

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 19, 2016**

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The adjourned meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Peggy Lemons at 5:05 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

* Mayor Hofmeyer joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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
Maria Meraz, Public Safety Director
William Pagett, City Engineer
Clyde Alexander, Acting Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
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. & Recreation Director
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Planning Manager
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Carlos Mendoza, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist
Janene Ottaiano, Human Resources Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement Between the City of Paramount and John Moreno
CF 43.1026

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the First Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of Paramount and John Moreno. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS

2. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO.
1068 (Introduction)
Adding Section 29-6.4 (j)
of Chapter 29, Article II, of
the Paramount Municipal
Code Regarding Limiting
or Stopping, Standing or
Parking in Designated
Tow Away Zones
CF 73

Public Safety Director Meraz gave the report. She provided background on the request for resident permit parking in the Aravaca Drive and Delcambre Avenue neighborhood and stated that Mrs. Betty Green appeared before the City Council on February 2, 2016 to express concern regarding lack of street parking for her neighborhood and then submitted a letter on February 18, 2016 to request resident permit parking.

On March 2, 2016, Ms. Meraz reported that a door-to-door survey was conducted in the neighborhood. She presented results from the neighborhood survey and stated that 80 of the 113 (71%) neighborhood homes responded and 49 (61%) supported resident permit parking, 15 (19%) were opposed, and 16 (20%) had no opinion. Ms. Meraz added that the Public Safety Commission considered the request for resident permit parking in the Aravaca Drive and Delcambre Avenue neighborhood at its March 22, 2016 meeting and recommended that the City Council consider the request for permit parking.

Next, Ms. Meraz provided an overview of the process should proposed Ordinance No. 1068 be adopted, including the issuing of parking permits to residents and the issuance period for warnings and citations.

Vice Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing. She asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak in favor or in opposition. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Daniels commented on the parking situation and explained that the City Council must listen to the concerns of the residents and then provide a solution to the problem.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1068, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING SECTION 29-6.4 (j) TO CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II, OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING OR STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES," and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Following City Council's action to close the public hearing and introduce Ordinance No. 1068, individuals in the audience requested to speak. It was then moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to re-open the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Jerrel Abdul Salaam, 6723 Banda Drive, Paramount, commented on the inconvenience of having to get guest permits and inquired about enforcing resident permit parking during specific time periods. Vice Mayor Lemons informed Mr. Salaam that having resident permit parking for only specific times would complicate enforcement. Mr. Salaam was also told resident permit parking is done on a request basis and that there are many neighborhoods in the city that have it. The issuance of permits was also explained to him.

Mr. Terrence Taylor, 6708 Banda Drive, Paramount, addressed the City Council regarding his limousine business. He stated that he parks his limousines (three or four at a time) on the public streets. He was informed that the resident permit parking would impact his business and Assistant Public Safety Director Lopez was directed to talk to him.

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

3. Clearwater Crossing Patio
Concept and Construction
Schedule Update
CF 106.1

At 5:20 p.m., Mayor Hofmeyer joined the meeting.

Mr. Steve Boss (developer) reported that the Clearwater Crossing project is on schedule and the businesses should be ready to open by the end of the year. Mr. Boss, who was joined by Mr. Daniel Sanchez (architect), provided an overview of the project and highlighted design elements including courtyard furniture, lighting, and landscaping.

There was a brief discussion regarding balancing the use of umbrellas in the courtyard and metal seating.

4. City Council Chambers:
Audio/Visual
Improvements and
Conference Room
Accessibility Upgrades
CF 39.4

Mr. Cash reviewed improvements proposed for the City Council Chambers, including installing new video monitors and replacing the double doors behind the dais with a decorative wood panel and a focal enhancement that would include brushed aluminum lettering. He also discussed modifications to make the conference room accessible for individuals with disabilities and to make it more functional with teleconferencing and video features.

City Manager Moreno added that this would be the City Hall's main conference room. A brief discussion ensued about the improvements and a suggestion was made to enhance the proposed wall design and possibly add the City logo using metal-type material.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Moreno stated that a Pitch in Paramount event will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 and JROTC kids will be participating. Emmanuel Reformed Church volunteers will also participate and he noted that they will be cleaning the Downey Avenue and Paramount Boulevard 91 Freeway off-ramps.

Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson mentioned that Senator Lara will be at Paramount Park on Saturday, April 23, 2016 to support the Tiburones soccer club team and will be donating soccer goals and balls. He also said that Channel 62 and Telemundo are expected to cover this event.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Hansen reported that the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District confirmed the first West Nile virus positive mosquito sample in Los Angeles County this year.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hofmeyer announced that they would not be going into closed session to discuss the following:

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

No. of Cases – One

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m., in honor of former Planning Commissioner Leon Romero's mother, to a meeting on May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

\s\ Daryl Hofmeyer

Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

\s\ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk