

**PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
July 2, 2019**

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

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**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.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS:** The California State Guard, Military Museum Command, Honor Guard Unit presented colors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Specialist Jesus Arias, Army National Guard, led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Brian Warth, Chapel of Change, delivered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** Present: Councilmember Laurie Guillen  
Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Vice Mayor Daryl Hofmeyer  
Mayor Tom Hansen

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Moreno, City Manager  
John E. Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
Kevin Chun, Assistant City Manager  
John Carver, Planning Director  
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  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk  
Danny Elizarraras, Management Analyst  
Magda Garcia, Senior Com. Serv. & Rec. Supervisor  
Yecenia Guillen, Asst. Com. Serv. & Rec. Director  
Sarah Ho, Assistant Public Works Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Wendy Macias, Public Works Manager  
Anthony Martinez, Management Analyst II  
Daniel Martinez, Information Technology Analyst I  
Margarita Matson, Assistant Public Safety Director  
Marlene Vargas, Com. Serv. & Rec. Supervisor

Mayor Hansen thanked the Honor Guard Unit for the presentation of Colors and Specialist Jesus Arias for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. PRESENTATION  
2019 Heritage Parade  
Committee Members  
CF 39.7

Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, thanked the Paramount Heritage Parade Committee members (Isabael Aguayo, Johnny Alcaez, Margaret Garcia, Rebecca Guillen, Cynthia Guillen-Nelson, Mike McKown, Miriam Mercado, Margaret Mondragon, Brenda Olmos, Karla Rodriguez-Picasso, Dora Sanchez, and Vilma Stallings-Cuellar) for their hard work.

Mr. McKown expressed appreciation to the committee members and to the City.

2. CERTIFICATE OF  
RECOGNITION  
Miriam Mercado  
CSULB Community  
Service Award Recipient  
CF 39.6

Mayor Hansen, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Miriam Mercado for receiving a Community Service Award from California State University, Long Beach.

3. PRESENTATION  
Former Parks &  
Recreation  
Commissioner Maria  
Angel  
CF 27.4

Mayor Hansen acknowledged former Parks & Recreation Commissioner Maria Angel for her service on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Ms. Angel was unable to attend the meeting.

CF 10.4

## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATES**

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City Manager Moreno responded to comments made by Michael Alva and Enrique Dublan at the June 11, 2019 City Council meeting. He also responded to comments made by Juan Neaves at the June 18, 2019 City Council meeting.

CF 10.3

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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The following individuals addressed the City Council: Andrea Crow (Paramount Library) and Alex Yanez.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
June 4, June 11, and  
June 18, 2019

It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to approve the Paramount City Council minutes of June 4 and June 18, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Guillen and Lemons,  
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 the Paramount City Council minutes of June 11, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- 5. Register of Demands  
CF 47.2

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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- 6. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT  
County Sanitation  
Districts of Los Angeles  
County (Districts 1 & 2)  
CF 11.4

Mayor Hansen appointed Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to serve as the Alternate Representative on the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts 1 & 2). It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to confirm the appointment and receive and file a letter regarding temporary appointment of Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to attend the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles

County (District 1) meeting on June 26, 2019. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

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

7. Installation of a Disabled  
Parking Zone in Front of  
15733 Orizaba Avenue  
CF 73.3

Public Works Director Figueroa gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to approve a request for installation of a disabled parking zone in front of 15733 Orizaba Avenue. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. AWARD OF  
CONTRACT  
Construction Services for  
Housing Rehabilitation  
8519 Chester Street  
CF 69.13

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

There was discussion regarding HOME and CHDO funds.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Lemons to award the contract for construction services to Affordable Built Construction in the total amount of \$32,930.00 from the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grant. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9.        AWARD OF CONTRACT  
Construction Services for Housing Rehabilitation  
15937 Georgia Avenue  
CF 69.13
- Planning Director Carver gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- There was discussion regarding the timeline for completion and advising the community regarding the application and selection process for HOME grant funds.
- It was moved by Councilmember Lemons and seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer to award the contract for construction services to Affordable Built Construction in the amount of \$28,560.00 from the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) grant.
10.       ORAL REPORT  
Latina Art Festival 2019  
CF 39
- Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson 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 report. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES:        Councilmembers Guillen and Lemons,  
                 Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, and  
                 Mayor Hansen
- NOES:        None
- ABSENT:     None
- ABSTAIN:    None
11.       CONSIDERATION  
Proposed 2020 City Special and Holiday Events Schedule  
CF 39
- Community Services & Recreation Director Johnson gave the report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- It was moved by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and seconded by Councilmember Guillen to approve the proposed dates for the City's 2020 special and holiday events and to go dark for the December 2020 City Council Study Session. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:
- AYES:        Councilmembers Guillen and Lemons,  
                 Vice Mayor Hofmeyer, and  
                 Mayor Hansen
- NOES:        None
- ABSENT:     None
- ABSTAIN:    None

12. CONSIDERATION  
Appointment to Fill a City  
Council Vacancy  
CF 11, 11.13

City Manager Moreno referenced a memo from the City Attorney regarding the legality to impose a condition on a City Council appointment.

Councilmember Guillen commented about an appointment process being unfair and that it does not provide interested and talented individuals an opportunity to apply through a formal process for the vacant position.

The following individuals addressed the City Council: Trish Bellrose, Alejandro Yanez, Jose De Leon, and Rodolfo Cortes.

There was discussion and Councilmember Guillen stated that she disagrees with the appointment process and not the person. Councilmember Lemons, in response to a speaker's comment, stated that there were no meetings on the side and that there was no violation of the Brown Act.

Mayor Hansen commented on the appointment being an important decision. He stated that he considered possible individuals for the vacant position and said that there was one individual that stood out to him. He then commented on Brenda Olmos' services and leadership and made a motion to appoint her to fill the unexpired term of Councilmember Diane J. Martinez. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hofmeyer and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Guillen agreed with Councilmember Olmos' contributions to the City and welcomed her to the City Council, but voiced disappointment regarding there not being an application process.

**COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councilmembers**

Mayor Hansen wished everyone a happy 4th of July and also reminded everyone about fines for illegal fireworks.

### **Staff**

City Manager Moreno announced that a story on the City of Paramount was published in the July issue of the League of California Cities' Western City Magazine. He also wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. to a meeting on July 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Tom Hansen  
Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lana Chikami  
Lana Chikami, City Clerk