
 - Recognition of Strong Minds Awardee, Odyssey STEM Academy, Class of 2023
 - Recognition of Top 25 Paramount High School Academic Students, Class of 2023
 - Recognition of Top 5 Odyssey STEM Academy Students, Class of 2023
 - Recognition of Top 5 Paramount High School Student
The City Council recognized Paramount High School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Top 25 Academic Students, Top 5 Student Volunteers, and Top 5 Momentum Students.

The City Council also recognized Odyssey STEM Academy's Class of 2022 Strong Minds Awardee and Top 10 Students.

Lastly, the City Council recognized Gates Millennium Scholar, Jose C. Berdeja.

- Volunteers, Class of 2023
- Recognition of Top 5 Paramount High School Momentum Students, Class of 2023
- GATES Millennium Scholar
CF 39.7

*Mayor Aguayo recessed the meeting at 6:56 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m.*

Mayor Aguayo commented that earlier today, the City was made aware of a situation at Elija Park (Mobile Home Park at 15523 Lakewood Boulevard) where residents are experiencing severe rent increases and threats of eviction. She provided an update on the City’s response to the issue. City Manager Moreno provided further details on the City’s response, noting that the City contacted Fair Housing Foundation to provide the affected residents with guidance and assistance. Fair Housing Foundation Executive Director Stella Verdeja was present and provided an update on their response to the situation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments regarding Elija Park (Mobile Home Park at 15523 Lakewood Boulevard): Desiree Sarinana, Joseph Sanchez, Nelson Sanchez, Lauren Yokomizo (on behalf of Supervisor Janice Hann), Michelle (no last name given), and Jonny (no last name given).

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve Consent Calendar Items 8*, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 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

- 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 9, May 23 (Special Meeting) and May 23, 2023
- 9. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Approved.

Approved.

* Councilmember Olmos abstained from voting on the minutes of May 23, 2023 because she was absent from the meeting.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 1170 Adopted.
(Adoption) 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 Code
including Chapter 1,
Division 2, Residential
Code, Green Building
Standards Code,
Electrical Code,
Mechanical Code, and
Plumbing Code
CF 29
11. ORDINANCE NO. 1171 Adopted.
(Adoption)
Zone Change No. 243 –
Approving an
amendment to Ordinance
No.1072/Zoning
Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 3 by
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
12. RESOLUTION NO. Adopted.
23:018
Adopting the Statement
of Investment Policy for
the City of Paramount for
Fiscal Year 2023-2024
CF 47.3
13. APPROVAL
Professional Services
Agreement with Moore
Iacofano Goltsman, Inc.
(MIG) to prepare a
comprehensive update of
the Clearwater East
Specific Plan
CF 43.1205
Approved the agreement with Moore Iacofano
Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) for the comprehensive update
to the Clearwater East Specific Plan with the total
amount not to exceed \$495,944.00 and authorized
the Mayor or designee to execute the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

14. ORAL REPORT
Economic Development Update
CF 54.9
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando and James Rodriguez, Senior Vice President, Colliers presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the state of economic development in Paramount, including information on the City's retail profile, economic strengths and challenges, opportunities, and new metric tools to analyze regional development trends.
15. PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO. 23:019
Establishing and Adopting Certain Fees, Rates, and Charges for Development Application Processing Permits and Services and User Fees for Other Municipal Services
CF 30
- Mayor Aguayo stated that staff has requested that this item be taken off calendar and called for a motion.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to take this item off calendar. 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
16. APPROVAL
Disposition and Development Agreement and Operating Covenants between City of Paramount and Paramount City Investors, LLC
CF 43.1206
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the Disposition and Development Agreement with Paramount City Investors, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,063,000. 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
17. RESOLUTION NO. 23:020
Adopting the City's Social Media Policy including the Social Media Public Disclaimer/Terms of Use
CF 39.2
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING THE CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY INCLUDING THE SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLIC DISCLAIMER/TERMS OF USE." 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

18. REPORT
 Introduction of the Fiscal
 Year 2023-2024
 Proposed Budget
 CF 28.1
- Finance Director Sao gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, for further review and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. 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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the following community events: Paramount Education Foundation dinner, Elks Memorial, MUSA event, Los Cerritos Career Day, Chamber Women's Tea, and Chamber Business Crime Watch meeting. She expressed appreciation to those involved in organizing the event.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the same events as Councilmember Olmos. She reported that she also attended the PUSD Retiree and Longevity event, and PHS Senior Awards and PHS Graduation ceremony and congratulated all of the graduates. She also commented that she attended the recent Friday Night Paramount concert and received a suggestion that there be more tables and chairs for guests.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the MUSA event and the Chamber of Commerce Women's Tea. She also reported that she attended the recent SEAACA Board meeting and commented that SEAACA will be holding a "Big Adoption" event from May 16-July 8 where any bid dog can be adopted for \$25.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported that she attended the Career Day at Los Cerritos and thanked Principal Robbins for the invitation to such a wonderful event. She also reported on her attendance at the recent LA Metro meeting, the Chamber's Women's Tea and the PUSD graduation and the Summer Swim Bash.

Mayor Aguayo commented on her attendance at the MUSA event and congratulated MUSA for a great event and for being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year by Assemblymember Anthony Rendon. She also reported on her attendance at the Los Cerritos Career Day and the recent LA Metro

roundtable for Mayors and Councilmembers. Lastly, she congratulated the Paramount High School Class of 2023.

Staff

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 9:57 in memory of former longtime resident and former Councilmember Tom Hansen and longtime resident and Word War II veteran Ralph Matsumoto The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED July 25, 2023