

AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board
September 3, 2025



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

City of Paramount

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

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.gov

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 David Moody

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

MINUTES

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| 1. | APPROVAL OF
MINUTES | August 6, 2025 |
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

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| 2. | ORAL REPORT | LA26, Paramount, and the FIFA 2026
World Cup |
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COMMENTS

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| 3. | COMMENTS |
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ADJOURNMENT

To a meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, California.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF
AUGUST 6, 2025.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 6, 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 6:54 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

Absent: Board Member Javier Gonzalez

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
Caitlin Au, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

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

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Moody, Vice Chair Weisenburger, Chair Timmons

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

**1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chair Timmons presented the Economic Development Board minutes of July 2, 2025 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Esparza, seconded by Board Member Moody, 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, and Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Board Member Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

2. REORGANIZATION
SELECTION OF
CHAIR AND VICE
CHAIR

Administrative Assistant/Minute Clerk Biana Salgado opened the nominations for the office of Economic Development Board Chair. Board Member Linda Timmons nominated Board Member Moody. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Board Member Moody to serve as Economic Development Board Chair:

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

Board Member Moody was declared Economic Development Board Chair.

Chair Moody opened the nominations for the office of Economic Development Board Vice Chair. Board Member Weisenburger nominated Board Member Gonzalez. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Board Member Javier Gonzalez to serve as Economic Development Board Vice Chair:

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

Board Member Javier Gonzalez was declared Economic Development Board Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

REPORTS

3. ORAL REPORT Planning and Building Director John King introduced Management Analyst Sol Bejarano who presented an oral report regarding an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategic Planning Session at the Southeast Los Angeles County (SELACO) Workforce Development Board (WDB) in June 2025. Management Analyst Bejarano stated that the goal of the AI Strategic Planning Session was to determine how to best address the AI opportunities and challenges facing businesses and job seekers in the community.
4. 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 Moody at 7:14 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California, at 6:00 p.m.

David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

ORAL REPORT

LA26, PARAMOUNT, AND THE FIFA 2026 WORLD CUP



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

Subject: ORAL REPORT – LA26, PARAMOUNT AND THE WORLD CUP

Los Angeles continues to set the stage for the highly anticipated FIFA World Cup 26, Olympic and Paralympic games in 2028, and the opportunities and economic benefits from the coming world events. Los Angeles will officially host eight matches for FIFA World Cup 26.

Management Analyst Sol Bejarano will provide an overview of the economic impact to the region, and she will touch on public “watch parties” that will soon be organized.