

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2024**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Isabel Aguayo at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kiarra Ramos, Paramount High School Varsity Cheer, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Beau Stephens, Chapel of Change delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS: Present: Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Councilmember Brenda Olmos
Mayor Isabel Aguayo

Present: Vice Mayor Annette C. Delgadillo

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and second by Councilmember Lemos to excuse Vice Mayor Delgadillo's absence. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos, Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
John Carver, Planning Director
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Community Services Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Clyde Alexander, Accounting and Budget Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Rafael Casillas, City Engineer
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Community Services Director

Andres Gonzalez, Management Analyst
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
Pauline Jauregui, Comms. & Engagement Manager
Nicole Lopez, Human Resources Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Anthony Martinez, Finance Services Manager
Michelle Razo, Recreation Supervisor
Johnnie Rightmer, Building & Safety Manager
Celina Sanchez, Management Analyst
Magnolia Sandoval, Management Analyst
Melissa Torres, Communications Specialist
Eric Wosick, Assistant Public Safety Director

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. VIDEO
2023 Santa Train
CF 39.7 | A video highlighting 2023 Santa Train was shown. |
| 2. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
Latinas Art Foundation
Dia De Los Muertos
Events
CF 39.6 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate of recognition to Latinas Art Foundation for their work on the Dia De Los Muertos events. |
| 3. PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award of
Excellence
CF 39.8 | Mayor Aguayo presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Jose Baca, SkillsetGroup. Mr. Baca was present to accept the award and expressed sincere appreciation for the recognition. |
| 4. CERTIFICATES OF
RECOGNITION
Winter 2023 Special
Event Volunteers
CF 39.6 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, presented certificates of recognition to the following groups and organizations that volunteered at the City's various Winter 2023 Special Events: Paramount High School Cheer and Song, MUSA, and Paramount Teen Leadership Alliance. |
| 5. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
2023 Holiday Home
Decorating Contest
Winners
CF 39.6 | Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the 2023 Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Place – 6523 San Mateo Street (Santo Family)• 2nd Place – 8519 Madison Street (Velasco Family)• 3rd Place – 14739 Jetmore Avenue (Rodriguez Family) |

6. PROCLAMATION
National Law
Enforcement
Appreciation Day
CF 39.12

Mayor Aguayo, on behalf of the City Council, recognized National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Lieutenant Morales, Sergeant Patino and Deputies Sepulveda, Valenzuela, Macias, Van Der Zanden and Rodriguez from the Paramount Sheriff's Station were present to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Aguayo recessed the meeting at 5:31 p.m. for a brief break. The meeting was called back to order at 5:41 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Vice Mayor Delgadillo.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4

There were no public comment updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve Consent Calendar Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 as shown below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

7. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
December 12, 2023

Approved.

8. APPROVAL
Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Approved.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Traffic Signal Installation
Improvements at Alondra

1) Appropriated an additional \$52,000 from the available Measure M funds; and 2) Accepted the work performed by International Line Builders, Inc. DBA ILB Electric, Corona, California for construction of the

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| | Boulevard and Passage Avenue (City Project No. 9232)
CIP 9232 | installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Alondra Boulevard and Passage Avenue (CIP 9232) project and authorize payment of the remaining retention. |
| 10. | RECEIVE AND FILE
Annual Development
Impact Fee Report for
Fiscal Year 2023
CF 30.8 | Received and filed. |
| 11. | AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Traffic Safety
Improvements (City
Project No. 9235)
CIP 9235 | 1) Appropriated an additional \$225,800 from the City's Measure M allocation; and 2) Awarded the contract for the traffic safety improvements to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. Chino, California, in the amount of \$518,888, and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |
| 12. | ORDINANCE 1179
Adopting by Reference
the Los Angeles County
Health and Safety Code
CF 61.23 | Read by title only, waived further reading, and set a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1179 at the next regular meeting on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. |
| 13. | ORDINANCE 1180
Adopting by Reference
the Los Angeles County
Traffic Code
CF 98.1 | Read by title only, waived further reading, and set a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1180 at the next regular meeting on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. |

OLD BUSINESS

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| 14. | ORAL REPORT
Civic Center Fountain
Design Update
CF 43.1227 | Kirk Keller with Studio One-Eleven presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the updated concept and designs for the Civic Center Fountain Upgrade project. |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 15. | ORAL REPORT
Traffic Safety Mini Bikes
CF 61.14 | Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Trey Dare, presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the traffic laws and safety impacts related to the use of mini bikes and pocket bikes. |
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16. APPROVAL
Request for Installation
of Stop Signs on
Jackson Street at
Indiana Avenue
CF 92

Councilmember Olmos recused herself from consideration of this item due to the proximity of her home to the subject property and left the dais.

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

The following individual spoke in favor of this item: Fernando Martinez.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the request for the installation of stop signs on Jackson Street at Indiana Avenue with all appropriate signage and pavement markings. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Cuellar
Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Olmos

Councilmember Olmos returned to the dais.

17. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Dills Park Orchard (City
Project No. 9258)
CF CIP 9258

Public Works Director Figueroa and Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the maturity level of the trees that will be planted and how soon they will bear fruit. Further discussion ensued concerning the funding for this project and the fencing material. Staff was directed to ensure that fencing is more of a lattice type fence that will allow landscaping on the exterior and vegetable planting on the interior.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to 1) Appropriate an additional \$177,000 from the available Capital Project Fund, and 2) Award the contract for the Dills Park Orchard (City Project Number 9258) to Parsam Construction, Glendale, California, in the amount of \$2,570,000, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

18. PUBLIC HEARING
REPORT

Resolution No.

24:001/General Plan
Amendment No. 23-2
and Ordinance No.

1181/Zone Change No.
245 Michael
Ferrero/Orizaba 10, LP
CF 102 Amend. 23-2
CF 109 ZC No. 245

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Aguayo opened the public hearing and asked if there was any public testimony for this item.

The following individual spoke in favor of this item: Greg Hamilton (on behalf of the applicant).

There being no further public testimony, it was moved by Councilmember Lemons and second by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

Discussion ensued concerning the need to share information about this project with the residents in this neighborhood.

Following brief discussion, the following actions were taken:

A) It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

B) It was moved Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24:001, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 23-2, APPROVING A REQUEST BY MICHAEL FERRERO/ORIZABA 10, LP TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AT 16261 ORIZABA AVENUE IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

C) It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1181, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 245, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PD-PS (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS)/ SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 10 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AT 16261 ORIZABA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT," and place it on the February 13, 2024 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

19. APPROVAL
Agreement with AECOM
for Professional Services
Related to Monitoring
Wells Installation (City
Project No. 9413)
CF 43.1236
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to appropriate an additional \$64,800 from the Water Fund, and 2) Approve an agreement with AECOM for professional services related to Monitoring Wells Installation (City Project No. 9413) in the amount of \$113,420 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None
20. APPROVAL
Paramount Community
Health & Wellness Fair
CF 39
- Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to approve the inclusion of the Health and Wellness Fair at the existing 5k/1k event scheduled for June 1, 2024. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None
21. RESOLUTION NO.
24:002
Approval of the City of
Paramount 2024
Legislative Platform
CF 58
- Management Analyst Gonzalez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24:002, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

22. APPROVAL
Proposed Revisions to
Contracted Aquatic
Services Provider
CF 43.1237

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to 1) Allocate an additional \$29,000 from the General Fund in FY 2023-24 to provide for aquatic services from Premier Aquatics; and 2) Approve an agreement with Premier Aquatics for aquatic services in the amount of \$300,700 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

23. APPROVAL
Agreement with Studio
One-Eleven for
Construction Design
Services for Somerset
Ranch Pocket Park
CF 43.1238

Community Services Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Lemons to 1) Appropriate \$47,500 from the Capital Project Fund for this project; and 2) Approve the professional services agreement with Studio One-Eleven in the amount of \$47,135 for the development of construction design and cost estimates for the Somerset Ranch Pocket Park and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

24. ORAL REPORT
Building and Safety 2023
Update
CF 29

Building and Safety Manager Rightmer presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the City's Building and Safety Department and sharing a demonstration of the departments new online service offerings.

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos thanked Dr. Allen for the Turkey Give-a-way he hosted on December 16th. She also reported on her attendance at the Contract Cities Legislative Tour conference in Sacramento earlier this month. She noted that the Paramount Historical Society will have an election for Secretary and Vice Chair and encouraged interested residents to reach out to her for more information. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Lemons reported that SEAACA is looking for individuals to foster and/or adopt pets due to a disease that is currently affecting animal shelters.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings reported that she also attended Dr. Allen's turkey give away and the Contract Cities Legislative Tour conference. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Aguayo thanked staff for their hard work on the holiday events, especially the Santa Train. She reported on her attendance at the US Conference of Mayors in Washinton DC where she had the opportunity to meet with Legislators and network with other Mayors to hear the issues they are facing in their communities. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Staff

City Manager Moreno introduced Magnolia Sandoval who was recently promoted to the position of Management Analyst in the Community Services Department.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE PARAMOUNT
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - CONSENT
CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve Successor Agency Consent Calendar Items SA1 and SA2 as shown below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Olmos,
Cuellar Stallings; and Mayor Aguayo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Delgadillo
ABSTAIN: None

SA1. APPROVAL
Register of Demands –
December 2023
(Successor Agency)
CF 47.2

Approved.

SA2. APPROVAL
Successor Agency
Minutes of December 12,
2023

Approved.

*Mayor Aguayo recessed the City Council meeting to
Closed session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the matters
listed below.*

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Aguayo called the meeting back to order in open session at 8:54 p.m. and City Attorney Cavanaugh reported the actions listed below.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
EXISTING LITIGATION**

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) - Three (3) cases
Communities for a Better Environment; East Yard
Communities for Environmental Justice; and Center
for Biological Diversity v. City of Paramount
City of Whittier et al v. Los Angeles Superior Court
Shadowood v. City of Paramount

No action taken which requires publication at this time.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION**

Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

Employee: City Manager

No action taken. The City Council will meet before the joint meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 in the Board Room at Progress Park Plaza to discuss this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguayo adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Paramount School District Board of Education to be held on January 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Isabel Aguayo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Luce, City Clerk