

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

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 Tom Hansen at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Diane J. Martinez.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Pastor Lorenzo Archuleta, Jr., Unshackled Ministries.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS: Present: Councilmember Gene Daniels
Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Councilmember Diane J. Martinez
Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer
Mayor Tom Hansen

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Kevin Chun, Assistant City Manager
Christopher Cash, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Karina Liu, Finance Director
Maria Meraz, Public Safety Director
William Pagett, City Engineer
Clyde Alexander, Senior Accountant
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director
Carlos Mendoza, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist
Janene Ottaiano, Human Resources Manager

PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION
Captain Allen M. Castellano
CF 39.7, 79
City Manager Moreno introduced Lakewood Sheriff's Station Captain Allen Castellano. Captain Castellano expressed that he is happy to be back and looks forward to partnering with the City once again.
2. COMMENDATION
Detective Michael J. Smith
CF 39.6
Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, honored Detective Michael Smith. He thanked him for his diligent work and for keeping Paramount a safer place, and presented him with a commendation.

Additionally, Captain Castellano, on behalf of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, expressed his appreciation to Detective Smith and presented him with a plaque.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 6 and October 20, 2015
It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of October 6 and October 20, 2015. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Register of Demands
CF 47.2
Councilmember Lemons requested that this item be pulled from the consent calendar. She stated that she had a conflict of interest and disqualified herself from voting on check number 148746 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check number 148746. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve check number 148746. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lemons

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK
Orange Avenue
Splash Zone
City Project No. 9550

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to accept and approve the work performed by C.S. Legacy Construction, Pomona, California, for construction of the Orange Avenue Splash Zone and authorize payment of the remaining retention. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT
Member of the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency (SAPRA)
CF 11.4, 12

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to appoint Assistant City Manager Kevin Chun to serve as a member of the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency for the Paramount Redevelopment Agency (SAPRA). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Funding Agreement for Community Engagement Activities Related to the Countywide Parks Needs Assessment
CF 43.1029

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Funding Agreement for Community Engagement Activities related to the Countywide Parks Needs Assessment. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2015
CF 47.3

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

9. Installation of a Speed Hump on Colorado Avenue Between Alondra Boulevard and Monroe Street
CF 94.3

Public Works Director Cash reported that the City received a request from Mr. Lucas Willemse to install a speed hump on Colorado Avenue between Alondra Boulevard and Monroe Street as residents are concerned for their safety due to excessive speeds of vehicles traveling on the street. Mr. Cash mentioned that it was not initially feasible to install a speed hump on Colorado Avenue due to frequent commercial truck traffic and the excessive noise caused by these trucks when going over speed humps. However, he stated that staff contacted Town Center West and Northgate Market who agreed to re-route truck deliveries, making the installation of a speed hump on Colorado Avenue a viable option.

The City Engineer determined that one speed hump could be installed at 15937 Colorado Avenue, and Mr. Cash stated that the Public Works Commission, at its October meeting, recommended to the City Council approval of the request to install a speed hump.

Mr. Lucas Willemse, 15943 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, addressed the City Council and informed them that the speed hump is necessary to address speeding vehicles.

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer inquired about the placement of the proposed speed hump, and Mr. Cash discussed criteria used when determining a speed hump location.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the installation of a speed hump and all appropriate signage on Colorado Avenue between Alondra Boulevard and Monroe Street. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Agreement with
Precision Concrete
Cutting for Sidewalk
Assessment and
Repairs
CF 43.1030

Public Works Director Cash discussed participation in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's (CJPIA) Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Pilot Program aimed to assist member agencies with identifying and mitigating sidewalk deviations using a more cost effective approach. Mr. Cash stated that CJPIA has offered to provide Paramount an allocation of \$30,516 to be used towards participation in the program.

As part of the pilot program, Mr. Cash stated that CJPIA has entered into an agreement with Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) to provide services at reduced group rates to its member agencies and discussed the use of "piggy-backed" bidding (allowed under the City's purchasing policy and through the California Public Contract Code). He then commented on the benefits of using PCC's services, including the performance of a comprehensive sidewalk survey and specialized horizontal concrete cutting services.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to enter into an agreement with Precision Concrete Cutting for sidewalk assessment and repairs. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Citizen's Option for
Public Safety (COPS)
Grant
CF 54.49

Public Safety Director Meraz reported that the City has received \$100,000 in State COPS grant funds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. She said that this is the 20th year that the City has received this grant and that these funds will be used to continue providing additional party patrol overtime, vendor patrol overtime, and weekend patrol overtime to assist with the high demand for service during Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to authorize staff to utilize the State COPS grant funds to pay for expenditures as outlined in the report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. PUBLIC HEARING
(Continued)
Host Fee Agreement
CF 43.1028

Mayor Hansen stated that this item will be continued to the December 1, 2015 meeting. It was then moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to continue the public hearing to December 1, 2015. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

12. PUBLIC HEARING
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT
Torino Lounge
14123 Garfield Avenue
CF 75.4

Public Safety Director Meraz gave a report regarding the Live Entertainment Permit for Torino Lounge, located at 14123 Garfield Avenue. She discussed the conditions of approval for the Live Entertainment Permit and stated that the owners signed an affidavit and acceptance form, dated October 12, 2011, acknowledging and accepting the conditions. Ms. Meraz then reviewed activity at the Torino Lounge and provided a "Summary of Torino Lounge Activity" for calls for service for the period January 2011 to October 3, 2015. She highlighted some incidents that have taken place at Torino Lounge, including calls for service for fights, shots fired, assistance with a crowd, a reckless driver, an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) violation, code enforcement violations, live entertainment hours of operation violations, Special Event Permit violations, and parking issues.

Ms. Meraz reported that City staff has met with the owners numerous times and stated that there is still concern regarding the operation and compliance with the required conditions of approval. She noted that, in September, the business owners were advised that the City Council would be reviewing the Live Entertainment Permit and since then activity at the business has curtailed. Ms. Meraz added that she believes most of the incidents of concern would diminish if there was compliance with the conditions, and she recommended that the permit be reviewed by the City Council within three months and, at that time, the permit be suspended or revoked if there are persisting problems due to the owner's failure to comply with the conditions of approval.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing and the following speakers spoke in favor: 1) Mr. Sergio Pena, 14123 Garfield

Avenue, Paramount, and 2) Mr. Joseph Hernandez, 13611 Racine Avenue, Paramount. Mr. James Green, 8442 Alondra Boulevard, Paramount spoke in opposition.

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

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

There was discussion regarding parking at Torino Lounge, and Mr. Pena stated that valet parking is being offered at no charge and that 50-60 cars may be parked in the back of the business. Vice Mayor Hofmeyer commented that the Hip-Hop nights seem to be the main issue of concern and the cause of most of the problems at Torino Lounge. Councilmember Lemons stated that she is in favor of reviewing Torino Lounge's Live Entertainment Permit again in three months and emphasized the importance for the owners and management to comply with the required conditions of approval. She stated that it is a privilege to have a Live Entertainment Permit and strongly encouraged compliance to prevent revocation of the permit.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to set February 2, 2016 as the review date for the live entertainment permit for Torino Lounge, 14123 Garfield Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Lemons, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen
NOES: Councilmember Daniels
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager acknowledged Deputy District Attorney Kelly Tatman for her hard work.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Martinez and Mayor Hansen commented on the successful and well attended Halloween Carnival event and thanked staff for doing an outstanding job. Mayor Hansen also recognized ROTC for doing a great job. Councilmember Martinez inquired about ROTC's participation with a toy drive, and Lieutenant Auner stated that the Sheriff's Department is partnering with Walmart and Starbucks to do a toy drive and would extend an invitation to the ROTC to join them.

Councilmember Hofmeyer commented on drivers running the red left-light turn signal at Alondra Boulevard/Downey Avenue, especially between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and inquired about traffic enforcement. Public Safety Director Meraz responded and stated that traffic enforcement will be increased at this busy intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. to a meeting on November 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

\s\ Tom Hansen

Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

\s\ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk

APPROVED: December 1, 2015