



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 5:00 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**

5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any Closed Session items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The members of the City Council and Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:26 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2)& (e)
(2) - Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - One (1) Matters.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The members of the City Council and Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:12 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Norma Copado reported on Closed Session Item No. 1, stating that with the entire Council and City Manager Hernandez present, a briefing and an update was provided on one (1) potential litigation matter. Direction was provided to City Manager Hernandez, and no final reportable action was taken.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Altamirano called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Marquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Rebollo offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**1. Certificate of Recognition for Steven's Steak & Seafood House**

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Altamirano provided a presentation on the item. Steven's Steakhouse Owner Jim Filipan thanked the Mayor, Council, and the community.

2. Certificate of Recognition for the Lizárraga Family, TELACU

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Altamirano provided a presentation on the item. President and CEO of TELACU, Michael Lizárraga, thanked the Councilmembers and the community.

3. Certificate of Recognition for Jerome Castro, Lucery Bakery, Sonny Ciampa, and City Staff Members Anthony Aguilar, Eileen Zamorano, and Mario Moran

Attachments: [Jerome Castro](#)
[Sonny Ciampa](#)
[Anthony Aguilar](#)
[Eileen Zamorano](#)
[Mario Moran](#)

Mayor Altamirano presented certificates to City Staff members Mario Moran and Anthony Aguilar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Gardea Stinett, resident of 6215 Pacific Dr., expressed gratitude to Steven's Steakhouse, City Staff including Mario Moran and Anthony Aguilar, and for Council's support for their donation to the Montebello Unified School District Fundraiser. He also congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Lainez for his service.

Victor Nunez Jr., resident of 7138 Kuhl Dr. in the Veteran's Park Area, reported issues with the closed park and library facilities. He also reported a very long commute time on the bus from that area to City Hall.

Angélica Garcia on behalf of the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy (RMC) provided information on the 'Para Todos' Campaign. She provided supporting documents.

Rolando Ortiz expressed gratitude for all the support Council has provided to the Bristow Park area.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve Item Nos. 4-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8A S/A

Attachments: [8A](#)
[8B](#)
[8C](#)
[8A S/A](#)

Action Taken: Approved the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Registers No. 8A dated December 9, 2025, 8B for the period of November 20, 2025 through November 24, 2025, 8C for the period of November 26, 2025 through December 2, 2025, and 8A S/A dated October 29, 2025.

5. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [2025-11-25 CC Minutes](#)
[2025-11-25 CC Minutes Special](#)

Action Taken: Approved the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2025, held at 5:00 p.m. and the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2025, held at 6:55 p.m.

6. Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Citywide Fiber Optic Interconnect Installation Project

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

Action Taken: Approved a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of the Citywide Fiber Optic Interconnect Installation Project, in the amount of \$451,973; approved up to 10% for Contingencies in the amount of \$45,197; approved up to 10% for Project Management in the amount of \$45,197; and authorized Transtech Engineers, Inc. to proceed with Project Management services pursuant to their existing on-call consultant services agreement.

7. Professional Services Agreement with Quality Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the Pavement Management Program (PMP) Update

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Professional Services Agreement](#)

Action Taken: Approved a professional services agreement with Quality Engineering Solutions, Inc. (QES), in the amount of \$173,977 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 Quality Engineering Solutions, Inc. (QES) should it become necessary; authorized up to 10% for Contingencies in the amount of \$17,397; and authorized Transtech Engineers, Inc. to proceed with Project Management services pursuant to their existing on-call consultant services agreement, for up to 10% of the PMP Contract amount.

8. Award Construction Contract to DASH Construction Company, Inc. for the Roundabout at Greenwood Avenue and Watcher Street Intersection Project

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Bid Analysis](#)

[Construction Contract - DASH Construction Company, Inc.](#)

Action Taken: Approved Plans and Specifications for the Roundabout at Greenwood Avenue and Watcher Street Intersection Project (Project); and waiving a minor irregularity in the bid submitted by DASH Construction Company, Inc. as non-material error for the Project and awarding a construction contract to DASH Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$181,622 for the total Base Bid Schedule amount, and authorizing up to 15% of the construction contract for construction contingency for unforeseen conditions; and authorizing up to 10% of the total construction contract and contingencies for Construction Management and Inspection Services; and authorizing Construction Management and Inspection Services by Transtech Engineers, inc. pursuant to their On-Call Professional Consulting Services Agreements.

9. Purchase Heavy-Duty Commercial Tire Changer and Accessory Equipment

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Purchase Price Quote](#)
[State Contract Purchasing Agreement](#)
[Federal Grant # CA-2023-034-01](#)

Action Taken: Adopted Resolution No. 25-77 approving the purchase of a heavy-duty commercial tire changer and accessory equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, utilizing the State of California, Purchasing Contract No 7-23-99-48-01 and recognizing and appropriating Federal Section 5307 Grant Funds (Grant # CA-2023-034-02-01) in the amount of \$100,000.

10. Garfield Avenue Median Improvements Project Acceptance

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Action Taken: Accepted the Garfield Avenue Median Improvements Project as complete, authorizing staff to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office, and authorizing release of 5% retention per contract provisions.

11. Grant Consideration for Bristow Park Adjacent Mural and Poem

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Letter](#)

Action Taken: Approved a one-time grant from the Art in Public Places Fund to an appropriate entity representing the Bristow Park Community for the painting of a mural and poem at the corner of McDonnell Avenue and Dunham Street.

12. Arts in Public Places Program: Art Installation on 5720 E. Washington Blvd.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution No.](#)
[Mural Concept](#)

Action Taken: Reviewed and approved concept art proposals by two or more artists; and approving an agreement not to exceed \$70,000 for the installation of the historical mural on Commerce Way; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement approved as to form by the City Attorney with two or more artists for the mural installation on 5720 E. Washington Blvd.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

13. Presentation/Update from the Sheriff's Department of Public Safety in the City of Commerce

Mayor Pro Tem Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to continue Item No. 13 to the next City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. 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](#)
[John G. Cataldo A.I.A., C.S.I., Architect Inc. Fee Proposal](#)
[John G. Cataldo A.I.A., C.S.I., Architect Inc. Technical Proposal](#)
[Infrastructure Architects, Inc. Fee Proposal](#)
[Infrastructure Architects, Inc. Technical Proposal](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to continue Item No. 14 to the next City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

15. Reorganization of City Council

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Certificates were provided by Kayla Terrazas on behalf of the office of US House Representative Robert Garcia, Matt Johnson on behalf of the office of Supervisor Janice Hahn, Liliana Magana, Board of Education President of the Montebello Unified School District, Councilmember Marco Barcena of the City of Bell Gardens, and Mayor Ali Saleh of the City of Bell.

Mayor Altamirano provided his outgoing remarks and thanked the community, the residents, City Staff, Councilmembers, Mayor Pro Tem Lainez, City Manager Hernandez, City Attorney Tapia, Commissioners, and his family. City Manager Ernie Hernandez announced a video for him.

Mayor Pro Tem Lainez expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Altamirano for his service as Mayor and presented Councilmember Altamirano his outgoing mayor's plaque.

Mayor Altamirano opened the nomination for Mayor, and he nominated Mayor Pro Tem Lainez. Councilmember Argumedo seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Lainez opened the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Altamirano nominated Councilmember Garcia. Councilmember Rebollo seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Lainez expressed his gratitude to the Councilmembers, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, City Manager Hernandez, City Staff, his family, and the community. He then shared his goals as Mayor.

City Manager Hernandez expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Altamirano for his service as Mayor and welcomed Mayor Lainez.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Rebollo expressed her gratitude to Councilmember Altamirano for his service as Mayor, welcomed Mayor Lainez and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.

Councilmember Argumedo expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Altamirano for his service as Mayor, then welcomed Mayor Lainez and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. He also thanked the community, Councilmember Altamirano's family, and Mayor Lainez's family.

Councilmember Altamirano provided congratulatory remarks to Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Mayor Lainez.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia expressed her gratitude to Councilmember Altamirano for his service as Mayor, Councilmembers, and her family.

Mayor Lainez wished the community Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lainez adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.