

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2025

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

Present: Commissioner Ernie Esparza
Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Vice Chair Linda Timmons
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

STAFF PRESENT:

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John King, Interim Planning Director
Rick Baptista, Building and Safety Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Leslie Corrales, Assistant Planner
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of December 3, 2024 for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Vice Chair Timmons, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gonzalez

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CIVIC CENTER
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT/
PARAMOUNT CITY
INVESTORS, LLC
16493 PARAMOUNT
BOULEVARD
(CONTINUED)

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, the Civic Center Improvement Project, a request by Paramount City Investors, LLC.

Interim Planning Director John King presented an overview of the request for approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 970, Zone Variance No. 412, and Resolution No. 24:033 (CEQA analysis) that was opened on December 3, 2024 and continued to February 5, 2025.

Interim Planning Director John King stated the following conditions were modified: Condition No. 11 (Permits), Condition No. 34 (Parking Location Signs), Condition No. 35 (Outdoor Patio Noise), and Condition No. 45 (Live Entertainment).

Interim Planning Director John King stated a new condition was added (Condition No. 57) and the inclusion of a condition of approval regarding a parking monitor during peak operating hours.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff.

Chair Weisenburger reopened the continued public hearing. Interim Planning Director John King stated that there were no public comments.

Chair Weisenburger invited the applicant to speak.

Steve Boss, Project Manager for the applicant, spoke in favor of the request, but asked about the conditions of approval and was strongly against the proposed request for a parking monitor (Condition No. 57).

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission, staff, and the applicant.

There being no further comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Chair Timmons, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- A. RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:033
- It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 24:033, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody, Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- B. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 970
- It was moved by Vice Chair Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 24:034, approving the request with the change to Condition No. 57 that the applicant shall conduct a parking survey and analysis to determine customer practices and demands. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody, Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- C. ZONE VARIANCE NO. 412
- It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 24:035, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody, Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
3. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 972
MATTHEW OLDENKAMP/
MATTCO FORGE,
INC.
16443 MINNESOTA AVENUE
- Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request Matthew Oldenkamp/Mattco Forge, Inc. to relocate an existing 499-gallon above-ground propane tank at 16443 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.
- Interim Planning Director John King introduced Assistant Planner Leslie Corrales who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and the applicant, Girvan Nicholl, Director of Maintenance and Facilities.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Interim Planning Director John King stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Chair Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 25:001, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. TENTATIVE PARCEL
MAP NO. 084713
COLORADO 4, LP
15538 COLORADO
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Colorado 4, LP to create four single-family lots from one lot at 15538 Colorado Avenue in the R-M (Multiple-Family Residential) zone.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Vice Chair Timmons, to continue the item to the March 3, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody,
Vice Chair Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

**5. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS**

Interim Planning Director John King stated that at the December 17, 2024 City Council meeting, the City Council reviewed the objective design standards to be included in the Paramount Municipal Code. The City Council approved the introduction of the ordinance and formally adopted the ordinance the following month.

On January 14, 2025, the City Council introduced regulations for mobile food trucks.

On January 28, 2025, the City Council reviewed changes to fireworks stand regulations.

The City Council also reviewed an update to the Clearwater Specific Plan.

Lastly, the City Council reviewed the Legislative Platform.

**6. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF**

Chair Weisenburger commended the Public Works Department for the quick removal of graffiti and the ease of using the Paramount Works app.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 7:32 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ *Gordon Weisenburger*

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ *Biana Salgado*

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: March 3, 2025