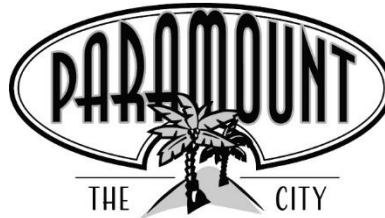


AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board
March 3, 2025



Safe, Healthy, and Attractive

Adjourned Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ www.paramountcity.com

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

In-person Attendance: The public may attend the Economic Development Board meetings in-person.

Public Comments: Members of the public wanting to address the Economic Development Board, either during public comments or for a specific agenda item, or both, may do so by the following methods:

- **In-person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail:** planning@paramountcity.com

E-mail public comments must be received **15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting**. The e-mail should specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item No.; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

All public comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless an extension is granted. No action may be taken on items not on the agenda except as provided by law. All public comments will be recorded and rules of decorum and procedures for the conduct of City meetings will apply when addressing the Economic Development Board whether in-person or via email.

Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Linda Timmons

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Board Member Ernie Esparza
Board Member Javier Gonzalez
Board Member David Moody
Vice Chair Gordon Weisenburger
Chair Linda Timmons

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) January 27, 2025
2. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) February 5, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS

3. [ORAL REPORT](#) Economic Impact of the Los Angeles Wildfires

COMMENTS

4. [COMMENTS](#)
 - Board Members
 - Staff

ADJOURNMENT

To a meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 220-2225 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. **Note:** Agenda items are on file in the Planning Department office and are available for public inspection during normal business hours. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet are also available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Planning Department office. The Planning Department office is located at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount.

MARCH 3, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF
JANUARY 27, 2025.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair Linda Timmon at 6:53 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

Present: Board Member Ernie Esparza
Board Member David Moody
Vice Chair Gordon Weisenburger
Chair Linda Timmons

Absent: Board Member Javier Gonzalez

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

It was moved by Vice Chair Weisenburger, seconded by Board Member Esparza, to excuse Board Member Gonzalez from the Planning Commission meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Member Esparza,
Vice Chair Weisenburger, Chair Timmons
NOES: Chair David Moody
ABSENT: Board Member Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORAL REPORT (DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD OVERVIEW)

Interim Planning Director John King introduced Management Analyst Sol Bejarano who presented an overview of Economic Development Board responsibilities.

2. COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF
- There were none

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Timmons at 7:01 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Timmons, Chair

ATTEST:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MARCH 3, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair Linda Timmons at 7:52 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

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 Timmons presented the Economic Development Board minutes of December 3, 2024 for approval.

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

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Moody,
Vice Chair Weisenburger, Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Board Member Gonzalez

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS

2. ORAL REPORT

Interim Planning Director John King presented an update on the Clearwater Specific Plan which highlighted adding housing to comply with State requirements, community outreach with pop-up events, and discussed feedback from members of the community.

3. COMMENTS FROM
BOARD MEMBERS
AND STAFF

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Timmons at 8:05 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California, at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Timmons, Chair

ATTEST:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MARCH 3, 2025

ORAL REPORT

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John King, Planning Director
By: Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Date: March 3, 2025

Subject: ORAL REPORT – ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE LA WILDFIRES

On January 7, 2025, a handful of wildfires erupted in the Los Angeles region and was fueled by a rare wind event which forecasted wind gusts exceeding 100 miles per hour in some areas. The LA Wildfires arguably became one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history. The effects of the LA Wildfires are far reaching and woven into the economic state of Southern California. Most Los Angeles County residents know someone who has been personally impacted by the devastating losses caused by the LA Wildfires. The fires burned for 24 days and stretched our network of emergency response teams thin. As of January 31, 2025, the fires were 100 percent contained.

Rebuilding these communities will take time, resources, and patience. The rebuilding efforts are underway, with the City of Los Angeles mobilizing to set up a one-stop rebuilding center where property owners can obtain information, guidance, and expedited services from multiple agencies. The County of Los Angeles has also launched the Altadena Disaster Recovery Center to help property owners affected by the Eaton Fire navigate and streamline their rebuilding efforts.

MARCH 3, 2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF