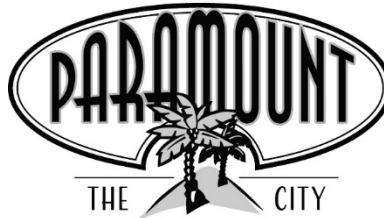


# AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board

April 1, 2026



*Safe, Healthy, and Attractive*

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](http://www.paramountcity.gov)

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**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](mailto: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.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair David Moody

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Linda Timmons  
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger  
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez  
Chair David Moody

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## MINUTES

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 4, 2026

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

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## REPORTS

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2. ORAL REPORT ADA Compliance: What Every Business Needs to Know

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## COMMENTS

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3. COMMENTS
  - Board Members
  - Staff

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## ADJOURNMENT

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To a meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**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 and Building 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 and Building Department office. The Planning and Building Department office is located at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount.

APRIL 1, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF  
MARCH 4, 2026.

<u>MOTION:</u>	<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>
MOVED BY: _____	AYES: _____
SECONDED BY: _____	NOES: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	ABSENT: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	ABSTAIN: _____

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

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

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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**

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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**

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

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**REPORTS**

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**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.

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**COMMENTS**

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**3. COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Board Members or staff.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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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.

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David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

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Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

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APRIL 1, 2026

ORAL REPORT

ADA COMPLIANCE: WHAT EVERY BUSINESS NEEDS TO KNOW



**To:** Honorable Economic Development Board  
**From:** John King, AICP, Planning and Building Director  
**By:** Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director  
**Date:** April 1, 2026

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**SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT – ADA COMPLIANCE: WHAT EVERY BUSINESS NEEDS TO KNOW**

This report summarizes key takeaways from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) workshop hosted by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments on March 17, 2026. Several city staff members attended the workshop, which provided guidance on strategies to assist and educate local businesses regarding compliance with ADA requirements.

**Key Takeaways:**

- ADA standards for accessible design
- Key physical accessibility
- Existing facilities & barrier removal
- Self-evaluation & transition plans
- Consequences: noncompliance

APRIL 1, 2026

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF