

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 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 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 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 Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Vice Mayor Annette C. Delgadillo
Mayor Isabel Aguayo

Absent: Councilmember Brenda Olmos

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to excuse Councilmember Olmos' absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Olmos

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
Elizabeth Martyn, Assistant City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Clyde Alexander, Accounting and Budget Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Joanne Cha, Senior Accountant
Steve Coumparoules, Community Preservation Mgr.
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Yecenia Guillen, Assistant Community Serv. Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director

Pauline Jauregui, Comms. & Engagement Manager
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, HR Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Finance Services Manager
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. VIDEO
Crime Prevention Month
Recap
CF 39.7 | A video highlighting Crime Prevention Month Recap was shown. |
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4	There were none.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3	The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Sandra De Kay and Jacqueline Ramirez, Paramount Library.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3 as shown below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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| 2. RESOLUTION NO.
23:032
Authorizing the
Termination of Eco-
Rapid Transit
CF 99.16 | Adopted. |
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| 3. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK
Neighborhood Street Resurfacing (City Project No. 9331) | Accepted the work performed by Onyx Paving Co., Anaheim, California, for construction of the neighborhood street resurfacing project and authorized payment of the remaining retention. |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 4. ORAL REPORT
Community Service Organization Update – Paramount Rotary Club CF 62.29 | Dr. Linda Timmons, Rotary Club President gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing information on the Rotary Club mission and the services the Rotary Club provides to the community. |
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| 5. ELECTION
March 5, 2024 General Municipal Election CF 45.2 | City Clerk Luce gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. |
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| a) RESOLUTION NO. 23:033
Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities | It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:033, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote: |
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AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo; and Mayor Aguayo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Olmos

ABSTAIN: None

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| b) RESOLUTION NO. 23:034
Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidate | It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23:034, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS |
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| Statements
Submitted to Voters
at an Election to be
held on Tuesday,
March 5, 2024 | SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024.” The motion
was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Olmos
ABSTAIN: None |
| c) RESOLUTION NO.
23:035
Requesting the Board
of Supervisors of the
County of Los
Angeles to
Consolidate the City
of Paramount’s
General Municipal
Election to be held on
Tuesday, March 5,
2024 with the
Presidential Primary
Election on March 5,
2024 pursuant to
Section 10403 of the
California Elections
Code. | It was moved by Vice Mayor Delgadillo and seconded
by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title
only and adopt Resolution No. 23:035, “A
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PARAMOUNT REQUESTING THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE CITY OF
PARAMOUNT’S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 WITH
THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON
MARCH 5, 2024 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403
OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE.” The
motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Olmos
ABSTAIN: None |
| 6. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Home Improvement
Program Construction
Services at 15145
Castana Avenue
CF 54.9 HOME | Planning Director Carver 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 construction services to VV&G in the total
amount of \$39,035.00 from Federal HOME Funds
and property owner contributions for Home
Improvement Program construction services at 15145
Castana Avenue. The motion was passed by the
following roll call vote: |

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

7. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
West Santa Ana
Bikeway Phase II
(City Project No. 9932)

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to 1) appropriate an additional \$2,912,900 from the available State budget allocation and Measure M funds; and 2) award the contract for the WSAB Bikeway Phase II to Horizons Construction Co. International, Orange, California in the amount of \$6,949,881.70, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. APPROVAL
Carryover of Unspent
Capital Improvement
Project (CIP) Budget
Appropriations from
Fiscal Year 2022-23 to
Fiscal Year 2023-24
CF 28.1

Finance Director Sao gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to approve the carryover of \$2,978,814 in unspent CIP budget appropriations from FY 2022-23 to FY 2023-24 in the various funds and projects shown in attachment A. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. AWARD OF
 CONTRACT
 Downtown Holiday
 Lighting and Decorations
 CF 43.1222
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion ensued concerning the color theme options presented for the downtown holiday decorations. Following discussion, the City Council concurred in choosing the red, white and silver color theme.
- Finance Director Sao clarified that the budget appropriation will come from the Community Benefit Agreement Fund (Fund 297)
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Delgadillo to 1) appropriate an additional \$137,850 from the available Community Benefit Agreement; and 2) award the contract for Downtown Holiday Lighting and Decorations to T&G Global LLC DBA St. Nick's La Palma, California, in the amount of \$125,316.00, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Delgadillo; and Mayor Aguayo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Olmos
- ABSTAIN: None
10. APPROVAL
 Proposed 2024 City
 Special and Holiday
 Events Schedule
 CF 60 & 39
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion ensued concerning the time of day the Heritage Festival should be held. The City Council suggested considering 5-9pm or 6-10pm. Discussion also ensued concerning the possibility of hosting two Halloween Hootenanny events next year or increasing capacity so more residents can participate.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the proposed dates for the City's 2024 Special and Holiday Events. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Delgadillo reported on her attendance at the Public Safety Expo and thanked the Public Safety Team for putting together a fantastic expo. She also reported that she attended the Halloween Hootenanny and expressed appreciation to the Community Services Team for creating a fantastic event.

Councilmember Lemons commented that although she wasn't able to attend the recent events because she was celebrating several family milestone events, she received good feedback from her colleagues and thanked staff for an excellent job.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she attended the Breast Cancer Walk with MUSA and thanked them for including her. She also noted that she attended the Public Safety Expo and the Halloween Hootenanny and thanked staff for their hard work. Lastly, she reminded residents about upcoming Halloween events and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Aguayo commented that she also attended the Public Safety expo and it was great to see so many people. She noted that she received a nice compliment from an event participant and congratulated staff for a great event.

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 6:13 p.m. to a meeting on November 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723

/s/ Isabel Aguayo

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk

APPROVED: November 14, 2023