

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 4, 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, Planning and Building Director
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director
Rick Baptista, Building and Safety Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Leslie Corrales, Assistant Planner
Abigail Urquiza, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of May 7, 2025 for approval.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Moody

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written correspondence by Mike Radis regarding previously approved Unclassified Use Permit No. 24-01 was received. A copy of the correspondence was provided to each Commissioner.

The following individual addressed the Planning Commission and provided public comments: John Aguilar.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 980 ANASTASIOS SOTIROPOULOUS/ AGS WHOLESALERS 15130 ILLINOIS AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Anastasios Sotiropoulos/AGS Wholesalers for outdoor storage of restaurant supplies in shipping containers in a designated area at 15130 Illinois Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning and Building Director John King introduced Associate Planner Ivan Reyes who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the item.

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

Applicant Anastasios Sotiropoulos spoke in favor of the request.

There being no further comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez 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 25:015, 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. ZONING ORDINANCE
 TEXT AMENDMENT
 NO. 36

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a recommendation for the City Council of the City of Paramount to approve an ordinance approving garage, estate, and yard sale regulations in residential zones and legal nonconforming residential properties.

Planning and Building Director John King presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the item.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Planning and Building 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 Vice Chair Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez 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 Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 25:016, 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

REPORTS

4. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Planning and Building Director John King stated that last month, the City Council adopted the One-Year Action Plan (FY 2025-26) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) activities.

Planning and Building Director John King stated that the City Council adopted the Public Art Master Plan. Management Analyst Sol Bejarano gave the report and presented an overview of the Paramount Public Art Master Plan to the City Council on May 27, 2025.

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1200, an ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 35 regarding public art regulations which will be effective 30 days after the meeting.

The City Council also approved the applications to sell fireworks by the eight nonprofit organizations eligible to sell fireworks.

The City Council received and filed the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report which highlighted how many homes have been built and permitted in the city. Assistant Planner Leslie Corrales put together the complex report which was approved by the State.

Lastly, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1199, approving Zone Change No. 250, changing the Official Zoning Map from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) on vacant land North of 13900 Orange Avenue which would allow for the possibility of a digital billboard.

COMMENTS

5. COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Planning and Building Director John King announced that the "Planning Department" will now be known as the "Planning and Building Department".

Planning and Building Director John King introduced our new Assistant Planning and Building Director Monica Rodriguez, an Urban and Regional Planning professional with a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Pomona and extensive experience working collaboratively with other municipalities.

Assistant Planning and Building Director Monica Rodriguez thanked the Planning Commission and staff for the welcome and is looking forward to working with the Paramount team.

Planning and Building Director John King announced that Planning Intern Abigail Urquiza is leaving the City of Paramount for a great new opportunity working for another City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6.44 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 2, 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: July 2, 2025

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