



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 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 Ivan Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Rebollo was not present for roll call, but joined the Closed Session meeting.

Present: 4 - Mayor Altamirano
Mayor Pro Tem Lainez
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Garcia

Absent: 1 - 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 5:14 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(2) - Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - Four (4) Matters.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The members of the City Council and Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:28 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed Session Item No. 1, stating that with the entire Council present, four potential litigation matters were discussed. Staff provided a presentation, the City Council gave direction, and no reportable action was taken on any of the items.

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

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

Mayor Ivan Altamirano called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Finance Director Alvaro Castellon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ivan Altamirano offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Commendation Honoring Sergeant Sergio Jimenez for his Outstanding Service to the Community

Attachments: [Commendation](#)

Mayor Ivan Altamirano read and presented the commendation to Sergeant Sergio Jimenez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chantelle Sotomayor spoke regarding various topics.

Tom Chau spoke regarding various topics.

Frank Martinez spoke regarding various topics.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oralia Rebollo, to adopt CONSENT CALENDAR. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D S/A, 27B, and 27C

Attachments: [4A](#)
[4B](#)
[4C](#)
[4D S/A](#)
[27B](#)
[27C](#)

3. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [2025-08-26 CC minutes](#)
[2025-09-02 CC Minutes](#)
[2025-09-09 CC Minutes](#)

SCHEDULED MATTERS

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

Sergeant Alvaro Barreras provided a statistics update for the dates of 9/9/25-9/22/25.

5. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cities of Commerce, Industry, Irwindale, Santa Fe Springs, and Vernon to Establish a Multijurisdictional Coalition for Regional Advocacy

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Memorandum of Understanding](#)

City Manager Ernie Hernandez presented the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Lainez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oralia Rebollo, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Commerce, Industry, Irwindale, Santa Fe Springs, and Vernon to establish a multijurisdictional coalition for regional advocacy on industrial and commercial priorities. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Discussion Regarding Hosting a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Replica

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

Senior Management Analyst Natalie Hernandez presented the item.

Councilmember Mireya Garcia moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Lainez, for staff to draft a budget and agreement for the hosting of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica in the City of Commerce closest to Veteran's Day. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Conceptual Rendering for the Proposed Military Monument at Rosewood Park

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Conceptual Rendering](#)

City Manager Ernie Hernandez presented item.

The Council provided further direction for staff to review additional designs and other locations for the Military Monument.

8. Arts in Public Places Program - Pilot Program "Walls of Freedom"

Attachments: [Staff report](#)

City Attorney Noel Tapia presented the item with additional comments from Mayor Ivan Altamirano.

The Council provided further direction for staff to identify opportunities for art in the parks and to discuss at a future meeting.

9. Arts in Public Places Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Mayor Ivan Altamirano presented item.

The Council agreed to discuss the item further at a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING**10. Extension of a Citywide Moratorium Prohibiting the Approval, Expansion, Intensification or Relocation of Any New or Existing Home-Sharing for a period of Ten (10) Months and Fifteen (15) Days -Public Hearing**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Interim Urgency Ordinance](#)

Economic Development and Planning Director Jessica Serrano presented the item.

City Clerk Lena Shumway announced that there were no public comments received for the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Hugo Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mireya Garcia, to approve an extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 821, continuing a temporary moratorium on the approval, expansion, intensification, or relocation of any new or existing home-sharing or vacation rental operations within the City of Commerce for an additional ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, in accordance with California Government Code Section 65858, to June 28, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS*Councilmember Oralia Rebollo*

1. *Veterans Park: Apologized to the community and is committed to holding herself accountable to the promises made regarding the project. Thanked staff for working with what they have and will commit to the park's maintenance, the project's progress, and ensuring the community's quality of life is at the forefront of every decision for that park.*

Councilmember Mireya Garcia

1. *Veterans Park: Apologized for the condition of Veterans Park and stated that Council is working diligently to improve it.*

2.. *Discover the Art & Culture of El Salvador event at the Rosewood library: Thanked the staff for their hard work for the event and requested to be in contact with the artists that were on display.*

Councilmember Hugo Argumedo:

1. *Veterans Park: Provided updates on project and stated that the objective is to have a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility and a new park. Also mentioned a goal to establish a temporary location as soon as possible.*

2. *Fiestas Patrias event: Thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and organization staff for the event.*

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Lainez:

1. *Veterans Park: Apologized for the state of Veterans Park and acknowledged concerns raised by the community. He stated that solutions are actively being sought for the promised facility. Emphasized that the park should be maintained like other City parks.*

2. *Homeless activity at alley along Jillson St. and Washington: Acknowledged the numerous complaints received from residents detailing the increased homeless activity overnight, illegal dumping, and safety issues. Requested more patrol and monitoring to the area.*

3. *Fiestas Patrias event: Thanked the Public Works, Public Safety, Library, Transportation, and Parks and Recreation Departments for their excellent work on the event.*

4. *Discover the Art & Culture of El Salvador event at the Rosewood library: Congratulated the library staff for the wonderful event, noting the great turnout and the successful collaboration with La Asociación de Salvadoreños en Los Angeles.*

5. *Reminded the community of the Commerce to College Fair and the grand*

opening of the Bandini Library.

Mayor Ivan Altamirano had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ivan Altamirano adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.