

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Linda Timmons at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

Present: Commissioner Ernie Esparza
Commissioner Austin Moreno
Vice Chair Gordon Weisenburger
Chair Linda Timmons

Absent: Commissioner Javier Gonzalez

Planning and Building Director John King introduced Planning Commissioner Austin Moreno who was appointed by the City Council to serve on the Commission. On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, Minute Clerk and Administrative Assistant Biana Salgado administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Moreno, who is sworn in and able to participate in the proceedings.

Commissioner Moreno thanked the Planning Commission, staff, and members of the public and stated that he is proud to be serving the community.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney
John Moreno, City Manager
Lana Dich, Finance Director
John King, Planning and Building Director
Ivan Reyes, Building and Housing Manager
Tara Reyes, Management Analyst
Leslie Corrales, Associate Planner
Caitlin Au, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
July 1, 2026

Chair Timmons presented the Planning Commission minutes of July 1, 2026 for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Esparza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion did not pass by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Esparza;
and Vice Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Moreno; and Chair Timmons

The minutes did not pass due to lack of majority votes of the total quorum and absence of eligible voters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning and Building Director King stated that emailed public comments and speaker cards were received related to Agenda Item No. 5.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 988

Chair Timmons announced the item, a request by Enrique Alvarez/Alvarez Design Studios for Tacos El Fogon to legalize additional indoor seating and extend customer seating at an existing restaurant to an outdoor seating area at 7351 Rosecrans Avenue, Unit F, in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

Planning and Building Director King provided an overview of the request on behalf of Assistant Planning and Building Director Monica Rodriguez.

Chair Timmons asked if the proposed railing is a sufficient preventive measure for outdoor seating safety.

Planning and Building Director King stated that there is an existing planter and with the proposed railing this would provide added protection.

Chair Timmons opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Applicant Enrique Alvarez spoke in favor of the request.

There being no additional comments in favor and no comments opposed to the request, it was moved by Vice Chair Weisenburger, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26:023, "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. 988, A REQUEST BY ENRIQUE ALVAREZ/ALVAREZ DESIGN STUDIOS FOR TACOS EL FOGON FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) TO LEGALIZE ADDITIONAL INDOOR SEATING AND EXTEND CUSTOMER SEATING AT AN EXISTING RESTAURANT AT 7351 ROSECRANS AVENUE, UNIT F, IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE", approving Conditional Use Permit No. 988. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 1002

Chair Timmons announced the item, a request by Pro Cast Industries to install and operate a baghouse/dust collection system for an existing precision metal castings business at 15555 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. This project is Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Planning and Building Director King provided an overview of the request.

Commissioner Moreno asked about the timeline for the completion of the project.

Planning and Building Director King stated that the applicant is ready to begin upon approval of the project, and the timeline is further dependent on South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Chair Timmons opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Representing the applicant, Silvia Romero spoke in favor of request.

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

AYES: Commissioners Esparza and Moreno;
Vice Chair Weisenburger; and Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26:022, "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. 1002, A REQUEST BY PRO CAST INDUSTRIES FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A BAGHOUSE/DUST COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR AN EXISTING PRECISION METAL CASTINGS BUSINESS AT 15555 MINNESOTA AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE", approving Conditional Use Permit No. 1002. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza and Moreno;
Vice Chair Weisenburger; and Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

4. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 1003

Chair Timmons announced the item, a request by Natalie Luna and Edgar Cervantes/Innies by Luna to operate an indoor recreation facility for softball at 14018 Garfield Avenue

in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. This project is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Planning and Building Director King introduced Planning Intern Au, who provided an overview of the request and noted that the proposed business hours were updated in Condition of Approval No. 31 of Resolution No. PC 26:024.

Commissioner Moreno asked if the facility would also provide baseball training. Planning Intern Au stated the applicant is only proposing the facility to be used for youth softball training.

Chair Timmons opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Applicant Natalie Luna spoke in favor of the request.

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

AYES: Commissioners Esparza and Moreno;
Vice Chair Weisenburger; and Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Vice Chair Weisenburger, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 26:024, "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. 1003, A REQUEST BY NATALIE LUNA AND EDGAR CERVANTES/INNIES BY LUNA TO ALLOW OPERATION OF AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY FOR SOFTBALL AT 14018 GARFIELD AVENUE IN THE M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE", approving Conditional Use Permit No. 1003. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza and Moreno;
Vice Chair Weisenburger; and Chair Timmons
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

5. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 1004

Chair Timmons announced the item, a request by Jaime Lopez/La Amapola LLC to operate a restaurant with 20 indoor customer seats at 13729 Garfield Avenue in the C-M (Commercial-Manufacturing) zone. This project is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) Categorical Exemption pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Planning and Building Director King introduced Associate Planner Corrales, who provided an overview of the request and noted that Resolution No. PC 26:025 had been updated to add Conditions of Approval No. 25 (Seasonal Hour Adjustments), 26 (Parking Signage), 27 (Seasonal Parking Management Plan), and 28 (February 2027 Review), all pertaining to parking management.

Chair Timmons opened the public hearing and called for public testimony.

Planning and Building Director King stated that four written correspondences were received from the City of South Gate by Mayor Joshua Barron, Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, and Council Member Gil Hurtado. The letters were not in opposition but rather requesting operational commitments from the applicant. A copy of each correspondence was provided to each Commissioner and would be made part of the record of the proceedings.

A written correspondence in opposition to this item was received from Jose A. Figueroa. A copy of the correspondence was provided to each Commissioner and would be made part of the records of the proceedings.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the request: Sandra Bobadilla, Gustavo Coto, Veronica Coto, Crystal DeLeon, and Lucy Santamaria.

Applicant Jaime Lopez offered a rebuttal and spoke in favor of request.

Chair Timmons suggested to the Planning Commission to table the discussion to afford more time to analyze the parking and to give the applicant the opportunity to connect with a neighboring property owner to discuss options.

It was moved by Vice Chair Weisenburger, seconded by Commissioner Moreno to continue the item to the next Planning Commission meeting on September 2, 2026.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS

6. ORAL REPORT
Parcel Tax Measure on
the November 2026
Ballot
- Planning and Building Director King introduced City Manager John Moreno who provided an informational overview of the City of Paramount Public Safety, Environment, Streets and Business Improvement Measure which is a parcel tax that provides a dedicated funding source for specific purposes. The measure (if approved on the November 2026 ballot) would be applied exclusively to industrial and commercial properties based on square footage. Revenues would be deposited into a special fund and could be used only for the purposes authorized by the measure, not for general governmental purposes.
7. ORAL REPORT
City Council Actions
- There were none.

COMMENTS

8. COMMENTS
- Planning Attorney Thorson welcomed new Planning Commissioner Moreno.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Timmons at 8:01 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Linda Timmons

Linda Timmons, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Biana Salgado

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: September 2, 2026

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