



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 5:00 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

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Argumedo arrived at 5:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Present: 5 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo
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 Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Olivo requested that the emergency item is added to Closed Session agenda "significant exposure to litigation."

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to add item to the agenda "Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take appropriate action with respect to significant exposure to litigation in one potential case." The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Leon, Rebollo and Mayor Altamirano

Absent: Councilmember Argumedo and Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Jorge Rifá with respect to real estate negotiations:

A. With Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating

thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located along the Telegraph Road Corridor, south of Gaspar Avenue and north of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], formerly known as 5809, 5819, 5823, 2901/2903, 5933, 5959, 6000, 6003 and 6233 Telegraph Road and 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California.

B. California Commerce Club Inc. concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located 6233-6041 Telegraph Road and 6030-6055 Washington Boulevard, Commerce, California.

2. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment of a City Administrator.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Olivo reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1 - There were no reportable action on subsection A. The City Council provided direction to staff on subsection B and the direction was unanimous.

Item #2 -The City Council approved appointment of Matt Rodriguez as Interim City Administrator effective March 1, 2017 and directed that he works with the current City Administrator for transition period. Concurrently City Council directed staff to initiate a new recruitment. Mayor Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Leon, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca del Rio and Mayor Altamirano

NAYS: Councilmember Argumedo

Item #3 - The City Council provided direction to staff and the direction was unanimous.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called regular meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Rebollo
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Finance Director Domic led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Rebollo offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 57th City Birthday Celebration & Cake Cutting Ceremony

Mayor Altamirano announced that this item would be heard as last item on the agenda.

Councilmembers and the Mayor wished the City Happy Birthday and proceeded to cake cutting ceremony.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lilian Deloza-Guittierrez spoke on behalf of Metro about two proposed alternatives and announced upcoming meeting scheduled for February 15, 2017 in regards to alternatives.

Rachel Rubalcava Garate spoke about the lack of adequate facilities for Crash Volleyball team practices and stated that it is unsafe for girls to use Bell Gardens facilities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 13A and 13B**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Futernick Dump Landfill Gas Collection System - Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring - South Coast Air Quality Management District Equipment and Permit Modifications**
- 5. Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority for Proposition 84 Funded Advanced Meter Reading Units**
- 6. Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to Participate in the Opt-In Program for the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**

7. Agreement with Integrated Security Incorporated to Purchase and Install a Security Camera System at the City's Metrolink Station
8. Approval of 2017 Civic Organizations
9. Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals for a General Plan Update
10. Letter of Agreement with the Commerce City Employees Association and Providing for Fringe Benefits and Related Compensation for Unrepresented Confidential and Executive Management Employees and City Council

SCHEDULED MATTERS

11. Exide Status Update by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control

Michelle Banks-Ordone, DTSC Representative, provided a status update regarding Exide matters. Councilmember Rebollo asked why the workshop scheduled for February has been cancelled, to which Ms. Bank -Ordone responded that there is a new consultant and the soil testing results need to be obtained before the workshop could be scheduled. Further discussion took place on scoping process, why Exide is not held accountable for the clean-up, as well as when the answers to questions submitted earlier during workshops and meetings would become available for review. Ms. Banks-Ordone stated that currently DTSC is in the public comment process for draft EIR and draft clean-up plan, and all questions will be incorporated in the draft EIR and draft clean-up plan and available for review shortly.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio requested that the meeting is scheduled with staff and DTSC representative in order to provide status update in more detail.

City Administrator Rifa suggested that the addendum published to EIR with the inventory of all questions that were presented as part of the scoping process and reader can pick a question and find it in the document.

12. Appointments to Community Union Pacific Railroad Task Force

This item was continued to next City Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

13. Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Library Services to Administer and

Manage All Library-Related Matters (Second Reading)

City Attorney Olivo provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo to read the Ordinance by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Argumedo, Leon, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and Mayor Altamirano.

City Attorney Olivo read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the Director of Library Services to administer and manage all library-related matters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

There were no Council reports

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.