

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

City of Paramount, 16401 Paramount Blvd. Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Isabel Aguayo at 11:04 a.m. in the Auditorium at the Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Mayor Delgadillo led the pledge of allegiance.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John 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
Rafael Casillas, City Engineer
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
Pauline Jauregui, Comms. & Engagement Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Finance Services Manager
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

Mayor Aguayo stated that she proposes to take Environmental Sustainability Item 5 regarding the Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Improvement Project Analysis out of order and hear it after Item 1. Hearing no objection, she so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORAL REPORT
Role of City Council
During Emergencies
and Disasters
CF 46.3

Emergency Management Consultant Reva Feldman gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the emergency management responsibilities of elected officials in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Item 5 taken out of order:

- ORAL REPORT
Follow up on Energy
Efficiency and
Infrastructure
Improvement Project
Analysis performed by
Willdan Energy
Solutions
CF 43.1199 and 46.1

Public Works Director Figueroa and representatives from Willdan Energy Solutions (WES) gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Improvement Project Analysis performed by WES providing detailed information on the three priority project that were identified – water meter upgrades, solar panel installation and EV charging (Level 3 DC Fast Chargers).

Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proposed water meter upgrades. The City Council expressed concern regarding the impact potential water bill increases would have on residents.

With City Council concurrence, staff was directed to provide the City Council with more detailed information regarding the potential rate increases and the possibility of implementing a phased in approach to those increases.

At 12:13 p.m., Mayor Aguayo recessed the meeting for a short break. The meeting was called back to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. REPORT
Traffic Engineering
Analysis on Temporary
Traffic Circle at the
intersection of
Madison Street and
Orizaba Avenue
CF 98

Public Works Director Figueroa and City Engineer Rafael Casillas gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the impact the temporary traffic circles have had on traffic safety in the area, as well as other potential options for discouraging motorists from using the intersections along Madison street for exhibitions of speed and unsafe vehicular movements.

Following lengthy discussion and with City Council concurrence, staff was directed to keep the temporary traffic circle at the intersection of Madison Street and Orizaba Avenue for one more year to further study its effectiveness. Staff was also directed to send a letter to the residents in the vicinity advising them that the traffic circle will remain for another year and to investigate the possibility of adding additional temporary traffic circles at the other intersections along Madison Street between Paramount Boulevard and Downey Avenue.
3. APPROVAL
Amendment to the
American Rescue Plan
Act (ARPA) Project
Expenditure Plan
CF 47.28

Finance Services Manager Anthony Martinez and Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed amendment to the ARPA Project Expenditure Plan and recommended ARPA Community Funding Priorities.

Discussion ensued concerning the proposed amendments to the ARPA Project Expenditure Plan as outlined in Table 2 of the agenda report and the City Council provided additional input regarding the implementation of the proposed expenditures.

With regard to the recommended ARPA Community Funding Priorities, the City Council discussed the several options in addition to the community identified priorities and with consensus, identified and ranked the following priorities:

Avg Rating	Priority	Recommendation	Cost
Maybe	Address Street Takeovers	Four (4) additional LASD Deputies (overtime shifts) to support Street Racing Taskforce Enforcement, including citing spectators. One year, Weekends only.	\$179,712
Yes	Commercial Safety and Security	Increase Security Camera/System Rebate Program for businesses. Fifty (50) \$2,000 rebates per year for two (2) years.	\$200,000
Maybe	Reduce Traffic Collisions	Add one (1) traffic Deputy (overtime shift) to monitor/enforce traffic hazards. Every weekend for six (6) months.	\$44,928
Yes	Increase Lighting in Public Areas	Complete LED lighting retrofits of park pedestrian lighting. Will cover all remaining parks: Salud, Spane, Dills, Pequeño, Progress, and Paramount.	\$100,000
Yes	Improve Intersection Safety	4 additional traffic circles at Madison	\$80,000
Yes	Public Safety and Crime Reduction	Add six (6) additional license plate reader cameras which are proven to alerting law enforcement to stolen vehicles. Cost includes lease of cameras and Aero-bureau services for three (3) years.	\$133,000
Yes	Increase Health Education	Annual Health Fair to include free health screenings, wellness services and programs, entertainment, raffles, First Aid training, and distribution of wellness kits. Five (5) years.	\$150,000
Maybe	Small Business Assistance	Small Business Assistance - Staff will recommend to City Council	\$100,000
Yes	Baseball/Softball Field Renovation	Renovate 2 baseball fields and 2 softball fields; includes grading and portable pitching mound.	\$300,000
TOTAL			\$1,287,640

Additionally, the City Council directed staff to report back to the Council on the cost and feasibility of the other options discussed.

With regard to the proposed amendment to the ARPA Project Expenditure Plan, it was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the amendments to the ARPA Project Expenditure Plan as presented and appropriate \$378,816 for the projects outlined in Table 2 of the agenda report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. APPROVAL
AltAir Community
Benefits Agreement –
Amended Year One
Spending Plan
CF43.1195

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

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the amended year one spending plan for the AltAir Community Benefits Agreement as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW
BUSINESS**

5. ORAL REPORT
Follow up on Energy
Efficiency and
Infrastructure
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This item taken out of order after Item 1 – see above.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

There were none.

Staff

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m. to a meeting on November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: December 12, 2023