

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

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 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

Absent: Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer

It was moved by Councilmember Hansen and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to excuse Mayor Hofmeyer. 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

**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, Assistant Finance Director  
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Division Head  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
John Carver, Assistant Community Development Director  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Planning Manager  
Adriana Lopez, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Jonathan Masannat, Management Analyst  
Patrick Matson, Human Resources Manager

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Ms. Joyce Fitzpatrick, 13918 McClure Avenue, Paramount, addressed the City Council regarding illegal parking (cars blocking driveways) and parking congestion in her neighborhood. Public Safety Director Meraz was directed to talk to Ms. Fitzpatrick.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. ORAL REPORT  
Clearwater Crossing  
Update

Mr. Steve Boss of ArroyoSeco Development Group provided an update on the Clearwater Crossing development. He discussed the demolition of Pizza Hut, storm water retention work, and interior tenant improvements by Chipotle, Waba, and The Habit. He also stated that a soft opening is being targeted for December.

There was discussion following Mr. Boss' report regarding the construction of Applebees, the relocation of a transformer, the completion of work on Alondra Boulevard, and the opening of Chipotle, Waba, and The Habit.

2. ORAL REPORT  
Air Quality Issues Update

Consultant Erin Sheehy of Environmental Compliance Solutions, Inc. gave a presentation on air quality. She reported on the role of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and their efforts in Paramount in response to Paramount residents complaining of burnt metallic odors. Ms. Sheehy discussed emissions from Carlton Forge Works and commented on their voluntary installation of air pollution control equipment and additional housekeeping measures. She also discussed SCAQMD's approval and acceptance of a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and stated that SCAQMD is currently reviewing a revised HRA by Carlton Forge based on reduced emissions.

Ms. Sheehy noted that Paramount has 4 of 22 known metal forging operations in Southern California, and talked about a proposed regulation that will likely require all companies to institute controls similar to those implemented by Carlton Forge. Additionally, Ms. Sheehy informed the City Council that the AQMD is also conducting additional air monitoring in an attempt to locate the source of airborne metals.

Following Ms. Sheehy's report, Councilmember Daniels commended Carlton Forge for their efforts.

3. ORAL REPORT  
Citizen Satisfaction  
Sheriff's Service  
Follow-Up

Public Safety Director Meraz gave a presentation on the City's follow-up procedures for law enforcement services. She reported that Public Safety staff conducts quality assurance calls (selecting four callers from the previous day, two from the day shift and two from the evening shift) asking a series of questions and requesting a service rating to determine client satisfaction. Ms. Meraz also mentioned the use of Citizen Satisfaction Forms to evaluate quality of service received. She reported that 97.5% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with law enforcement services.

Vice Mayor Lemons inquired about the percentage of Citizen Satisfaction Forms that are returned, and Ms. Meraz replied that a very small percentage are returned.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

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City Manager Moreno stated that the Paramount Boulevard signal light should be operational next week, and mentioned the installation of the monument sign and a late-November ribbon cutting. He then showed new social media videos highlighting the Pet Fair, Jamba Juice, Yogurtland (fund raiser), and the upcoming Halloween Carnival's Haunted House.

Vice Mayor Lemons praised the City's social media staff for doing an outstanding job. She also inquired about the money raised at the Yogurtland fund raiser and was informed that \$213 was raised.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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There were none.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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Vice Mayor Lemons recessed the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m. to discuss the following:

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case)

At 6:26 p.m., City Attorney Cavanaugh announced that no action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Vice Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m. to a meeting on November 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons

Peggy Lemons, Vice Mayor for  
Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk