

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

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 Mayor Tom Hansen at 5:05 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS**

Present: Councilmember Laurie Guillen  
Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Councilmember Brenda Olmos  
Mayor Tom Hansen

Absent: Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons, and seconded by Councilmember Olmos, to excuse Vice Mayor Hofmeyer. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; and Mayor Hansen

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Hofmeyer

**ABSTAIN:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
John Carver, Planning Director  
Adriana Figueroa, Public Works Director  
David Johnson, Com. Serv. & Recreation Director  
Karina Liu, Finance Director  
Adriana Lopez, Public Safety Director  
Rebecca Bojorquez, Management Analyst  
Chris Callard, Public Information Officer  
Steve Coumparoules, Management Analyst  
Jaime De Guzman, Senior Accountant  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II

Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Jonathan Masannat, HR Manager  
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Reina Schaetzl, Associate Planner

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. PRESENTATION  
Community Showcase  
Video Program Update  
CF 39.12  
City Manager Moreno explained the background and production of the videos being shown, and also details about the TV news video.
2. PRESENTATION  
KNBC Santa Train Video  
CF 39.12  
City Manager Moreno presented a short clip video of news channel KNBC covering the Paramount Santa Train. He stated this was definitely positive coverage for Paramount.
3. COMMENDATIONS  
Los Angeles County  
Sheriff's Homeless  
Outreach Support Team  
(LASD HOST) and  
Los Angeles Homeless  
Services Authority Team  
(LAHSA)  
CF 39.6  
Mayor Hansen presented certificates of commendations to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Support Team (LASD HOST). The following individuals accepted the commendations:
  - Lieutenant Geoffrey Deedrick
  - Sergeant William Kitchin
  - Deputy Christopher Lewis
  - Deputy Ginger Matson
  - Deputy Eric Nava
  - Deputy Stephanie Sloan

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Team  
(LAHSA)

  - Kim Barnett
  - Ulises Garcia
  - Brenda Gonzalez
  - Grace Guerrero
4. PRESENTATION  
Government Finance  
Officers Association  
Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
Award for Fiscal Year  
2018  
CF 26  
The City of Paramount received an award from Ms. Kinnaly Soukhaseum of the Government Finance Officers Association Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
  
Mayor Hansen and Finance Director Lam and staff accepted certificate of award for Fiscal Year 2018.

**Vice Mayor Hofmeyer arrived at 5:28 p.m. to the Council Meeting.**

5. PRESENTATION  
Fall Special Events'  
Volunteers  
CF 39.6

Mayor Hansen thanked and announced all the volunteers who assist with the various fall events. He stated that volunteerism is much appreciated and that these events would not be possible without the volunteers.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

CF 10.4

City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Ms. Maria Cerda, Mr. Julio Delgado, Mr. Gerald Cerda, Mr. Alfredo Banuelos, Mr. Jose De Leon at the November 5, 2019 and November 19, 2019 City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CF 10.3

The following individuals addressed the City Council and provided public comments: Mr. Gerald Cerda, Ms. Andrea Crow, Ms. Maria Cerda, Ms. Barbara Crowson, and Mr. Julio Delgado.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
November 5, November  
16, and November 19,  
2019

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of November 5, November 16, and November 19, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. ORDINANCE NO. 1117 (ADOPTION)  
Amending Ordinance No. 178, The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Paramount from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to R-2 (Medium-Density Residential) for Properties Located at 16305 and 16313 Hunsaker Avenue in the City of Paramount, Relative to Zone Change No. 231  
CF 25.3

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1117, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO R-2 (MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 16305 AND 16313 HUNSAKER AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, RELATIVE TO ZONE CHANGE NO. 231" The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT  
Carpet Replacement at the City Yard, the Mariposa Building and Progress Park Plaza (City Project Nos. 9075 & 9077)  
CF CIP Nos. 9075, 9077

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve the award the contract for Carpet Replacement at the City Yard, the Mariposa Building, and Progress Park Plaza to Eternity Carpet, Bellflower, California, in the amount of \$56,313, 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,  
Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and  
Mayor Hansen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

10. RESOLUTION 19:044  
Amending the  
Authorized Position  
Listing for Full-Time and  
Part-Time City  
Employees and Salary  
Table for Full-Time City  
Employees  
CF 76.1, 76.17
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19:044, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED POSITION LISTING FOR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES AND SALARY TABLE FOR FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. APPROVAL  
Grant Funding Match  
Commitment  
CF 54, A54
- It was moved by Vice Mayor and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to commit \$80,000 from the Paramount General Plan Fund, as earmarked in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, to match a \$150,000 SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant for the North Paramount Boulevard Specific Plan. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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12. ORAL REPORT  
City's Economic  
Development Approach  
& Strategies  
CF 54.9
- City Manager Moreno provided history on how economic development has been conducted in the past. He presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Economic Development Approach & Strategies. He stated that this presentation will be presented as a tag team effort by city staff and James Rodriguez, City consultant. Mr. Rodriguez explained how the private sector operates and positive areas in Paramount.

Discussion was held relative to potential economic growth and challenges the City may encounter.

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT Equipping Water Well #16 and Approval of an Agreement with Tetra Tech for Construction Management Services (City Project No. 9116) CF 54.1, CIP No. 9116
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the award the contract for Equipping Water Well #16 (City Project 9116) to MMC Inc., La Palma, California in the amount of \$6,348,451, and authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve an agreement for Construction Management Services with Tetra Tech, Pasadena, California, in the amount of \$548,000, and authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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14. PUBLIC HEARING  
ORDINANCE NO. 1119  
Zone Change No. 232  
(Introduction)  
CF 43, Zone Change No.  
232

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to continue the public hearing to January 14, 2020. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

15. Homeless Plan  
Implementation Grant  
CF 69.14, 54

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Councilmember Olmos to authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract between Kingdom Causes of Bellflower and the Salvation Army Bell Shelter to provide services for the Homeless Plan Implementation grant. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

16. RESOLUTION NO.  
19:045  
A Resolution  
establishing a  
Community-Wide  
Parking Committee  
CF 73.4

Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to amend the language in the resolution (Section 2a) "**will meet on a monthly basis or more as needed**" and to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19:045, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-WIDE PARKING COMMITTEE." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

17. REPORT  
Creation of "Fact Check"  
Page for City Website  
CF 48
- City Manager John Moreno gave the report and presented the PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Councilmember Guillen and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve staff's recommendation to create a "Fact Check" page on the City's website as outlined on this report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None
18. RECEIVE AND FILE  
Fiscal Year 2019  
Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report (CAFR)  
CF 26
- Finance Director Liu gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Guillen, Lemons, Olmos; Vice Mayor Hofmeyer; and Mayor Hansen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## **COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Councilmember Lemons thanked and congratulated the different departments on producing the holiday events and reported her attendance at the SEACA meeting.

Vice Mayor Hofmeyer agreed with comments about the holiday events and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Olmos thanked staff for putting a banner about the 2020 Census on City vehicles. She also thanked City staff for the job done on the Santa Train. She also suggested starting a holiday home decorating contest. Ms. Olmos asked for update on street racing. She also mentioned the upcoming LA County Household Hazardous waste collection on January 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Swap Meet. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilmember Guillen expressed Happy New Year wishes to all.

Mayor Hansen thanked staff for all the effort put in for the holiday events and also wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

#### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno mentioned how many times the Glympse app on the City's homepage was used to track the Santa Train. Mr. Moreno introduced the new Assistant City Manager Andrew Vialpando. He also pointed out the coverage received by a local restaurant La Diosa de los Moles in the Los Angeles Times, and reactions to the City's posts on social media about the restaurant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to a meeting on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Tom Hansen  
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Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sandra Medina  
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Sandra Medina, Interim City Clerk