

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Hansen at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**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  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
Clyde Alexander, Senior Accountant  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Mike Carrillo, Management Analyst  
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk  
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Recreation Director  
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Planning Manager  
Angel Leon, Planning Intern  
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Janene Ottaiano, Human Resources Manager  
Kenny Waldecker, Acting Code Enforcement Division Head

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**CF 10.3**

Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent of Cerritos College, came before the City Council and expressed his appreciation to them for the college bound buses that provide transportation to students attending Cerritos College.

## REPORTS

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1. ORAL REPORT  
Gateway Council of Governments Strategic Transportation Plan Briefing  
CF 37.8a, 43.1023

Mr. Chris Hedden gave a presentation on the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). He highlighted the following: Arterial Element, Freeway Analysis, Transit Element, Active Transportation System (Bicycle and Pedestrian), Technology Element, STP Benefits, Funding and Financing Element, and Paramount STP Project Elements.

Councilmember Daniels commented on the Gateway Cities 28-cities' membership and achieving a majority consensus from cities to participate in the STP. There was also discussion regarding funding and when improvements would be underway.

2. Endorsement of Letter of Intent to Opt Out of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority  
CF 43.892

Assistant City Manager Chun reported on the City's membership in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority, through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), for the purpose of constructing and implementing a radio and data interoperable communications system to facilitate inter-agency communications during a disaster or crisis. He discussed future financial obligations of JPA agencies and stated that the California Contract Cities Association has recommended that agencies opt out of the LA-RICS due to financial uncertainty and unpredictability. Mr. Chun also mentioned that most contract cities have already opted out of LA-RICS and recommended that the City Council approve a letter, to be signed by the Mayor, endorsing the City Manager's letter of intent to opt out of LA-RICS.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve a letter to be signed by the Mayor endorsing the City Manager's letter of intent to opt out of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority. 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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1064 (Introduction) Amending Chapter 10 and Adding Article III, Sections 10-15 to 10-20 of the Paramount Municipal Code, Relating to Permitting Procedures for Small Residential Solar Energy Systems CF 29, 46.1

Assistant City Manager Chun gave the report and discussed Assembly Bill 2188, mandating the streamlining of permitting and inspection processes for residential rooftop solar energy systems of less than 10 kilowatts in size. He presented Ordinance No. 1064 for City Council consideration and added that most neighboring cities have adopted similar solar energy system ordinances.

There was a brief discussion following Mr. Chun's report regarding aesthetics, the placement of solar energy panels, and the use of permitted contractors.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 1064, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING CHAPTER 10 AND ADDING ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 10-15 TO 10-20 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. 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

#### **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

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City Manager Moreno introduced new Management Analyst Danny Elizarraras in the Administrative Services Department.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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City Councilmembers commented on the fantastic holiday events, praised staff, and relayed the positive feedback received from the community. Councilmembers Daniels and Martinez also expressed their appreciation to Lieutenant Auner and Paramount Deputies for the toy drive event held at the Paramount Station and acknowledged Walmart and Starbucks for their donations. City Council also extended holiday wishes to everyone.

Mayor Hansen provided a brief update on mosquito activity in the area.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. to a meeting on January 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

\s\ Tom Hansen  
Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

\s\ Lana Chikami  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk

APPROVED: January 5, 2016