

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 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 5:08 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Cuellar Stallings led the pledge of allegiance.

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: Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Anthony Gonzalez, IT
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Jocelyn Hernandez, Communications Specialist
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works 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
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

Mayor Aguayo stated that she would like to take Environmental Sustainability Item 23 regarding the Vermont Avenue Water Infrastructure Facility out of order and hear it after item 13. Hearing no objection, she so ordered.

PRESENTATIONS

1. VIDEO
STAR After School Program
CF 39.7 A video highlighting the City's STAR After School Program was shown.
2. 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 Ron Roberson. Mr. Roberson expressed appreciation for the recognition.

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| 3. | PROCLAMATION Park and Recreation Month CF 39.12 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month. Charlene Landry, Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission was present to accept the proclamation. |
| 4. | RECOGNITION City Employee David Arellano CF 39.7 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a glass award to David Arellano in recognition of his quick thinking that led to saving the life of a coworker. |

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

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| CF 10.4 | Assistant City Manager Vialpando responded to comments made by Alejandro Yanez, Yesenia Cuarenta, Rodolfo Cortes, Nelson Sanchez, and Carmen Sanchez at the June 27, 2023 City Council meeting. |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| CF 10.3 | The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Yesenia Cuarenta, Jim Carver, Joseph Sanchez, Juana Duarte Ochoa, Maria Veledias, Maria Veledias, Sidney Velasquez, and Alejandro Yanez. |
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve Consent Calendar Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 5. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 13 and June 27, 2023 | Approved. |
| 6. | APPROVAL Register of Demands CF 47.2 | Approved. |
| 7. | AWARD OF CONTRACT Heritage Event and Parade Traffic Control Services CF 43.1209 | Awarded the contract for the Heritage Event and Parade Traffic Control Services to Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs, Inc. dba Statewide Safety Systems in the amount of \$21,000 and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |

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| 8. | APPROVAL Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Probation Department for the Youth Activities League CF 43.1141 | Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU with the Los Angeles County Probation Department for the Youth Activities League. |
| 9. | APPROVAL Use of Citizens' Option For Public Safety (COPS) Grant Funding for FY 2023-2024 CF 54.49 | Authorized staff to use the State COPS grant funds in the amount of \$175,300 for additional public safety patrols and services. |
| 10. | APPROVAL HOME-ARP Program Subrecipient Contract with Family Promise of South Bay for FY 2023-2024 CF 43.1166 | Authorized the City Manager to enter into the Subrecipient Contract with Family Promise of South Bay in the amount of \$135,000. |
| 11. | APPROVAL Private Sector Nomination to the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board CF 62.37 | Approved the appointment of the Paramount Chamber of Commerce's nominee Genoveva Perez of Ace Clearwater to serve as a private business sector representative on the SELACO WDB for the term ending June 2024. |
| 12. | APPROVAL Professional Services Agreement with Vidiflo, LLC for Audio-Visual Maintenance Services and Support CF 43.1212 | Authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Vidiflo of Long Beach, CA for Audio-Visual maintenance and support services for a three-year term with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$28,536 in the first year, with CPI rate increases in subsequent years as shown in the proposal. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 13. | ORAL REPORT Community Service Organization Update – Paramount Historical Society CF 39 | Paramount Historical Society President Brenda Olmos and Vice President Rebecca Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Paramount Historical Society and the services it provides to the community. |
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| | | <i>Item 23 taken out of order:</i> |
| | ORAL REPORT Vermont Avenue Water Infrastructure Facility CF 113 | Mary Hambel, PE and Lisa Hulette, Western Regions Funding Lead with Hazen and Sawyer gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing the results of the preliminary analysis and potential options for the City's proposed Vermont Avenue Water Infrastructure Facility. |
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14. ORAL REPORT
2023 Fourth of July
After-Action Report
CF 75.2
- Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a comprehensive analysis of this year's Fourth of July deployment and after-action results.
15. PUBLIC HEARING
Assessment of Charges
for Delinquent Refuse
Collection
CF 86.1
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando provided a brief report and stated that Public Works Director Figueroa is available to answer any questions.
- Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify. The following individual provided public comments: Don Thompson.
- City Clerk Luce reported that there has been no written testimony submitted in opposition to, nor in favor of this item.
- There being no further testimony, 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:
- 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 Cuellar Stallings to authorize the City Manager to submit the updated Calendar Year 2022 delinquent refuse collection charge list to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller after July 31st for processing. 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
Proposed Revisions to
Existing Senior Transit
Options
CF 43.1168
CF 43.738
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the proposed changes to the Senior Transit Program as presented. 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. **AWARD OF CONTRACT**
 Playground Replacement at Dills Park (City Project No. 9461)
 CF 43.1210
- Management Analyst Bojorquez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to award the contract for playground replacement at Dills Park (City Project No. 9461) to Pacific Play Systems, Inc., Carlsbad, CA, in the amount of \$247,850.00 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
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18. **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE**
 All-American Ballfield Lights Retrofit (City Project No. 9492)
 CF 43.1211
- Management Analyst Bojorquez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to authorize the purchase and installation of retrofit ballfield lighting at All American Park from MUSCO Lighting in the amount of \$229,060. 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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19. **APPROVAL**
 Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement with Scott Fazekas & Associates, Inc. to extend term and provide Permit Technician Services
 CF 43.1132
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando provided a brief report and stated that Planning Director Carver is available to answer any questions.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the amended and restated professional services agreement with Scott Fazekas and Associates, Inc. for an additional three-year term and to provide Permit Technician services in an amount not to exceed \$104,000.00 per fiscal year. 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

20. APPROVAL
Changes to the City's
Benefit Plans for Dental,
Vision, Basic Life
Insurance, Short-Term
and Long-Term Disability
CF 76.5
- Human Resources Manager Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the proposed changes to the City's dental, vision, basic life insurance, short-term and long-term disability plans as stated and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Guardian to administer the City's benefits plans. 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
21. APPROVAL
Mayor's Appointments
CF 11.4
- Mayor Aguayo asked City Clerk Luce to present the proposed 2023-2024 Mayor's Appointments. City Clerk Luce stated that the Mayor is recommending that the assignments remain the same as the previous year except for the Sanitation Districts which will change to Mayor Aguayo as the representative and Vice Mayor Delgadillo as the alternate representative.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Delgadillo to confirm the Mayor's appointment. 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
22. APPROVAL
Appointment of City
Commissioners
CF 27
- Mayor Aguayo asked City Clerk Luce to present the proposed Commission Appointments. City Clerk Luce read the proposed Commission Appointments as follows:
- Planning Commission – No terms expiring
- Public Works Commission – No terms expiring.
- Parks and Recreation Commission – reappoint Jennifer Alcaraz, Charlene Landry, Austin Moreno, and Steve Yanez; new appointment, Shirley Grayson.
- Public Safety Commission – reappoint Marcelina Bridges, Robert Cruz, Rosemary Mendez, Gerardo Ruiz, and Dora Sanchez.
- Senior Services Commission – reappoint Martha Garcia, Elsa Padilla, Claudia Quinones, and Patricia Winiecki; new appointment, Ana Mageno.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to confirm the appointments as presented. 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

23. ORAL REPORT
Vermont Avenue Water
Infrastructure Facility
CF 113

This item taken out of order after Item 13 – see above.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the NALEO Conference where she had the opportunity to learn and network. She also reported on her attendance at the California JPIA Board Meeting and Assemblymember Rendon's Youth Leadership program culmination event. She also noted that she attended the recent Concert in the Park. She thanked Councilmember Olmos for her leadership of the Paramount Historical Society. Lastly, she encouraged residents to attend the Heritage Parade and celebration on Saturday August 5th and National Night out on Thursday, July 27th.

Councilmember Olmos reported on her attendance at the CalCities Board of Directors meeting. She noted that the City Council is very active with various outside organizations and informed residents that information about City's position related to legislative matters is available on the City's website on the Legislative Advocacy page. She also reported on her attendance at the NALEO Conference where she heard presentations on workforce development; the budgeting process and strategic planning; and the importance of self-care. She also reported on her attendance at the CCCA Board meeting. Lastly, she reminded residents to come out to the Heritage Parade on Saturday.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the NALEO Conference and shared insights from the presentation on watching technology. She also reported that she gave a presentation on local control to the City's Youth and Young Adult Committee. She also noted that she attended Maricela Parga's retirement party and thanked her for her service to the community. Lastly, she reported that SEACCA, in partnership with Best Friends Animal Society, will be

launching a satellite foster care program to foster kittens and will be providing training and supplies for participants.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the NALEO Conference where she was able to learn and grow through attending the educational sessions and networking with elected officials from throughout the Country. She commented that she is looking forward to sharing insights from the presentation on the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the United States with her colleagues and the School Board. She also noted that she attended the recent Concert in the Park and thanked staff for their hard work. Lastly, she reminded residents about the upcoming Heritage Parade and Festival.

Mayor Aguayo reported on her attendance at the NALEO Conference and commented that she appreciated the opportunity to network with other elected officials from across the Country and share some of the proactive things Paramount is doing for its community. She also commented on the importance of self-care. She reminded residents about Thursday's Concert in the Park and National Night Out, Friday's Movie Night and the upcoming Heritage Parade and Festival.

Staff

Assistant City Manager Vialpando reminded the City Council and the public about the following upcoming events: National Night Out on Thursday, July 27th and the Heritage Parade and Festival on Saturday, August 5th. He also noted that the link to the Legislative Advocacy page mentioned earlier will be included on the weekly Mayor's Update and encouraged residents to sign up for the updates.

Mayor Aguayo recessed the City Council meeting at 7:28 p.m. to convene the meeting of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

The City Council meeting was called back to order at 7:29 p.m. and the City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matter listed below on the closed session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -
EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: City of Rancho Palos Verdes, et al v.
Rob Bonta, State of California; Case No.
22STCP02369

Mayor Aguayo called the City Council meeting back to order in open session at 8:44 p.m.

City Attorney Cavanaugh reported that the City Council held a duly authorized closed session to discuss the matter listed above and no decision was reached at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to a meeting on August 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED August 8, 2023