



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 - 6:30 PM

**CONCURRENT REGULAR 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

Councilmember Leon called meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to closed session at 5:22 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of: *City of Commerce v Hugo Alexander Argumedo et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC600767.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 the City Council will confer with its labor negotiator, Jorge Rifa, with respect to labor negotiations pertaining to:
 - A. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the part-time employees.
 - B. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the mid-management and non-management full-time employees.

- C. Compensation and benefits for the unrepresented full-time executive management employees.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Olivo reported on Closed Session items:

Special Meeting - the City Council did not take any reportable action.

City Council did not go into Closed Session on any other items on Closed Session agenda.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Leon called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo
Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Library Services Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Leon offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Item #5 was heard first. Councilmembers issued certificates of recognition and commendations.

3. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Employee of the Quarter Michelle Keshishian
4. Donation to the 2016 City of Commerce Scholarship Program from the Commerce Hotel and Casino
5. Commendation- Honoring Connie Ochoa for her Countless Achievements and Many Years of Dedicated Service
6. Commerce Boxer Pauline Viesca Recognition-Winner of the 2016 Youth

Open Championship7. Commerce Crush Volleyball Program Recognition

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Commerce Eagles Senior Citizens Softball Team Recognition**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Salas invited Councilmembers and residents to participate in the upcoming Bell Gardens Golf Tournament on July 30, 2016 to raise money for college scholarships.

Denise Robles stated that LaCasa Youth Built had graduation of 47 students. Services provided by LaCasa Youth Built include assisting youth 16 to 24 years to obtain their high school diploma and help with the employment. Ms. Robles stated that the semester starts on August 29, 2016.

Sylvia Munoz asked of what the City is planning to do regarding the pending Tina Baca Del Rio's hearing with FPPC.

Scott Johnson questioned Form 460 submitted by Councilmember Argumedo. According to Mr. Johnson, Leading Edge Consulting Services LLC never provided services for the Councilmember Argumedo. Councilmember Argumedo responded that this must be a mistake as he used consulting services provided by Leading Edge Consulting Services LLC.

Gloria Nezahualcoya stated that there is a problem with the elevator at the Camp Commerce.

Richard Hernandez suggested that the caption regarding Spanish translation option is placed on the front page instead of the last page of the Report to the People . Mr. Hernandez asked that staff calibrate lightening on City streets.

Abelardo Rodriguez stated that the FPPC hearing regarding Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio is available to watch on line to anyone interested.

Randy Sax Romero provided a rebuttal for some arguments brought up during the hearing at the last meeting regarding Walmart project and supported Council decision to approve the project.

Charles Carolee expressed concerns about the current investigation and FPPC hearing as it related to Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

9. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 26A, 1A and 1B
10. Addendum Agreement to the California Cities For Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority to Admit the City of Cudahy as a Trade Member
11. Agreement with Nobel Systems Inc. and Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.
12. Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement with Swinerton Builders for Construction Management Services
13. A Resolution Authorizing Transpo Group to Provide Traffic Engineering Services
14. Release of a Request for Proposal for the Comprehensive Development Impact Fee and Nexus Study

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Confirmation of 2015-2016 Weed Abatement Charges

City Clerk Shumway provided a brief overview of the staff report. Councilmember Leon opened Public Hearing. Nobody wished to speak on this item. Councilmember Leon closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Argumedo move, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to confirmation of the 2015-2016 Weed Abatement Charges as recommended by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Rebollo

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

SCHEDULED MATTERS

16. Citadel Outlets 6th Annual Clean Up Day

Tracy Markel, Marketing Director for Citadel Outlets, provided a presentation regarding the 6th annual clean-up Commerce event. No action was taken on this

item, it was informational only.

17. Presentation on Emergency Preparedness Efforts

Public Safety and Community Services Director Rodriguez introduced Jay Firerro, Emergency Preparedness Officer.

Jay Fierro, Emergency Preparedness Officer, provided a presentation regarding the City of Commerce Emergency Preparedness division operations. Discussion ensued. Search and Rescue Team members were introduced.

18. Presentation by Ring.com

Director Rodriguez clarified that the title of the agenda item "Presentation by Ring.com" should be replaced with "Security Options Presentation," which is the same as staff report reads.

Director Rodriguez provided a brief presentation regarding different options for the security cameras for residents and cameras being installed on City intersections.

Robert Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer, provided a presentation related to different options as it relates to Ring.com. and services it could provide to the residents of the City of Commerce.

August Zement, Founder of Ring.com, provided a brief presentation about the company and played the video demonstrating how ring.com operates. Discussion ensued. Director Rodriguez stated that this could be a great opportunity for the City by becoming a pilot City that implements Ring.com for the entire City.

Councilmember Argumedo stated that this is a great start for increased security/surveillance in the City. Councilmember Argumedo asked of how the program would be implemented, to which Director Rodriguez stated that staff is still working on the details on how the program will be implemented, and where funds would come from. It was a consensus among the City Council to direct staff to work on details for the program and bring it back for Council consideration.

Discussion took place on how low income and those who do not have smart phones and wifi would be able to participate in the program.

Argumedo stated that this is a great program, but need more detail, and asked that information brought back soon, so the City could move on this.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to receive and file the presentation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Rebollo

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

19. A Resolution in Opposition to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Expenditure Plan

City Administrator Rifa provided a brief presentation. Discussion ensued.

Jessica Prieto, Representative of East Yard Communities, opposed proposed motion and stated that there is no need for highway expansion.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution opposing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Expenditure Plan for the 2016 Proposed Ballot Measure. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Rebollo

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

20. County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Report

Deputy City Administrator Mendoza provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Rebollo requested that a report is provided at the next Council meeting of what is the status of the website redesign.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to receive and file County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Report - "Appointed Commissions; Transparency will Maintain the Public Trust" . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Rebollo

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

21. Exide Facility Update

Susan Castro-Valenzuela, DTSC Representative, provided an update on Exide matters: CEQA scoping meetings were completed, public comment period closed, and DTSC will start working on draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). According to Ms. Castro-Valenzuela, DTSC is continuing collecting access agreements, and as of today DTSC secured over 4,000 access agreements (508 in Commerce), cleaned-up 50 homes (one in Commerce), and 266 homes have been tested/sampled.

Ms. Castro-Valenzuela announced that the Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2016 in Maywood. In response to Councilmember Rebollo question of when the rest of the homes would be tested, Ms. Castro-Valenzuela responded that currently DTSC is in a new fiscal year, and new contractor will be selected

soon to perform testing. On average they test 100 to 150 homes a week.

As a result of the scoping meetings and public comments received, Ms. Castro-Valenzuela stated that DTSC would answer every question received, but how it would be relayed to people she would have to check and come back with the answer. Further discussion ensued.

The City Council will receive a status update on Exide related activity from DTSC representatives and City staff.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Rebollo thanked Parks and Recreation Department for well put together 4th of July event. Councilmember Rebollo stated that she participated in 5K run. Councilmember Rebollo congratulated softball and baseball season participants.

Councilmember Leon announced upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting in Ria Vista homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm