

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 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 Daryl Hofmeyer at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hofmeyer.

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

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

*Mayor Hofmeyer announced that Councilmember Martinez would be arriving later to the meeting.

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
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
Mike Carrillo, Management Analyst
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
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
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst

Carlos Mendoza, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist
Janene Ottaiano, Human Resources Manager
Mario Ponce, Com. Serv. Officer Supervisor

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION
Traditional Artists' Guild
(TAG) Student Contest
Winners
CF 62.16

Mr. John Nowlin of the Traditional Artists' Guild (TAG) joined the Paramount City Council and congratulated the following student contest winners:

1st Place Winners: Diego Ochoa (Kindergarten: Hollydale), Valeria Cervantes (1st Grade: Keppel), Janell Covarrubias (2nd Grade: Hollydale), Isaac Picazo (3rd Grade: Hollydale), Daphne Garcia (4th Grade: Lincoln), Jade Ceja (5th Grade: Los Cerritos), Aylin Mendoza (6th Grade: Hollydale), Annette Angulo (7th Grade: Zamboni), Noemi Hernandez (8th Grade: Zamboni), Bianca Gaspar (9th Grade: Paramount High West), Alexis Aguirre (10th Grade: Paramount High), Christina Huerta (11th Grade: Paramount High), and Daisy Nava (12th Grade: Paramount High)

Special Award Winners: Heidi Azpeitia – Best Use of Color (11th Grade: Paramount High), Melanie Ortiz – Best Composition (12th Grade: Paramount High), Jennifer Martinez – Chamber of Commerce Award (8th Grade: Zamboni), Nataly Campos – Superintendent's Award (10th Grade: Paramount High), Miriam Torres – Chairman's Award (12th Grade: Paramount High, Stephanie Casteneda – Commissioner's Award (10th Grade: Paramount High), and Alexis Aguirre – Mayor's Award (10th Grade: Paramount Park)
2. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
JROTC 100th
Anniversary
CF 39.12

Mayor Hofmeyer, on behalf of the City Council, congratulated the JROTC on its 100th anniversary and presented a proclamation to Colonel Robert Guild and members of the JROTC.
3. PROCLAMATION
Fair Housing Month
CF 39.12

Mayor Hofmeyer, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation to Ms. April Overlie, Outreach Coordinator from the Fair Housing Foundation, in honor of Fair Housing Month. Ms. Overlie expressed her appreciation to the City Council and encouraged residents to use the organization's services. She also extended an invitation to attend a celebration at their new Orange County office on April 20, 2016 and encouraged participation in their poster contest.

4. PROCLAMATION
National Library Week
April 10-16, 2016
CF 39.12

Mayor Hofmeyer, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 10-16 National Library Week and presented a proclamation to Friends of the Library members and library staff members.

Mr. Josh Murray, Community Library Manager, and Ms. Karli Geiger, Children's Librarian, expressed their appreciation to City Council and encouraged everyone to use the library's services and participate in their programs.

5. PROCLAMATION
DMV/Donate Life
California Month
CF 39.12

Mayor Hofmeyer, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April as National Donate Life Month and presented a proclamation to Mr. Dave Hollon. Mr. Hollon thanked the City Council and City of Paramount for being a long-time supporter and spoke of his personal experience of being a recipient of organ donations.

6. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
Mr. Donald Vale 100th
Birthday
CF 39.12

Mayor Hofmeyer, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Mr. Donald Vale on his 100th birthday celebration. Mr. Vale could not attend the meeting and Mayor Hofmeyer stated that a certificate would be delivered to Mr. Vale congratulating him on this milestone.

Mayor Hofmeyer recessed the meeting at 6:25 p.m. for a short break.

Councilmember Martinez arrived at the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Hofmeyer reconvened the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION
Social Media Videos
CF 39.12

City Manager Moreno introduced the City of Paramount's social media hosts Gabriela Banuelos and Alexander Gonzalez, and played some of their Facebook, Instagram and Twitter videos highlighting Paramount.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

Mr. Tony Ostos, a former City employee, stopped by to say hello to the City Council and expressed his appreciation to them for a wonderful work experience.

Ms. Nita Juhasz, 8830 Vans Street, Paramount, addressed the City Council regarding parking concerns in her neighborhood and issues with La Paz Hospital located across from her residence. Mayor Hofmeyer directed Public Safety Director Meraz to contact Ms. Juhasz.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
March 1 and March 15,
2016

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of March 1 and March 15, 2015. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

Vice Mayor 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 numbers 150279 and 150350 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 150279 and 150350. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve check numbers 150279 and 150350. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK
Construction of the Paramount Park Community Center Restrooms Remodel City Project No. 9652
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to accept and approve the work performed by Ever Builders, Torrance, California, for construction of the Paramount Park Community Center restrooms remodel and authorize payment of the remaining retention. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen, Martinez
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
11. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK
Construction of the Arterial Street Resurfacing Improvements and Orange Avenue Parkway Improvements City Project Nos. 9532 and 9630
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to accept and approve the work performed by All American Asphalt Company, Corona, California, for construction of the arterial street resurfacing improvements and Orange Avenue parkway improvements and authorize payment of the remaining retention. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen, Martinez
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
12. ORDINANCE NO. 1066 (Adoption)
Amending Section 29-6.4 of Chapter 29, Article II of the Paramount Municipal Code Limiting or Stopping, Standing or Parking in Designated Tow Away Zones CF 73
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1066, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING SECTION 29-6.4 OF CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING OR STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen, Martinez
Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 1067**
(Adoption)
 Zoning Ordinance Text
 Amendment No. 1
 CF 108:R-1, R-2, R-M,
 C-3, C-M, M-1, M-2
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1067, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE, INCLUDING SECTIONS 44-23 (a), 44-36 (f), 44-47 (a), 44-49 (b), 44-67 (a), 44-70 (9), 44-76 (8), AND 44-83 (8) REGARDING DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING BY REPEALING AND REVISING LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE STANDARDS TO PROMOTE DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING MATERIALS IN THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY), R-M (MULTIPLE FAMILY), C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL), C-M (COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING), M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING), AND M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONES, AND SECTIONS 44-266 (e) AND 44-267 (a) AND (b), REGARDING WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROVISIONS, AND DELETING SECTIONS 44-267 (b) AND 44-269 IN THEIR ENTIRETY." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen, Martinez
 Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
14. **RESOLUTION NO.**
16:007
 Ordering the Annual
 Engineer's Report for
 Landscape Maintenance
 District No. 81-1
 CF 25.3
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 16:007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ORDERING THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 81-1." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Daniels, Hansen, Martinez
 Vice Mayor Lemons, Mayor Hofmeyer
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
15. **MAYOR'S**
APPOINTMENT
 Central Basin Water
 Association Board
 CF 11.4
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to appoint staff members to serve as a second alternate on the Central Basin Water Association Board. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS

16. AWARD OF
CONTRACT
Engineering Services for
Well 16 Equipping
City Project No. 9116
CF 43.1034

Public Works Director Cash reported that the City is now ready for the next phase of Well 16, equipping of the well for water production. Mr. Cash recommended that the City Council authorize staff to retain the services of Tetra Tech to provide the design services to begin the engineering work needed for the equipping phase of the project. He provided background on the company and also discussed the services that Tetra Tech would provide. Tetra Tech provided a proposal for engineering services in the amount of \$320,000 and Mr. Cash reported that the cost for the design will be funded with bond funds from the former Redevelopment Agency's final bond issue. Mr. Cash added that the design work will take approximately six to eight months to complete and then the final construction phase of Well 16 can be bid out during FY 2017.

Following Mr. Cash's report, there was a brief discussion regarding the total cost of the well project and the flow rate of water from Well 16.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with Tetra Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$320,000, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

17. AWARD OF CONTRACT
Construction of the In-Roadway Warning Light Replacing at the Intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Paramount Boulevard
City Project No. 9533

Public Works Director Cash reported that four bids were received for the in-roadway warning light replacement project, and were opened and examined on March 22, 2016. The low bid was submitted by N.D. Construction Company in the amount of \$36,284 and is \$23,716 below the budgeted amount of \$60,000 allocated in the FY 2016 Budget.

Mr. Cash stated that the existing in-roadway warning lights at Paramount Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue are over 15 years old and malfunctioning. And, as this system is no longer manufactured, he reported that they cannot be repaired and must be completely replaced. Installation of the new system is expected to take 10 working days and he said that there will be some lane closures throughout the project. The project is expected to start at the beginning of May.

It was moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve the plans and specifications, award the contract for construction of the in-roadway warning light replacement at the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Paramount Boulevard to N.D. Construction Company, Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$36,284, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

18. Picnic Shelter
Reservation Policy
CF 60.2

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson proposed a weekend picnic shelter reservation policy for the City Council's consideration. The reservation policy will apply to only those parks with picnic shelter amenities (Paramount Park, Meadows Park and Garfield Park), will give priority to residents, and provide the opportunity to reserve a picnic shelter for a planned event.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the application process for a picnic shelter, usage, and fees. He proposed a \$10 picnic shelter reservation fee plus a \$50 deposit fee, and noted that the deposit would be returned to the applicant if the shelter is left in good condition. He also added that an applicant who obtains a jumper permit may also reserve a shelter pending availability.

Following Mr. Johnson's report, there was discussion regarding charging a higher fee, signage and notification regarding the new policy, high usage of the tree area at Progress Park, and securing a picnic shelter when a jumper permit is obtained by an applicant.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the proposed picnic shelter reservation policy. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

19. General Plan Annual
Report Calendar Year
2015
CF 102

Assistant City Manager Chun gave a report on the City's General Plan for Calendar Year 2015. He provided an update on the City's progress implementing the following General Plan elements (land use, economic development, housing, transportation/circulation, public facilities, health and safety, and resources) and also discussed some 2015 highlights.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to receive the Calendar Year 2015 General Plan annual report and direct the City Clerk to file said report with the State Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Hofmeyer thanked his colleagues for nominating him to serve as Mayor and said that he looks forward to a great year. He also extended his appreciation to Vice Mayor Lemons for conducting the March 1, 2016 meeting in his absence.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hofmeyer recessed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: City of Paramount, et al v. Cohen, et al
Third District Court of Appeal Case No. C078968
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Century Boulevard and Ruther Avenue
Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Party: City of South Gate
Under Negotiation: Terms of Payment
3. Evaluation of Public Employee -- City Manager
(pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957)

At 7:58 p.m., City Attorney announced the following:

Closed Session Items 1 and 2: There was no action taken.

Closed Session Item 3: The City Council unanimously voted to approve a salary increase for City Manager John Moreno from \$190,000 to \$206,000 annually, effective April 1, 2016. All other provisions of Mr. Moreno's contract will remain the same. The City Attorney's office received direction from the City Council to bring an amended agreement to them at their next meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to a meeting on April 16, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., at the Paramount Station (Multi-Purpose Room), 15001 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount.

\s\ Daryl Hofmeyer
Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

\s\ Lana Chikami
Lana Chikami, City Clerk