

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

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 Vice Mayor Hofmeyer.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Grady Jones, New Commandment Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

Present: Councilmember Gene Daniels
Councilmember Diane J. Martinez
Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer
Mayor Tom Hansen

Absent: Councilmember Peggy Lemons

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to excuse Councilmember Lemons' absence. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Martinez
Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lemons

ABSTAIN: None

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, Acting Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
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. & Rec. Director
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst
Carlos Mendoza, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist
Janene Ottaiano, Human Resources Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

Ms. Betty R. Green, 15717 S. Aravaca Dr., Paramount, addressed the City Council regarding inoperable vehicles and limited parking in her neighborhood. She inquired about making her street a "private" street and having permit parking to address the overcrowded parking situation. Ms. Green was referred to Public Safety Director Meraz to provide guidance with the City's resident permit parking process and with addressing the inoperable vehicles in her neighborhood.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
January 5 and January
19, 2016

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of January 5 and January 19, 2016. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer requested that this item be pulled from the consent calendar. Due to a conflict of interest, he disqualified himself from voting on check number 149855 made payable to J&M Sanitation Company.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check number 149855. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve check number 149855. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

3. RESOLUTION NO.
16:002
Approving the January
2016 Engineering and
Traffic Study
Establishing the Prima
Facie Speed Limits
CF 98

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 16:002, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING THE JANUARY 2016 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC STUDY ESTABLISHING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

4. RECEIVE AND FILE
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
December 31, 2015
CF 47.3

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

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

REPORTS

5. ORDINANCE NO.
1062 (Continued)
Readopting the Los
Angeles County Traffic
Code
CF 98.1

Public Safety Director Meraz stated that the public hearing was scheduled for the February 2, 2016 City Council meeting. Due to a technical difficulty, however, she stated that the item would be continued and the public hearing would be conducted at the February 16, 2016 City Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to continue the item to the February 16, 2016 study session. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

6. ORDINANCE NO.
1063 (Continued)
Readopting the Los
Angeles County Health
and Safety Code
CF 61.23

Public Safety Director Meraz stated that the public hearing was scheduled for the February 2, 2016 City Council meeting. Due to a technical difficulty, however, she stated that the item would be continued and the public hearing would be conducted at the February 16, 2016 City Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to continue the item to the February 16, 2016 study session. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. RECEIVE AND FILE
Proposal for
Communication
Assessment Work by
Tripepi Smith and
Associates
CF 39.2

Assistant City Manager Chun stated that the City is doing a good job reaching out to the community, but expressed a desire to be proactive and make improvements to better inform and educate the community regarding City services and activities. He discussed hiring Tripepi Smith and Associates to perform a communications assessment in Paramount to determine what the City does well currently

and then identify areas requiring improvement. Mr. Chun stated that the proposed communication assessment would cost approximately \$21,000 and would be subject to fund availability following the Midyear Budget. He also stated that the cost may be offset by \$10,000, previously allotted for the overhaul of the City's website. Mr. Chun introduced Mr. Ryder Smith, of Tripepi Smith and Associates, who outlined the following assessment process:

- Listening and gathering metrics
- Documenting
- Analyzing
- Providing a Recommendation

Mr. Smith talked about technology continuously evolving and discussed keeping pace with the changes and developing a plan to enhance communications. He stated that the process takes approximately 16 weeks and also mentioned that they

have helped the cities of Norwalk, Cupertino, Saratoga, La Canada Flintridge, Duarte, and Livermore with their communication efforts.

A brief discussion regarding the communications assessment process followed, and it was then moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to receive and file the report and authorize staff to hire Tripepi Smith and Associates. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2015-2016 One-Year
Action Plan Amendment
CF 54.9 CDBG

Finance Director Liu gave the report and discussed a proposed amendment to allocate \$420,000 (\$345,000 of unallocated funds plus a reallocation of \$75,000 of current year Code Enforcement activity funds) to new and existing CDBG activities as outlined in the following table:

2015-2016 Annual Action Plan Amendment		
Source/Use	From	To
Unallocated CDBG Funds	\$345,000	--
Code Enforcement (LMA Residential)	\$65,000	--
Code Enforcement (SBA Commercial)	\$10,000	--
Orange Splash Pad	--	\$125,000
Paramount Park Futsal Courts	--	\$175,000
Commercial Rehabilitation Program	--	\$120,000
α TOTAL	\$420,000	\$420,000

There was a brief discussion regarding the construction details and the size and surface of the proposed Futsal courts at Paramount Park.

Next, Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2016 One-Year Action Plan. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer inquired about the progress of the sidewalk survey and repair project and received an update. Councilmember Daniels commented on the great Clearwater Crossing groundbreaking event and thanked staff for their hard work. Councilmember Martinez also expressed her appreciation. There was also discussion about the opening of Yogurtland and the completion date for the Clearwater Crossing project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. to a meeting on February 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

\s\ Tom Hansen

Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

\s\ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk