

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
May 17, 2022**

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 Vilma Cuellar Stallings at 5:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS Present: Councilmember Laurie Guillen
Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Councilmember Brenda Olmos
Vice Mayor Isabel Aguayo
Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings

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
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Nicole Lopez, Human Resources Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individual addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Alejandro Yanez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 as shown below. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
April 5*, April 11, and
April 19, 2022

Approved.

**Councilmember Guillen abstained.*

2. APPROVAL
Applications for
Fireworks Permits 2022
CF 75.2

Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. AUTHORIZATION TO
PURCHASE
City Entry Monument
Signs and Civic Center
Monument Sign (City
Project No. 9134 and
9234)
CF CIP 9134/9234

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize the purchase and installation of monument signs from Bravo Sign & Design, Inc., Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$140,967.88. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. RECEIVE AND FILE
Driveway Expansion
Pilot Program
CF 91, CF 73.1

Councilmember Lemons recused herself from discussion on this item due to the proximity of her home to the area for the proposed driveway expansion pilot program

Assistant Planning Director King gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Following brief discussion concerning the proposed driveway expansion pilot program, the report was received and filed.

5. APPROVAL
Agreement with Studio
One-Eleven to Provide
Professional Design
Services for Progress
Plaza Exterior
Renovation and Al
Fresco Dining Projects
Communications
Professional Services
CF 43.1154

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Aguayo to approve approved the agreement with Studio One-Eleven, in the amount of \$25,000 for the design of Progress Plaza exterior renovation and in the amount of \$240,000 for the design of up to six (6) Al Fresco Dining projects at \$40,000 per project.. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. ORAL REPORT
Summer and Friday
Night Paramount
Concert Lineup and
Night Under the Hay
Tree Cultural
Performance Events
CF 39

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report providing an overview of the upcoming Summer and Friday Night Paramount concert lineup and Night Under the Hay Tree Cultural Performances Events.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEW BUSINESS

Item 8 was taken out of order before Item 7 to allow the consultant who would be presenting Item 7 time to arrive.

7. ORAL REPORT
Update on Air Monitoring
Program
CF 31.20, CF 43.1146
- Kenneth Underwood, Program Manager, T&B Systems gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the City's hexavalent chromium monitoring program at various sites throughout the City.

Brief discussion ensued concerning various aspects of the air monitoring program and the possibility of moving the monitors to alternate location.

8. APPROVAL
Professional Services
Agreement, Scope of
Work and Billing Rates
for Monitoring of
Mitigation Measures for
the Subsequent
Environmental Impact
Report (SEIR) for the
AltAir Paramount,
LLC/World Energy
Refinery Conversion
Project
CF 43.1155
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to authorize the appropriation of pass-through funds and approve the Professional Services Agreement, including Scope of Work and Billing Rates, to MRS Environmental, Inc. to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures for the SEIR for the AltAir Paramount, LLC/World Energy refinery conversion project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually.. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos thanked the community, local businesses, and staff for their efforts in making Paramount Historical Society ribbon-cutting event a huge success.

She suggested that the City Council consider authorizing all Councilmembers to attend the various organization conferences, if they wish to, and asked her colleagues if they would be supportive of asking

staff to research the cost. The City Council concurred with the idea and staff was directed to include the associated cost as part of the budget presentation.

She also suggested adding arts and music programs to the City's recreational scholarship program, and asked her colleagues if they would be supportive of asking staff to research the cost. The City Council concurred with the idea and staff was directed to include the associated cost as part of the budget presentation.

Councilmember Guillen reminded everyone that Memorial Day is coming up and it is a time to remember the men and women that have sacrificed for our country.

Councilmember Lemons reported on her attendance at the Historical Society ribbon-cutting event and encouraged resident to join the organization and share any pieces of history they may have. She also reported on her attended at the California Contract Cities Association conference. Lastly, she reminded everyone that the Women's Empowerment Tea will be held on Saturday.

Vice Mayor Aguayo reported on her attendance at the Historical Society ribbon-cutting event, the SCAG conference, and the California Contract Cities Association conference. She also commented that she is looking forward to the Summer Concert lineup.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings reported on her attendance at the Historical Society ribbon cutting and the California Contract Cities Association conference. She also reminded everyone about the Women's Empowerment Tea on Saturday and the Elk's Club Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30th.

Mayor Cuellar Stallings also reported that she received word today from Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's office that the City will be receiving \$2 million for the Spane Park project.

Staff

City Manager Moreno reported that letters were sent to Speaker Rendon and Senator Lena Gonzalez requesting State funding to combat illegal street racing; and staff recently learned that two other legislators have included a budget request for \$5.5 million dollars to be allocated in the State budget for California Highway Patrol to combat illegal street racing.

Lastly, he introduced Michelle Razo who was recently hired to fill the vacant Community Services Specialist position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cuellar Stallings adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to a meeting on June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Vilma Cuellar Stallings

Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce

Heidi Luce, City Clerk