



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM

**CONCURRENT JOINT MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COMMERCE, JOINT POWERS FINANCING AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMERCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION**

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lainez called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Altamirano
Mayor Lainez
Councilmember Argumedo
Mayor Pro Tem Garcia
Councilmember Rebollo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Transportation McFerguson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Lainez offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to the Graffiti Removal Team

Mayor Lainez and Councilmember Argumedo provided a presentation to the Graffiti Removal Team.

Mayor Lainez presented the certificates to the team.

2. Presentation of the City of Commerce Public Library Year in Review

Director of Library Services Sonia Bautista provided a presentation on the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yvonne Sandoval invited the community to the Senior Citizens Club.

Frank Martinez provided public comment regarding tagging issues at Bandini Elementary School. Mayor Lainez requested that the City Manager reach out to him to address his concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve Item Nos. 3-7. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Altamirano, Mayor Lainez, Councilmember Argumedo, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Rebollo

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9A S/A

Attachments: [9A](#)
[9B](#)
[9C](#)
[9A S/A](#)

Action Taken: Approved the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Registers No. 9A dated January 13, 2026, 9B for the period of December 3, 2025 through December 8, 2025, 9C for the period of December 10, 2025 through January 7, 2026, and 9A S/A dated December 15, 2025.

4. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [2025-12-09 CC Minutes](#)

Action Taken: Approved the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2025, held at 5:00 p.m.

5. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate (PS&E) for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant-Funded Project

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Professional Services Agreement](#)

Action Taken: Approved a professional services agreement with John G. Cataldo A.I.A., C.S.I., Architect, Inc., in the amount of \$174,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement in a form approved by City Attorney and furthermore authorize City Manager and/or Director of Public Works to execute any amendments to the agreement with John G. Cataldo A.I.A., C.S.I., Architect, Inc. should it become necessary, approved up to 10% of the total contract value in contingencies for unforeseen additional design services, and approved up to 10% of the total contract value for Transtech Engineers, Inc. to provide project management services.

6. Resolution No. SA 26-1 of the Successor Agency to the Commerce Community Development Commission Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Period Covering July 2026 to June 2027 as Required by Section 34180 of the California Health and Safety Code

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution No. 26-](#)
[Exhibit "A" - ROPS](#)

Action Taken: Approved the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ("ROPS") for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and thereafter consider for approval and adoption the Resolution No. SA 26-1 approving the "ROPS" for the period covering July 2026 to June 2027 as required by Section 34180 of the California Health and Safety Code.

7. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents Related to the Approved Land Exchange Agreement, Final Tract Map No. 83334 and the Subdivision Improvement Agreement

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Action Taken: Authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the approved Land Exchange Agreement, Final Tract Map No. 83334 and the Subdivision Improvement Agreement.

SCHEDULED MATTERS**8. Presentation/Update from the Sheriff's Department of Public Safety in the City of Commerce**

Sergeant Cortez provided a presentation on the item, then Probation Officer McLellan provided a 2nd presentation on probation numbers.

9. Committee and Commission Appointments

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Councilmember Argumedo appointed Perla Reyes to the Youth Advisory Commission.

10. License Agreement with Trapeze Entertainment, LLC., and Cirque Entertainment III, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[License Agreement - Trapeze Entertainment](#)
[License Agreement - Cirque Entertainment](#)
[Attachment A - Site Plan](#)

Senior Management Analyst Delgado provided a presentation on the item. She corrected that the agreement will include an end time of 11:30 p.m.

Councilmember Argumedo does not think past event agreements for this property generate enough revenue for the City. He would like more reporting after each event and has concerns that problems during these events are not sufficiently addressed. He is concerned that there are not enough protections for the City. He would like a complete report from the Finance Director regarding actual revenue obtained from the events.

Councilmember Rebollo inquired about the Safety Plan process and execution. Community Services Director Serrano explained the process. City Manager Hernandez confirmed that he will be meeting with the previous event owner for follow up.

Mayor Lainez inquired about when the \$30,000 will be provided to the City. City Manager Hernandez confirmed that this amount will be appropriated to the Senior Rent Subsidy fund. Inquired about the coordination of the private security, Public Safety division, Fire, and Sheriffs Department.

Mark Landon representing the 2 entertainment firms provided clarification. He confirmed that the Fire and Sheriff's department will be involved in the safety during the events.

Mayor Lainez inquired about animal involvement in the events, and Mark Landon confirmed there are no animals in either shows.

Mayor Lainez would like residents to be notified in advance before the events take place.

Mayor Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with Trapeze Entertainment, LLC, from January 19, 2026, through February 3, 2026 and a License Agreement

with Cirque Entertainment III, LLC, from March 10, 2026, through March 17, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Altamirano, Mayor Lainez, Councilmember Argumedo, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Rebollo

11. Professional Services Agreements with Deodate and North Star Alliances for the Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Coalition (Big 4) to Promote Legislative Initiatives to Further Economic Development and Key Policy Objectives

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

City Manager Hernandez presented on the item. Mayor Lainez provided additional comments.

Councilmember Rebollo shared additional comments and expressed her gratitude to City Manager Hernandez and Mayor Lainez for moving forward with this item.

Mayor Lainez expressed his gratitude to the Councilmembers for supporting the community and the City's goals.

Representatives from Deodate provided additional comments.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with North Star Alliances, not to exceed \$56,000.00, to provide Phase 1 Internal/External Strategic Communication Services to the Regional Multi-Jurisdiction Coalition (Big 4), and a Professional Services Agreement with Deodate not the exceed \$76,125.00 to provide Phase 1 Real Estate Strategic Services to the Regional Multi-jurisdictional Coalition (Big 4). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Altamirano, Mayor Lainez, Councilmember Argumedo, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Rebollo

12. Street Light Master Plan Adoption

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Master Plan](#)
[Presentation](#)

Director of Public Works Abbas introduced the item.

Nathaniel Behura from Transportation & Energy Solutions provided a presentation on the item.

Mayor Lainez inquired about how the database will be kept up to date. Director of Public Works Abbas stated that City Staff will be responsible for updating the database.

The item was received and filed.

13. Residential Parking T Markings Pilot Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Rosewood and Bristow Neighborhood's Parking T's Maps](#)

Director of Public Works Abbas provided a presentation on the item.

Councilmember Rebollo would like to make sure that the Public Safety Division will be heavily enforcing the program. City Manager Hernandez confirmed there will be enforcement and monitoring of the success of the pilot program. She would also like additional areas in different neighborhoods to be identified and the program expanded to those areas.

Mayor Lainez provided additional comments and clarification on starting with the area in the pilot program first, then expanding in the future.

Councilmember Argumedo provided comments on the maintenance of the program.

Mayor Lainez would like to expand the area to Sydney Drive (from Noakes Street to Triggs Street), Duncan Ave (from Noakes Street to cul de sac next to the I-5 freeway), and Triggs Street (from Mariana Ave to McDonnell Ave). Mayor will review the program within the next few months.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve as amended the implementation of the Residential Parking Stalls (T Markings) Pilot Program at the Brisow Park Neighborhood, expanded to Sydney Drive (from Noakes Street to Triggs Street), Duncan Ave (from Noakes Street to cul de sac next to the I-5 freeway), and Triggs Street (from Mariana Ave to McDonnell Ave). Mayor will review the progress of the program within the next few months. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Altamirano, Mayor Lainez, Councilmember Argumedo, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Rebollo

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Altamirano is excited to create big things for 2026.

Councilmember Rebollo would like to wish everyone a Happy new Year. She thanked the Library and Parks & Recreation Department for keeping the kids busy during winter break. She would like a conversation regarding bringing back the Children's Holiday Fair. She is requesting to adjourn the meeting in memory of Rebecca Logan and extended her condolences to the Logan family.

Councilmember Argumedo would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He is looking forward to 2026 and all the projects during this year, particularly the development happening near the Citadel Outlets.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia thanked the residents for the recent neighborhood watch meeting. She will make sure they are addressed by City Staff. She attended the Joint Education and Library Commission meeting and looks forward to the programs and special events they will be planning. She thanked them for their great work. She thanked the Social Services Department for securing donations for the Holiday Cheer Sponsorship. She would also like to remind the community that the City has an app to report any issues in the City.

Mayor Lainez would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Department and other City staff for the Holiday Events including the December 6, 2025 Tree lighting Ceremony and the December 22, 2025 Las Posadas event. He thanked all sponsors, colleagues and the City for the events as well.

He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Councilmember Argumedo for attending the recent neighborhood watch meeting at Bristow Park. He stated that staff will be following up on all matters brought up during the meeting and making sure they are addressed. He thanked Community Services Commissioner Stephanie Munoz, Deputy Cardenas, Probation Officer McLellan, Sergeant Barreras, and Sergeant Cortez for also attending the meeting and answering questions from the community. He thanked the Public Safety and Code Enforcement divisions for running the event.

He attended the January 5th Contract Cities legislative tour in Sacramento. He met with State Senator Lena Gonzalez and Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez and

shared the City's priorities and projects.

He shared a quote in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lainez adjourned the meeting in honor of Rebecca Logan 8:44 p.m.