

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2026**

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John King, Planning and Building Director
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
February 11, 2026

Chair Moody presented the Economic Development Board minutes of February 11, 2026 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Esparza and seconded by Board Member Timmons to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning and Building Director King stated that there are no public comments.

REPORTS

2. ORAL REPORT
Paramount State of the
City

Planning and Building Director John King provided an overview of the State of the City, hosted annually by the Chamber of Commerce. The event included a report from the City presented by Mayor Peggy Lemons and City Manager John Moreno.

The report provided an update on Paramount, highlighting a 10% decrease in crime rate in the city, new businesses coming to Paramount (Sprouts Farmers Market, Panera Bread, Panda Express, and Dutch Bros.), and the upcoming review of the Clearwater Specific Plan. The update also acknowledged the teamwork displayed by all departments within the City – emphasizing effective collaboration and communication. Also announced, Water Well 16 is up and running, taking away Paramount's reliance on imported water. Notable improvements to the Civic Center and Progress Park Plaza were also mentioned.

The report emphasized that housing stability remains a priority for the City Council. The Planning and Building Department permitted 41 new homes last year. The report also promoted the Homebuyer Opportunity Program (HOP) to support renters in becoming homeowners. Homelessness decreased 33% from 2022 to 2025. Lastly, the Habitat for Humanity project received approval to construct two affordable homes on Hunsaker Avenue.

There was further discussion between the Economic Development Board and staff.

COMMENTS

3. COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Board Members or staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Moody at 7:05 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ David Moody

David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Biana Salgado

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: April 1, 2026

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