

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27, 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 Vice Mayor Peggy Lemons at 5:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Cuellar Stallings led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Mayor Annette C. Delgadillo

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and second by Councilmember Aguayo to excuse Mayor Delgadillo's absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Delgadillo

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
Elizabeth Martyn, Interim City Attorney
Grissel Chavez, Assistant City Manager
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
Yecenia Guillen, Community Services Director
John King, Interim Planning Director
Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Kim Sao, Finance Director
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Anthony Martinez, Financial Services Manager
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner

PRESENTATIONS

1. VIDEO
2024 Heritage Festival
CF 39.7

A video highlighting the 2024 Heritage Festival event was presented.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by the following individuals at the August 13, 2024 City Council meeting: Alejandro Yanez; Brooke Ervin; Jose Sanchez; Yesenia Cuarenta; Brenda Dharod; Acela Marquez; Sophia Partida; and Mike Radis (written comment).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Andrea Crow, Paramount Library; Lorie Berhow; Maria Velediaz Nelson Sanchez; Concepcion Sanchez; Jose Sanchez; Maribel Hernandez; Irma Lopez; and Pedro Hernandez.. The following individual submitted a public comment via e-mail which was read by the City Clerk: Mike Radis.

Vice Mayor Lemons asked City Manager Moreno to announce the subsequent need item.

City Manager Moreno stated that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b), an item requiring immediate consideration came to the attention of the City subsequent to the agenda being posted. The item is a matter for Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), threat of litigation against the City - 1 case.

Vice Mayor Lemons called for a motion.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to add the item announced above to tonight's Closed Session agenda. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to approve Consent Calendar Item 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 as shown below. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Spane Park Facility Improvements
(City Project No. 9358)
1) Appropriated an additional \$52,000 from the Capital Project Fund utilizing General Funds; and 2) Awarded the contract for the Spane Park Facility Improvements (City Project No. 9358) to Estate Design and Construction, Inc., Los Angeles, CA in the amount of \$318,792, and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement.
3. RESOLUTION 24:034
Appointing alternates to the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority Governing Board
CF 113, 43.859
Adopted Resolution No. 24:034, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPOINTING ALTERNATES TO THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (GWMA) GOVERNING BOARD."

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| 4. | ORDINANCE 1187
Adding Chapter 2.08 to
Title 2 of the
Paramount Municipal
Code to provide for the
Electronic and
Paperless Filing of Fair
Political Practices
Commission Campaign
Finance Disclosure
Statements and
Statements of
Economic Interest
CF 70.2 | Adopted Ordinance No. 1187, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 2.08 TO TITLE 2 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST." |
| 5. | APPROVAL
Amendment No. 3 to
the agreement with
Michael Baker
International for
Landscape Design
Services for Median
Enhancements
(City Project No. 9435)
CF43.1218 | 1) Appropriated \$15,000 from Measure R Funds for landscape design services; and 2) Approved Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Michael Baker International for landscape design services to include the preparation of construction drawings, specifications, and bid support for the construction for median enhancements on Rosecrans Avenue (City Project No. 9435) in the amount of \$14,880 and authorized the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. |
| 6. | APPROVAL
Mayor's Appointment –
Clean Power Alliance
Alternate Director
CF 11.4 | Appointed Michelle Müller, Public Works Manager, as an alternate representative to the Clean Power Alliance Board of Directors. |
| 7. | APPROVAL
Amendment No. 1 to
agreement with Soffa
Electric, Inc. for Water
Well Programming
Services related to
Well 16
(City Project No. 9116)
CF 43.1248 | Approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with SOFFA Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$38,270 for additional water well computer programming services; and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the Amendment. |
| 8. | ACCEPTANCE OF
WORK
Arterial Street
Resurfacing
(City Project No. 9330) | Accepted the work performed by Palp, Inc., DBA Excel Paving, Corona, California, for the arterial street resurfacing project for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorized payment of the retention. |

Vice Mayor Lemons stated that since Item 9 is a matter related to Environmental Sustainability, she suggests adding the Environmental Sustainability section to the agenda, after New Business, and move Item 9 to the Environmental Sustainability section of the agenda. She called for a motion.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to add the Environmental Sustainability section to the agenda, after New Business, and move Item 9 to the Environmental Sustainability section of the agenda . The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

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| 9. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 1188 | Moved to the Environmental Sustainability section of the agenda – see below after Item 13. |
| 10. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Landscape
Maintenance Services
CF 28.1, 43.1268,
43.126 | <p>Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Following the presentation, Ethan Darrison with Four Season Landscaping and Rosa Lopez with Azteca Landscape addressed the City Council to provide information about their respective companies and service philosophy.</p> <p>A. It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to appropriate an additional \$515,200 in Gas Tax for median landscape maintenance and \$507,800 in General Funds, for a total of \$1,023,000, for landscape maintenance services that covers medians, vines, and parks citywide. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:</p> |

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

- B. It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to award a contract for medians and vines care landscape maintenance services to SGD Enterprises DBA Four Seasons Landscaping in the amount of \$690,174.44 per year for a 2-year term and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- C. It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to award a contract for Citywide/parks landscaping maintenance services to Azteca Landscape in the amount of \$1,007,706.32 per year for a 2-year term and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- D. It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to authorize the Public Works Director to approve extra work/services for a combined amount not to exceed \$200,000. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Delgadillo

ABSTAIN: None

11. RESOLUTION 24:035
Approving the Parks
and Recreation Master
Plan
CF 43.1171, 60.11

Community Services Director Guillen gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Additionally, Allison Lee, Senior Planner with MIG, presented information on the community engagement efforts that were undertaken during the development of the plan and the feedback received from the community during the public review of the draft plan.

It was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24:035, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Delgadillo

ABSTAIN: None

12. APPROVAL
Professional Services
Agreement with Water
Resources Economics,
LLC For Water Rate
Study Services
CF 43.1270

Financial Services Manager Martinez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Additionally, he noted that Charles Diamond, Principal Consultant with Water Resources Economics, LLC is in the audience and available to answer any questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to 1) Appropriate \$52,155 from the Water Fund balance; and 2) Approve a professional services agreement with Water Resources Economics, LLC in the amount of \$52,155 for water rate study services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. ORAL REPORT
Update on City Council
Goals
CF 11

City Manager Moreno gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the goals set by the City Council at the January 23, 2024 goal setting session.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY – NEW BUSINESS

9. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 1188
Zoning Ordinance Text
Amendment No. 34,
revising regulations for
Manufacturing
Businesses Citywide in
the M-1 (Light
Manufacturing) and
M-2 (Heavy
Manufacturing) Zones
CF 109 ZOTA 34

Associate Planner Reyes gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued concerning the option for producing a video as part of the public engagement requirements with concern being expressed that in some instances the video may need to be updated more often than the once every six years. Following discussion, the City Council concurred that the ordinance should be amended to require that the video be updated more frequently when there are changes to a facility, what is produced, or the production process as required by an approved Conditional Use Permit.

Vice Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to testify.

There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing.

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

It was moved by Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1188 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 34, AMENDING SECTION 17.32.050(A), SECTION 17.32.050(F), SECTION 17.36.050(A) AND SECTION 17.36.050(F) OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, REVISING REGULATIONS FOR MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES CITYWIDE IN THE M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) AND M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONES IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT," as amended above, and place it on the September 10, 2024 agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Olmos expressed appreciation to the residents that attended as well as those involved in organizing and hosting the Paramount Historical Society's dance. She commented that the event was fun and well attended. She reported that at the recent SELACO Policy Board meeting, they were informed that the Campaign to invest in America's Workforce funding from the House of Representative may be decreased by as much as \$712,000. She thanked staff for their efforts at the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Board of Directors meeting hosted by LASD . She thanked the commissioners for all they do and expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in organizing the Commissioner's Murder Mystery dinner. Lastly, she inquired about the process for scheduling Neighborhood Watch meetings and suggested that instead of scheduling on request, that they be held on scheduled regularly for each beat.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings thanked staff for their efforts at the CCCA Board of Directors meeting hosted by LASD. She also commented that the Commissioners' Murder Mystery dinner was a great event and thanked the Commissioners for all they do and staff for organizing a great event. She inquired about the college bound bus program that the City previously offered. City Manager Moreno responded that the program was discontinued and replaced by a more expansive Transit Access Pass (TAP) card program. Councilmember Cuellar Stallings suggested that information about the TPA program be included in the "Did You Know?" series. Lastly, she thanked the Community Services, Public Safety and Public Works teams for all they do.

Councilmember Aguayo commented on her attendance at the CCCA Board of Directors meeting and thanked staff for all their efforts. She commented that she also attended the Commissioners Murder Mystery Dinner and thanked the Commissioners for being the City Council's eyes and ears in the community and staff for organizing a great event. She commented that street takeovers are happening everywhere noting that she attended an event in Orange County and during the event a street takeover occurred nearby. She expressed appreciation to staff and the Sheriff's Department for their efforts in addressing street takeovers in the City of Paramount. She commented that she had an opportunity to use one of the study rooms at the Paramount Library and it was amazing. She encouraged residents to get their library card and visit the library. Lastly, she suggested scheduling a class on how to use public transportation.

Vice Mayor Lemons suggested creating an instructional video on how to use public transportation and how to get a TPA card. Lastly, she expressed appreciation to the departments that put on the Commissioner's Murder Mystery dinner.

Staff

City Manager Moreno introduced Veronica Ortiz. She was recently hired as the City's new Assistant Community Services Director.

Vice Mayor Lemons adjourned the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the matter listed below.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREAT OF LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – One (1) case

Interim City Attorney Martyn reported that this item is for informational purposes only regarding potential litigation and there will be no action to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Vice Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to a meeting on September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA.

Peggy Lemons, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Luce, City Clerk