

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 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 Daryl Hofmeyer at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Peggy Lemons.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Pastor Larry Jameson, Lifegate Foursquare Church.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Christopher Cash, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Karina Liu, Finance Director
William Pagett, City Engineer
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Marco Cuevas, Community Development Planner
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Antulio Garcia, Development Services Manager
Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Recreation Supervisor
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
Patrick Matson, Human Resources Manager
Carlos Mendoza, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION
National Night Out
August 2016
CF 39.12
Mayor Hofmeyer proclaimed August as National Night Out and presented a proclamation to Lieutenant Matthew Vander Horck. Lieutenant Vander Horck expressed his appreciation, on behalf of Captain Allen Castellano, and commented on the great relationship with the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3
Ms. Julia Juarez of Senator Ricardo Lara's office introduced her replacement—new field representative Ms. Tonya Martin. (Julia recently received a promotion and is Senator's Lara's District Director.)

Ms. Julia Emerson of the Southern California Gas Company addressed the Council and promoted conservation of natural gas and electricity.

Mr. Patrick Pearson (owner of apartments located on Rosecrans Avenue) spoke about tenant parking problems. He suggested changing street sweeping times and also mentioned that the permit parking in adjacent neighborhoods is a burden for his tenants--many of whom have been ticketed. Additionally, he stated that overnight permits for tenants would be helpful and provided signed petitions. Mayor Hofmeyer said that City staff would look into the issues that he brought to Council's attention.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
July 5 and July 19, 2016
It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of July 5 and July 19, 2016. 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

3. 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 151739, 151789, and 151950 made payable to her employer (Paramount Chamber of Commerce).

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve the Paramount City Council Register of Demands with the exception of check numbers 151739, 151789, and 151950. 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 Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to approve check numbers 151739, 151789, and 151950. 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

4. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2016
CF 47.3

The Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2016 was received and filed.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1073 (to be taken off calendar) Adding Section 29-6.4 (k) to 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 Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to take Ordinance No. 1073, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ADDING SECTION 29-6.4 (k) TO CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE II OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING OR STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED TOW AWAY ZONES," off calendar. 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

6. PUBLIC HEARING
Adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community

Finance Director Lam Liu explained that this item is related to reports that the City must do at the direction of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and reviewed the key provisions of the Citizen Participation Plan.

Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs
CF 54.9 CDBG

Mayor Hofmeyer opened the public hearing. There being no one in the audience wishing to testify, it was moved by Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to close the public hearing. 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 Vice Mayor Lemons and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to adopt the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. 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

NEW BUSINESS

7. Installation of a Handicapped Parking Zone in Front of 6836 San Vicente Street
CF 73.3

Public Works Director Cash reported that Ms. Elvia Valdovinos requested the installation of a handicapped parking zone in front of her home at 6836 San Vicente Street as parking is impacted in the neighborhood. The Public Works Commission, he added, had recommended approval. Councilmember Daniels asked if the resident was aware that others could use the space and Mr. Cash said that they were.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to approve a request for the installation of a handicapped parking zone in front of 6836 San Vicente Street. 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

8. Appointment of Public Works Commissioner
CF 27.24

Mayor Hofmeyer asked that Councilmember Martinez appoint a new member to the Public Works Commission since former Public Works Commissioner Joe Espitia had moved out of town. She suggested Dr. Linda Timmons, a Paramount resident for 30 years and an ambassador with the Chamber of Commerce.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to appoint Dr. Linda Timmons to the Public Works Commission to fill a vacant position for a term expiring March 2017. 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. Community Organization Funding Criteria Update and Funding Request Increase for Tepic Sister City
CF 62, 62.15

Community Services and Recreation Director Johnson provided clarification on how groups serving the City could qualify for community organization funding from the City. He said that they must be non-profit organizations who provide services that the City does not. He mentioned youth sports leagues as an example and miscellaneous groups like Tepic Sister City. He also explained the community organization funding matrix and reviewed Tepic Sister City's history of funding requests. He then recommended granting the request for an additional \$2,000 in funding to the group.

Vice Mayor Lemons mentioned a similar situation with the Rotary Club a few years back and said that there had been no guidelines to follow. She stated that a formal written policy was needed for the future covering whether or not recipients of City funding were involved in fundraisers for themselves. City Manager John Moreno said that staff could come back to the Council with such a policy.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Lemons to authorize an additional \$2,000 for a total request of \$5,000 in community organization funding for Tepic Sister City and direct staff to adjust the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget as part of the Midyear Budget review. 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

City Manager Moreno said that the traffic lane closing on Alondra Boulevard related to the Clearwater Crossing restaurant development should be re-opened by the following Monday. He also said that the microphones in the Council Chamber would be replaced. He then showed a sampling of the latest videos produced by the City for its social media outlets.

Vice Mayor Lemons commented that the individuals appearing in the social media videos were being recognized around town.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hofmeyer recessed the meeting at 6:39 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:42 p.m. 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

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

At 7:12 p.m., City Attorney Cavanaugh announced that there was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hofmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. to a meeting on September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Daryl Hofmeyer

Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Chris Callard for Lana Chikami

Christopher Callard, Public Information Officer
for Lana Chikami, City Clerk