



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 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 5:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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 on any items on the Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.

1. The City Council will interview applicant for the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Services, thereafter consider personnel matters related to the appointment of a Deputy Director of Engineering Services.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to public employee discipline/ dismissal/release/compensated administrative leave and other available changes in employment status or terms and conditions of employment of a certain public employees (1 case).
3. Elected Official Safety Training- The City Council will receive a Safety Training from Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and other matters related thereto, and take necessary action as deemed necessary.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to Open Session at 6:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Olivo reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1 - The City Council appointed Seung Yang to the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Services. Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Item #2 -The City Council did not go into Closed Session on item #2.

Item #3 -There were no reportable action taken on this item.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Altamirano called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parks and Recreation Director Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Rebollo offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition for Public Works and Development Services Department for Receiving the 2017 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Award from the League of California Cities.

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided status update regarding some public works projects and grants received. Director Babaki stated that staff is in the process of implementing Utility Box Art Beautification project, announced 2nd Community Information meeting regarding Atlantic Boulevard Safety and Beautification Improvement Project scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., Director Babaki announced award of two grants - the Sustainability Planning Grant from Southern California Association of Governments and 2016 SCAG

Sustainability Award for Rosewood Neighborhood Connectivity Project.

Charles Herbertson congratulated staff and the City on the award for Estern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project, and stated that the award recognizes the innovative programs. Mayor Altamirano and City Council also issued a Certificate of Recognition for their achievement.

2. Commendation Honoring Vanessa Perez for Being Recognized as a 58th Assembly District 'Woman of the Year'

Mayor and City Council commended Vanessa Perez for being recognized as a 58th Assembly District "Woman of the Year."

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Director Sarmiento announced events scheduled for the National Library Week including Book Craft on Tuesday, April 13th, Donuts and Coffee with the Library Director, Dinner and Movie at Rosewood library, and other events.

Gloria Nezahualcoya asked whether there will be a voting place at Veteran's park. Interim City Administrator Rodriguez responded that double wide trailer is reserved for Election Day at the Veteran's park.

Animal Control Officers Colon and Orozco spoke about coyotes situation in the City. According to Officer Colon, one Commerce Casino employee was attacked and there were three dog attacks. The City hired trapper and taking all necessary precautions. Officers asked residents not to feed coyotes and not leave food around.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Altamirano pulled items #5 and #6 from Consent Calendar for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve Consent Calendar minutes item #5 and #6. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 18A and 18B

4. A Proclamation Declaring April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week

5. A Proclamation Declaring April 5, 2017 as Student Government Day.

Mayor Altamirano and Councilmembers presented a Proclamation to Students and

Vanessa Perez introduced students.

6. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month

Councilmember Rebollo asked that at the next Council meeting an individual or individuals with the diagnosis are recognized at next Council meeting, proclamation is read and they would talk about Ability Walk and expanding the program for individuals with the special needs. Councilmember Rebollo thanked City Council for support of children and adults with special needs.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, to approve items #5 and #6. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. On-Call Professional Service Agreements for Geotechnical Service and Planning Services
8. Authorization of KTU+A to Assist Staff with Processing Proposed Projects Along the Telegraph Road Corridor
9. Agreement with California Building Evaluation and Construction, Inc. for Central Library Technical Services Improvements
10. Contract Documents for the Construction of the Washington Blvd. at Garfield Ave/Yates Ave. and Garfield Ave. at Yates Ave/Malt Ave Sidewalk and Traffic Signal Improvements Project
11. Holiday Décor Program -Release of Request for Proposals
12. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program “Blue Route Service Expansion”
13. 2016-17 SD1 Hilda Solis Supervisor District 1 Tree Planting Grant Program
14. Participation in the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Summer Food Service Program
15. Letter of Support for Senate Bill No. 231 and Letter of Support for Los Angeles County Grant Application
16. Revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan by Reclassifying the Business License Clerk Position to Finance Clerk

SCHEDULED MATTERS**17. New City of Commerce Beautification, Branding and Way Finding**

Simon Andrews, Principle of Graphic Solutions, and Chris McCambell, Project Manager/Designer for Graphic Solutions, provided a presentation regarding suggested branding and beautification of the community. Initial stage of implementation would include installation of banners throughout the City. The small scale model of the entry way monument was demonstrated to the public. Beautification Subcommittee members Baca Del Rio and Altamirano stated that consultants had great ideas, listened to subcommittee members input and came out with the great product.

According to Public Works Director Babaki, the Council could approve the initial stage of the program for banner installation, and staff will come back for approval with the following stages of the program.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve Resolution adopting new City of Commerce beautification, branding and way-finding efforts, and approve contract documents consisting of Plans, Specifications and Estimate for Commerce Neighborhood Banner Program and authorize advertisement of notice to invite bid, also approve first phase of the City brand program including implementation of the neighborhood banners program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18. Green Zones Implementation Phase 1 - Status Update

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Esmeralda Garcia, MIG consultant, stated that they are in a process of reaching out to the business community and understanding their concerns and bringing Green Zones concept to the business community. The purpose is to enhance existing businesses and attract future businesses. In order to gather the information from businesses the survey was developed and MIG consultant met with 30 businesses and Industrial Council. There was a previous partnership with Industrial Council and it is extended to the survey work that MIG is conducting. Ms. Garcia asked to support the proposal to initiate discussions with the business community and they already have a support from the Industrial Council. Discussion took place. This was informational item only.

19. Pavement Rehabilitation Project Design for FY 2017-18 and Authorization of Engineering Design, Geotechnical Investigation for Pavement Rehabilitation Program

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution authorizing staff to proceed with the FY 2017/18 Pavement Rehabilitation Project Design utilizing previously approved \$2,500,000 CIP at the June 21, 2016 Council Meeting; authorize Transtech Engineers Inc. to proceed with the necessary work for design services; and authorizing Geo-Advantec, Inc. to proceed with Geotechnical Investigation Services. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

20. Status Update Regarding Washington Boulevard Construction Project

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki introduced key staff for the Washington Blvd project.

According to Director Babaki, the project is on scheduled and estimated to be below the budget. Director Babaki added that based on the size of this project, there were relatively small traffic interruptions, and they successfully coordinated with large agencies like Caltrans, SCE, BNSF, Cal-water and AT&T. Based on the 24 hour construction at the area of I-710, Councilmember Rebollo asked that the letters are sent to residents in addition to the notices posted. Ali Cair, Transtech Engineer, stated that contractor delivers notices to the properties effected.

Further discussion took place. Director Babaki explained that the project was estimated to take up to 27 months, and the project will be completed way ahead of time estimated.

21. Citywide Streetlight Pole Replacement Project

Director of Public Works and Development Services Babaki provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Altamirano asked whether staff is looking into replacing poles equipped with WiFi and solar power. Councilmember Leon stated that staff researched this before, and Council was informed that for future upgrades staff would need to negotiate with Edison in order to equip Light Poles with solar panels. Interim City Administrator Rodriguez added that having LED is cheaper than the regular poles, and at this time it would be good to revisit and look at different options. Director Babaki clarified that Edison owned poles are different than City owned poles and without Edison permission City cannot attach anything to those poles.

Councilmember Argumedo stated that the cost would be considerably more for the City if the City takes over those poles and maintains them. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio added that staff needs to compare with the surrounding communities.

It was a consensus among the City Council to gather more information and bring this item back for further discussion.

22. Bandini Park & Rosewood Park Preschool Room Dedication

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio stated that majority of Councilmembers talked and wanted to do this for a while. It was a consensus among the City Council on this proposal.

Councilmember Rebollo was very supportive of the preschool program. Following discussion, it was decided that staff will pick a date for dedication ceremony and invite students of those retired City employees Connie Ochoa and Alice Sterling for dedication ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve naming the Rosewood Park Preschool Room after retired City employee Connie Ochoa and naming the Bandini Park Preschool Room after retired City employee Alice Sterling. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23. Renaming of the Council Chambers - "The Founding Chambers"

It was a consensus among the City Council to name Council Chambers as Founders Chambers.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, to approve naming of the City's Council Chambers the "Founders Chambers." The motion carried by the following vote:

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

24. Consolidation of Election Precincts for the June 6, 2017, General Municipal Election

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Argumedo suggested that precinct 1430030A is added to Bristow Park Precinct 143002A. It was noted that most residents that live on Ferguson could easier get to Bristow Park polling location than any other polling location. It was a consensus among the City Council to approve that suggestion.

There was no action taken on this item. It was receive and file only.

ORDINANCES

**25. An Ordinance Approving the Transfer to Torrance Pipeline Company, LLC,
of a Pipeline Franchise to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation - Second Reading**

This item was continued to the next City Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Rebollo thanked Parks and recreation staff for decorations for Autism Awareness month. Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended Community Services Committee at California League of Cities.

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended I-710 Committee meeting. Councilmember Argumedo stated that he was not able to attend Steven's Steakhouse parking issues subcommittee meeting, but he was made aware that some solutions were agreed upon and everyone was pleased with the result.

Councilmember Leon announced upcoming volunteer Spring Clean-Up scheduled for April 8, 2017 at 8 a.m. and also Egg Hunt scheduled at Rosewood Park April 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. and wished everyone a blessed Easter.

Mayor Altamirano stated that he met with some Councilmembers from Santa Fe Springs, and they decided to create a Teen Mixer for teens in both communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.