

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES JULY 1, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:02 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 Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: Chair Linda Timmons

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Chair Weisenburger to excuse Chair Timmons from the Planning Commission meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John King, Planning and Building Director
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director
Ivan Reyes, Building and Housing Manager
Tara Reyes, Management Analyst
Leslie Corrales, Associate Planner
Caitlin Au, Planning Intern

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 3, 2026

Vice Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of June 3, 2026 for approval.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning and Building Director King stated that there was an emailed public comment related to Agenda Item No. 3.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 1000**

Vice Chair Weisenburger announced the item, a request by Abraham Cendejas Arambula/A&B Atelier Builders for Francisco Villa Cortes/Master Rooter and Plumbing, Inc. to operate a plumbing and sewer service with nine service trucks at 7757 Jackson Street in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning and Building Director King introduced Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez, who provided an overview of the request.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked for clarification on operating business hours. Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez confirmed that the business is not a 24-hour operation.

Commissioner Esparza asked for clarification on the use of the space. Assistant Planning and Building Director Rodriguez stated that the business would be using the space to conduct logistics and warehousing.

Vice Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26:020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1000, A REQUEST BY ABRAHAM CENDEJAS ARAMBULA/A&B ATELIER BUILDERS FOR FRANCISCO VILLA CORTES/MASTER ROOTER AND PLUMBING, INC. FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A PLUMBING AND SEWER SERVICE BUSINESS WITH NINE SERVICE TRUCKS AT 7757 JACKSON STREET IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE", approving Conditional Use Permit No. 1000. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez, and Moody;
and Vice Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Timmons

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 1001

Vice Chair Weisenburger announced the item, a request by Castle Metals, Inc. to expand its existing precision metal cutting and polishing operations within an existing 246,878 square foot building and to add chemical milling at 14001 Orange Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning and Building Director King provided an overview of the request and noted that Resolution No. PC 26:021 had been updated to remove three duplicate Conditions of Approval (No. 12, 24, and 44) before presentation to the Planning Commission and posting on the website for public viewing.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if there were any public safety issues surrounding the property. Planning and Building Director King stated that there were no known issues and noted that the business is proposing higher fencing and gates as a precautionary measure.

Vice Chair Weisenburger asked if it is prohibited to use barbed wire or razor wire fencing within the City. Planning and Building Director King confirmed that such fencing materials are prohibited under the Paramount Municipal Code.

Vice Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Planning and Building Director King stated that an emailed public comment in the form of a letter by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District had been received, and a copy of the letter was provided to each Commissioner. Staff incorporated the suggested Condition of Approval No. 27 (regarding industrial wastewater discharge) in the Resolution No. PC 26:021.

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;
and Vice Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chair Timmons
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26:021, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1001, A REQUEST BY CASTLE METALS, INC. FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING PRECISION METAL CUTTING AND POLISHING WITHIN AN EXISTING 246,878 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING AND ADD CHEMICAL MILLING AT 14001 ORANGE AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE", approving Conditional Use Permit No. 1001. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS

4. ORAL REPORT
City Council Actions

Planning and Building Director King stated that City Council approved the first reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 42 regarding Transit-Oriented Development

Objective Design Standards and the ordinance will be adopted at the July 14, 2026 City Council meeting.

COMMENTS

5. COMMENTS

Planning and Building Director King congratulated Leslie Corrales on her promotion from Assistant Planner to Associate Planner.

The Planning Commission congratulated Associate Planner Corrales on her promotion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Weisenburger at 6:43 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ *Gordon Weisenburger*

Gordon Weisenburger, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ *John King*

John King, Planning and Building Director

Minutes Prepared by Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: September 9, 2026