

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 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 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Lemons 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: 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
Clyde Alexander, Accounting & Budget Manager
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Joanne Cha, Senior Accountant
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
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Anthony Martinez, Finance Services Manager
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. VIDEOS
2023 Heritage Festival
and Back-to-School
Event
CF 39.7 | Videos highlighting the City's 2023 Heritage Festival and Back-to-School Events were shown. |
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

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| CF 10.4 | There were none. |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| CF 10.3 | The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Linda Luevano and Edna Striegel. |
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Consent Calendar Item 2 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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| 2. RESOLUTION NO.
23:027
Approving the June 2023
Engineering and Traffic
Study establishing the
prima facie speed limits
CF 98 | Adopted. |
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OLD BUSINESS

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| 3. ORAL REPORT
Accessory Dwelling Unit
(ADU) Ordinance and
Resource Project Update | Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation further explaining ADU height requirements and options for inclusion in the ordinance. |
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CF 108:R1
CF 108:R2
CF 108:R-M
CF 108:PD-PS

Discussion ensued regarding the allowable height for two-story detached ADUs on multi-family properties. Following discussion, staff was directed to draft the ordinance to include a maximum allowable roof height of 25 ft. for two-story detached ADUs on multi-family properties and to create objective design standards that would decrease the maximum allowable height to 18 ft. in very specific architecturally appropriate situations.

NEW BUSINESS

4. ORAL REPORT
Community Service
Organization Update –
Paramount Kiwanis Club
CF 62

Yesenia Cuarenta, President of Paramount Kiwanis Club, gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the mission of the Kiwanis organization and the services the organization provides to the community.

5. ORAL REPORT
2023 Paramount
Homeless Census
CF 69.14

Matt Bates, Executive Vice President of City Net, gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the results of the 2023 Paramount Homeless Census.

6. PUBLIC HEARING
North Paramount
Gateway Specific Plan
CF 102.8

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. The following individuals provided public comments: Ruben Soto, Margarita Siordia, and Joesph Hermedes.

There being no further testimony, 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

Following brief discussion and clarification that this project is not related to LA Metro's West Santa Ana Branch rail project; the following actions were taken:

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 23:028
Approving the certification of the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR); approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations
CF 102.8
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:028. 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
- b) RESOLUTION NO. 23:029
Approving General Plan Amendment No. 22-2, replacing the Clearwater North and Howe-Orizaba Specific Plans with the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan and expanding the specific plan area to include all Paramount Boulevard properties south of the Century (I-105) freeway, north of Rosecrans Avenue and the Metro/Pacific Electric Railway right-of-way, and all other properties designated Commercial or Multiple-Family Residential between the two existing specific plan areas
CF 102.8
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:029. 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

- c) ORDINANCE NO. 1173 (Introduction) Approving Zone Change No. 240, changing the official Zoning Map of the City of Paramount from Clearwater North and Howe-Orizaba to North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan; and changing the zone of the expanded area between the two existing specific plan areas from C-3 (General Commercial), C-M (Commercial-Manufacturing), and PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) to North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan
CF 102.8
CF 109 ZC 240
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1173, and place it on the September 12, 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
- d) ORDINANCE NO. 1174 (Introduction) Approving Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25, repealing and replacing Chapter 17.84 of the Paramount Municipal Code in its entirety to incorporate the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan into the Paramount Municipal Code
CF 102.8
CF 109 ZOTA 25
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1174, and place it on the September 12, 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

7. DISCUSSION
American Rescue Plan
Act (ARPA) Community
Funding Priorities
CF 47.28
- Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to table this item and direct staff to bring it back before the City Council at a workshop in the future. 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. RECEIVE AND FILE
Window Bar Removal
Rebate Program
CF 79
- Public Safety Director Matson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The report was received and filed.
9. CONSIDERATION
Payment of Eco-Rapid
Transit Final
Membership Dues for
Fiscal Year 2023-2024
CF 99.16
- City Manager Moreno gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to authorize the City Manager to appropriate an additional \$3,088 in Proposition A restricted funds and remit the City's final membership payment to Eco-Rapid Transit, in the amount of \$13,888, by August 31, 2023. 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

10. PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO.
23:030
Adopting a Mitigated
Negative Declaration for
the Spane Park
Stormwater Capture
Project
CF 74.9

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.

There being no one 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:

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 read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:030. 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

Mayor Aguayo recessed the City Council meeting at 7:19 p.m. to convene the special meeting of the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency.

The City Council meeting was called back to order at 7:29 p.m.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos expressed appreciation to the staff involved in the Back-to-School event and reported that she attended the celebration event for Reverend Grady Jones at New Commandment Missionary Baptist Church and the grand opening of the Rehabilitation Unit at Kindred Hospital. She also reported on her attendance at the Contract Cities meeting where Sheriff Luna was the guest speaker. Lastly, she thanked staff for the great communication regarding the past weekend's storm impacts from Hurricane Hilary.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the monthly SEAACA meeting and reminded residents that there are programs available for fostering kittens, adopting other pets and dog training. She noted that she attended the Back-to-School event and was impressed to see seven hairstylists this year and liked the polo shirts that were distributed. She commented that she could not attend the event honoring Reverend Grady Jones, but she expressed her appreciation for his commitment to the community and all the wonderful things he has done. She also expressed appreciation for staff's very timely communication during the past weekend's storm.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she attended the Public Safety Department's Safe Walking class and the event honoring Reverend Grady Jones. She also reported on her attendance at the Rotary Club meeting and the Contract Cities Board meeting. She thanked staff for keeping everyone informed during the past weekend's storm.

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported that she also attended the Rotary Club meeting where the Club welcomed District Governor Makiko Nakase as the guest of honor and installed its new officers, including Dr. Linda Timmons as Rotary President.

Mayor Aguayo reported that she attended the Safe Walking class, the Back-to-School event, and the celebration event for Reverend Jones. She also reported on her attendance at the Rotary Club and Contract Cities events. She expressed appreciation for staff's great work and communication during the past weekend's storm. Lastly, she reminded the community about the Night under the Hay Tree event this Thursday and the Art Walk event on September 1st.

Staff

City Manager Moreno thanked the City Council for their support and expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work. Lastly, he announced that Public Works Manager Wendy Macias will be leaving the City to take a position in the city of Pasadena where she lives. He congratulated her and wished her well.

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 7:42 p.m. to a meeting on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED September 12, 2023