



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 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 Lainez called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lainez
Mayor Pro Tem Garcia
Councilmember Altamirano
Councilmember Argumedo
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 5:08 p.m.

1. CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT/EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT pursuant to Government Code 54957 (b) Employee Title: Director of Parks and Recreation
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the City Council will confer with its real property negotiator, Ernie Hernandez, with respect to real estate negotiations regarding 6364 Zindell Avenue, Commerce, CA (APN: 6357-015-900 and 6357-019-304).
3. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(2) - Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - One (1) Matter.

4. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the City Council will confer with its real property negotiator, Ernie Hernandez, with respect to real estate negotiations regarding 421 S. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103 (APN: 017-313-612)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The members of the City Council and Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:17 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed session Item No. 1, stating that with the entire Council present, the item was discussed. Staff provided a presentation, the Council gave direction, and no final reportable action was taken.

Item No. 2 was discussed, but not concluded.

Item Nos. 3 and 4 were not discussed.

City Attorney Tapia concluded that the Closed Session Item Nos. 2-4 discussions will continue after the regular City Council meeting items.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lainez called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Public Works Abbas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Altamirano offered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City received and saved as part of the record a written public comment regarding Commerce Crush Volleyball.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Stump from the Los Angeles County Fire Department provided a presentation on programs offered through the department. Mayor Lainez expressed gratitude to Assistant Fire Chief for the information. Councilmember Rebollo will share her questions and comments with the liaison Herlinda Chico after the meeting.

Yvonne Sandoval, president of the Senior Club, shared the club offerings and events for seniors 50 and over at the Senior Center. She expressed her gratitude to the Parks and Recreation Department for supporting senior programming.

Gloria Nezahualcoyotl provided public comment, in Spanish, expressing her gratitude for the Parks and Recreation Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Lainez pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 6 for a separate discussion.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve Item Nos. 1-5. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 11A, 11A-SA, 11B, and 11C

Action Taken: Approved the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Registers No. 11A dated February 10, 2026, 11A-SA dated January 22, 2026, 11B for the period of January 22, 2026 through January 26, 2026, and 11C for the period of January 28, 2026 through February 4, 2026.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action Taken: Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2026, held at 6:00 p.m.

3. Agreement with GMV Syncromatics, Inc. for Intelligent Transportation System Maintenance and Support

Action Taken: Adopted Resolution No. 2026-06 approving the Agreement with GMV Syncromatics, Inc. for ITS Maintenance and Support.

4. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026- Declaring that Weeds, Brush, Rubbish, and Refuse are a Public Nuisance - Weed Abatement

Action Taken: Adopted Resolution No. 2026-07 declaring that weeds, brush rubbish and refuse upon or in front of the specified properties in the City are a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance, and declaring its intention to provide for abatement thereof.

5. Authorization to Release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Revitalization of Telegraph Rd and Washington Blvd Corridors Project

Action Taken: Authorized staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Revitalization of Telegraph Road (from city limit to city limit) and Washington Boulevard (from Telegraph Rd to Garfield Ave) Corridors Project.

6. Budget Appropriation for the Temporary Recreation Volleyball Structure

Mayor Lainez pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 6 for a separate discussion.

City Manager Hernandez provided background information on the item.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Marquez provided a presentation on the item.

Councilmember Rebollo expressed her gratitude to staff for continuing to provide services to the residents of the Veteran's Park neighborhood.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve the budget amendment recognizing \$520,000 in revenue from the developer contribution pursuant to an existing agreement and appropriating \$520,000 in the General Fund's Parks & Recreation Veteran's Park budget to support costs associated with the relocation of Parks and Recreation programs and related temporary facility needs, including the carryover of remaining funds into FY 2026-27 for the installation of a temporary structure. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS**7. Mural Installation for the Pathways for Hope Project (Clean California Cycle 1 Grant) Project Acceptance**

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

Councilmember Argumedo expressed interest in completing the murals on the other side of the tunnels by the Bandini neighborhood. He would also like to continue upgrading the lights around the murals and Washington.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to accept the Mural Installations for the Pathways for Hope Project (Clean California Cycle 1 Grant) as complete, authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office, and authorize release of 5% retention per contract provisions. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Adopt Resolution No. 26- of Intention to Amend the City's CALPERS Contract to Provide Up to Two (2) Years of Additional Service Credit ("Golden Handshake") and to Receive and Disclose the Actuarial Cost Analysis Pursuant to Government Code Sections 20903 and 7507 and the Introduction of an Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of the City of Commerce, California and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System

City Manager Hernandez provided a presentation on the item.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Council Member Rebollo to Receive and disclose the actuarial cost associated with granting up to two (2) years of additional service credit for eligible local miscellaneous employees who meet the age and service requirements of Government Code section 20903 and the Public Employees' Retirement Law and who retire during the designated period beginning March 13, 2026, and ending June11, 2026; Approve the Certification of Compliance with Government Code section 7507, certifying that the City Council has received and publicly disclosed the actuarial cost of the proposed retirement benefit enhancement; Approve the Certification of Compliance with Government Code section 20903, certifying that the City Council has satisfied all statutory requirements, including the intent to reduce the workforce by leaving some or all resulting vacancies permanently unfilled; Adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Declaring the City Council's Intention to Amend the City's Contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS) to Provide up to Two (2) Years of Additional Service Credit Pursuant to Government Code Section 20903 and Making the Required Disclosures Under Government Code Section 7507; and Introduce and read by title only Ordinance No. 830 of the City Council of the City of Commerce Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of the City of Commerce, California and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate (PS&E) for a New Pocket Park Located on Gage Avenue and Zindell Avenue

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

City Manager Hernandez provided additional comments that once approved, City Staff will execute the agreement with the Council selected firm and schedule a public hearing for the residents.

Councilmember Rebollo would like to ensure that the Vista Del Rio residents receive updates on this project as well as the Modelo project progress.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Council Member Rebollo to Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with John G. Cataldo in the amount given in the fee schedule of \$176,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, and furthermore authorize City Manager and Public Works Director to execute any amendments to the agreement with the selected consultant should they become necessary; Approve up to 15% of the total contract value in contingencies for unforeseen additional design services; Approve up to 10% of the total contract value to provide project management services; and Adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 appropriating between \$206,500 to \$503,500 from the Project Management Fund to support the design phase of the project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Altamirano had no reports.

Councilmember Rebollo expressed her gratitude to the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for the Employee Services Award Ceremony. She would like to congratulate all the City Staff and retirees that were recognized at the event for their years of service. She also expressed her gratitude to City Staff for their dedication in keeping Commerce the Model City. She expressed her gratitude to Yvonne Sandoval, president of the Senior Club, for her announcements of the offerings of the Senior Center.

Councilmember Argumedo expressed his gratitude to City staff for their contributions to the City after attending the Employee Services Awards Ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia expressed her gratitude to City Staff for their continued hard work and impact on the City after attending the Employee Services Award Ceremony. She requests that the Parks and Recreation and Library Departments coordinate to provide Homework Help Services to the Veteran's Park Community. She also requested to have the lights around city hall be lit in different colors to reflect certain events such as Veteran's Day and Mental Health Awareness. City Manager Hernandez will follow up with City Staff on those requests.

Mayor Lainez received community member requests for more lights at the Bristow Park parking lot, and informed the community that the City was already addressing this request. He expressed gratitude towards the Veteran's Park community for their patience regarding the projects around the area. He attended the Employee Services Award Ceremony and expressed his gratitude towards the Parks and Recreation Department for organizing the event, to all the employees being recognized, and to Parks & Recreation staff members Anthony and Melissa for their decorations, and Lisa Macias for stepping in last minute as the M.C.

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lainez recessed to Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The members of the City Council and Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 8:38 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed Session Item Nos. 2, 3, and 4, stating that with the entire Council was present, the three items were discussed. Staff provided presentations, the Council gave directions, and no final reportable action was taken on any of the items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lainez adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.