

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Paramount City Council was called to order via teleconference by Mayor Peggy Lemons at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Mayor Olmos, led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Reverend Larry Jameson, Lifegate Foursquare Church delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS: Present: Councilmember Isabel Aguayo
Councilmember Laurie Guillen
Councilmember Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos
Mayor Peggy Lemons

STAFF PRESENT: John Moreno, City Manager
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager
Heidi Luce, City Clerk
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
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I
Elida Zaragoza, Information Technology Specialist

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION
National Public Works Week
Mayor Lemons, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week and commended the Public Works' staff for their outstanding work especially given the challenging circumstances during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES

CF 10.4 City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Mr. Nelson Alvera, Mr. Alfredo Banuelos, Mr. Rodolfo Cortez, Ms. Maria Estrada, Ms. Alicia Haro, Mr. Ian Jameson, Mr. Christian Romero and Ms. Margaret Villa at the April 21, 2020 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF 10.3 The following individual addressed the City Council via teleconference and provided public comments: Mr. Alejandro Yanez. Additionally, the following individual provided written public comments via e-mail: Mr. Damon Honaker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
April 7 and April 21,
2020

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of April 7 and April 21, 2020. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Register of Demands
CF 47.2

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

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. APPROVAL
Treasurer's Report for
the Quarter Ending
March 31, 2020

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

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

5. ORAL REPORT
Communications
Assessment Update

City Manager Moreno provided an overview and background on the City's communications assessment conducted in 2016 by Tripepi Smith, a provider of marketing, technology and public affairs consulting services.

Mr. Ryder Smith of Tripepi Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation which provided a review of the status of the communications strategies implemented since the communications assessment.

6. PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1129
(Introduction)
Amending Ordinance
No. 178, the
Comprehensive Zoning
Ordinance, Changing the
Official Zoning Map of
the City Of Paramount
for Property at 6429 and
6433 72nd Street from
M-1 (Light
Manufacturing) Zone to
R-M (Multiple-Family
Residential) Zone,
relative to Zone Change
No. 233

Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there is any testimony for or against this item. City Clerk Luce reported that there were no requests to speak or comments submitted via e-mail either for or against the item.

There being no public testimony, it was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1129, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT RELATIVE TO ZONE CHANGE NO. 233, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 178, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FOR PROPERTY AT 6429 AND 6433 72nd STREET FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) ZONE TO R-M (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE" and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. ORDINANCE NO. 1130
(Introduction)
Amending Chapter 30,
Article IX of the
Paramount Municipal
Code in connection with
Park and Recreation
Regulations

Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo to read by title only, waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 1130, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE IX OF THE PARAMOUNT MUNICIPAL CODE IN CONNECTION WITH PARK AND RECREATION REGULATIONS" and place it on the next regular agenda for adoption. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. REPORT
Resumption of Parking Enforcement for Street Sweeping
- Public Safety Director Lopez gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- In response to Vice Mayor Olmos, Public Safety Director Lopez confirmed that residents will be allowed to park on the lawn during street sweeping hours as long as they do not block sidewalks.
- It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to receive and file the report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen, Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos; and Mayor Lemons
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None
9. APPROVAL
Award of Contracts for Water Resources/Program Management, Construction Management/Inspection Services, and Design Review and Compliance for Water Well 16 (City Project No. 9116)
- Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Councilmember Guillen reiterated her previous concerns regarding awarding a contract to Tetra Tech and stated that she finds the staff report and Tetra Tech's responses to the concerns she raised previously biased.
- Vice Mayor Olmos commented that she appreciated the clarification of the bidding process and the explanation of the State Water Resources Control Board's involvement in the review of the project.
- Discussion ensued concerning the costs associated with the on-call design consultation services related to the project.
- Mayor Lemons commented that she did not find the report biased and that the staff report adequately addressed the concerns raised previously.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to approve an agreement with Bucknam & Associates Inc. for water resources and program management services for Project No. 9116 in the amount of \$60,500 and

authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to approve an agreement with AKM Consulting Engineers for on-site construction inspection services for Project No. 9116 in the amount of \$499,832 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Vice Mayor Olmos to approve an agreement with Tetra Tech for on-call design consultation during construction services for Project No. 9116 in the amount of \$99,600 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: Councilmember Guillen
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. RESOLUTION

NO.20:015

Formation of a Defined
Contribution Plans
Committee

CF: 43.1063, 43: , 76.7

Assistant City Manager Vialpando gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Guillen suggested that the Committee be expanded to include an additional employee from a department not currently represented on the Committee.

Mayor Lemons suggested, as a way to incorporate Councilmember Guillen's idea of expanding the Committee, it may be prudent to offer other employees the opportunity to serve as a liaison to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing a liaison and staff was directed to consider the alternatives for including a liaison to the committee and bring a suggestion back to the City Council at a future meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS COMMITTEE." The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the One-
Year Action Plan (FY
2020-2021) for the
Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and
Home Investment
Partnerships (HOME)
Programs

Finance Director Lam gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lemons opened the public hearing and asked if there is any testimony regarding this item. City Clerk Luce reported that there were no requests to speak or comments submitted via e-mail regarding this item.

There being no public testimony, it was moved by Vice Mayor Olmos and seconded by Councilmember

Aguayo to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Aguayo and seconded by Councilmember Cuellar Stallings to adopt the one-hear action plan (FY 2020-2021) and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and submit all required certifications and related documents and agreements to implement the one-year action plan (FY 2020-2021) in compliance with HUD regulations. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Aguayo, Guillen,
Cuellar Stallings; Vice Mayor Olmos;
and Mayor Lemons
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings expressed her appreciation to restaurants in the City that are providing meals for the senior citizens and the non-profit organizations that are providing assistance with rent and utilities. She also thanked Paramount PRIDE project; Emmanuel Project Hope; and Dr. Ruth Perez and the School District for the support they are providing to the community. She also reminded the public that there will be a food distribution event on Saturday 10am-12noon at the Paramount Swap Meet.

Councilmember Guillen concurred with Councilmember Cuellar Stallings comments and thanked the community for the letters, e-mails and

texts. She noted that she recently lost a cousin to COVID-19; and that her son had to self-isolate due to exposure to COVID-19 but he is okay and back at work now. She urged everyone to use common sense and common courtesy as we ease back into normal activities in the community. To those in Public Safety that reached out, she commented that she hears their concerns and will continue to be there to listen.

Vice Mayor Olmos reminded staff to check on the City's senior population as temperatures increase over the next several days. She also expressed her appreciation to the community organizations that are supporting the community during this time.

Councilmember Aguayo reiterated the important roll street sweeping plays in eliminating health hazards; and reminded the public to look at the bigger picture and to take advantage of the alternative parking options. She thanked PUSD for its communication to PHS Seniors outlining the plans for senior activities. She also reminded everyone to shop local

Mayor Lemons provided an update on the call with Senator Lena Gonzales' office which included the following topics related to COVID-10: likely to experience resurgence in the Fall; 11 member bipartisan Senate committee working on COVID-19 related matters including economic impact. To residents and staff, she commented that the whole City Council is listening to their concerns and working hard to implement resources to help residents live safely and prosper; and for employees to have a positive and thriving work environment.

Staff

City Manager Moreno confirmed that the food distribution event is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020. Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson provided further explanation about the food distribution event which is being held in partnership with A World with Passion.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. to a meeting on May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Peggy Lemons
Peggy Lemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Heidi Luce
Heidi Luce, City Clerk