

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2019**

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 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gaines Elementary School Kindergarten Students.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Pastor Deborah James, Lifegate Foursquare Church.

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

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director
Karina Liu, Finance Director
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director
Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director
Angel Arredondo, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer
John Carver, Asst. Community Development Director
Lana Chikami, City Clerk
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst
Marco Cuevas, Associate Planner
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director
Margarita Gutierrez, Finance Supervisor
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director
John King, Principal Planner
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Jonathan Masannat, HR Manager

PRESENTATIONS

1. VIDEO
GRID Alternatives
CF 39.7
A PBS documentary video highlighting GRID Alternatives and the Uriarte family of Paramount was shown.
2. CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION
The Uriarte Family
(GRID Alternatives)
CF 39.6
Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, recognized the Uriarte family and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition. Ms. Stella Ursua of GRID Alternatives was also present and provided information about GRID.
3. CERTIFICATES OF
RECOGNITION
Assemblymember
Anthony Rendon's (63rd
District) Art Competition
Winners
CF 39.6
Agenda item 3 was taken out of order and presented following agenda item 4.
Mr. Adrian Landa, representing Assemblymember Anthony Rendon's office, joined the City Council and recognized Assemblymember Rendon's art competition winners from Paramount: Giselle Guevara, Bryan Huizar, and Tatiana Nunez.
4. PRESENTATION
Family, Career and
Community Leaders of
America National
Leadership Competition
Students
CF 39.7
Agenda item 4 was taken out of order and presented before agenda item 3.
Mr. Adrian Landa, representing Assemblymember Anthony Rendon's office, joined the City Council and honored the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) national leadership competition students from Paramount High School: Maximillian Chau, Macyver Chau, Gisselle Rios, Kiana Ceballos; and advisors Ms. Aileen Tanimoto and Ms. Juliette Bell.
5. PRESENTATION
Traditional Artists Guild
CF 62.16
Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, expressed appreciation to the Traditional Artists Guild (TAG) for giving artists the opportunity to showcase their work and gave special recognition to Ms. Jeannette Larson and the late Mr. John Nowlin.

Next, Mayor Hansen and the City Council recognized the kindergarten students from Gaines Elementary School for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Mr. Jose DeLeon, Ms. Andrea Crow, Mr. Gerald Cerda, Ms. Eleanor Mendoza, Mr. Luis Bautista, and Mr. Rodolfo Cortes.

Councilmember Guillen commented on the City's need to do better and make sure that air quality is being monitored.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 7 and May 21, 2019

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of May 7 and May 21, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

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

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. ORDINANCE NO. 1113
(Adoption)
Adopting a Citywide
Sidewalk Vending
Program in Order to
Comply with Updated
Provisions of State Law
Regarding Sidewalk
Vendors
(Adoption)
CF 75.9

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1113, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT REPEALING AND READOPTING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 36 OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING A CITYWIDE SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH UPDATED PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW REGARDING SIDEWALK VENDORS." The motion was passed by

the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

OLD BUSINESS

9. PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO.
19:020
CF 25.3

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report.

The hearing was noticed, affidavits of publication have been filed in the City Clerk's office, and no written protests were received for this item.

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

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, and adopt Resolution No. 19:020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LEVY." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

10. ORAL REPORT
Update on Strategies
Against Gang
Environments (SAGE)
Program
CF 79
- Deputy District Attorney Kelly Tatman gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
11. ORAL REPORT
Voter Survey Results
CF 43.1100, 47.7
- Mr. Adam Sonenshein (FM3 Research) gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
12. Funding Agreement for
Hunsaker Avenue
Improvements Between
the City of Paramount
and the City of Compton
CF 43.1099
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the funding agreement for Hunsaker Avenue improvements between the City of Paramount and the City of Compton and authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
13. Agreements for
As-Needed Architectural
Services
CF 43.815 MDG
CF 43.1053 Studio One
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and confirmed the use of grant funds.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into two (2) separate agreements with: 1) MDG Associates, Inc. and 2) Studio One Eleven to provide as-needed architectural services. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

14. RESOLUTION NO. 19:018
Approving Application(s) for Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds CF 74
- Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report.
- It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19:018, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
15. ORAL REPORT
City Prosecutor Presentation
CF 70.3
- City Attorney Cavanaugh gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
16. REPORT
Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget
CF 28.1
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Councilmember Guillen expressed her concerns regarding the budget. She discussed the proposed Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and classic employees having to start paying a portion of their pension. She talked about inequity and stressed being fair to employees. She suggested bifurcating the employee's pension contribution amount, commented on the City Manager/City Clerk budget, and discussed salary and benefits.
- Councilmember Lemons stated that employees hired after 2013 must pay for the pension. She commented on the proposed 2% employee pension contribution and 3% COLA and discussed upper management employee salaries and benefits and responsibilities.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to establish June 18th for further review and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons,
Martinez; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and
Mayor Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Lemons commended staff for a great job on the Heritage Festival event. She also thanked the parade committee members for an excellent job and commented on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association's conference in Indian Wells.

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer commented on his attendance at the Heritage Festival event and California Contract Cities Association's conference.

Councilmember Guillen also noted her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association's conference.

Councilmember Martinez commended the Heritage parade committee and commented on the successful Heritage Festival event. She then announced her retirement and expressed her appreciation to the Paramount community, colleagues, staff, friends, and family for their support and for the honor to serve.

Mayor Hansen commented on his attendance at the Paramount High School award ceremony and the outstanding and well-attended Heritage Festival event.

Next, Mayor Hansen asked the City Council for consensus to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare a report detailing the options to fill the City Council vacancy, and to adjourn this meeting to June 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the options. There was City Council consensus.

Staff

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to a meeting on June 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

/s/ Tom Hansen

Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami

Lana Chikami, City Clerk