



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 5:00 PM

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**CONCURRENT ADJOURNED 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**

*Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**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 Closed Session agenda.*

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

*City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.*

1. 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.
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. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Matthew Rodriguez with respect to real estate negotiations with:
  - 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. Wash-Tel Commerce, LLC concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of 6329 and 6355 Washington Boulevard, Commerce, California, commonly referred to as the Stahl Trust property.

4. 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: East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice v City of Commerce, et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS164349.
5. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action with respect to initiation of litigation in one potential case.
6. 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: AFSCME Local 773 (Laura Tilley) V. City of Commerce - Case 01-16-0003-8225

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

#### **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*City Attorney/Legal Counsel Olivo reported on Closed session items:*

*Items #1 and #4 - The City Council did not go into closed session on those items.*

*Item #2 -The City Council did not take any reportable action on this item.*

*Item #3 - The Successor Agency provided direction to staff and the direction was unanimous.*

*Item #5- The City Council provided direction to staff and the direction was unanimous.*

*Item #6- The City Council direction to staff regarding settlement and the direction was unanimous with the Councilmember Rebollo abstaining.*

#### **6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Altamirano called 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

*Transportation Director McFerguson led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## INVOCATION

*Councilmember Argumedo offered the invocation*

## APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Designating March 21, 2017 as Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and Recognizing Susan Cisneros for her Advocacy Efforts for Children with Special Needs

*Mayor and Councilmembers issued a Certificate of recognition to Susan Cisneros for her Advocacy efforts for Children with Special needs, and had a Superhero presentation for Ms. Cisnero's son Jose Cisneros.*

2. Recognition of Schurr High School Girls Varsity Polo Team for winning the CIF Southern Section Division 2 Championship

*Mayor and Councilmembers recognized Schurr High School Girls Varsity Polo Team for winning the CIF Championship.*

3. Introduction of Miss Commerce 2017 and the Royal Court and the Young Man of the Year 2017

*Miss Commerce 2017 and her Court as well as Young Man of the Year were introduced to the City Council.*

4. Commendation Honoring Isabel A. Caldera for Being Recognized as a 32nd Senate District 'Woman of the Year'

*Councilmember Leon read the Commendation honoring Isabel Caldera for being recognized as a 32nd Senate District "Woman of the Year."*

5. 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.

*This item was continued to the next Council meeting.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Lauren Barron spoke about safety at Astor avenue, and recommended that the City*

*installs speed humps on Astor Avenue. According to Ms. Barron, City buses also speed on Astor avenue. She asked to also look into the street light at Everton and Atlantic. Mayor Altamirano and Councilmember Rebollo asked that staff follow-up on the issues brought by Ms. Barron.*

*Javier Hernandez congratulated Interim City Administrator Rodriguez on his recent appointment.*

### CONSENT CALENDAR

*City Attorney Olivo provided clarification for item #13, and stated that the License Agreement term was originally set for 30 days and it was revised to 90 days.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

6. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 17A and 17B
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Proclamation Declaring March 29, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Commerce.
9. Citywide Traffic Speed Survey 2016
10. Approval of Additional 2017 Civic Organization Renewals
11. Consultant Contract with JMDIAZ, Inc for Design of the Commerce Way and Sheila Street Connectivity and Beautification Project
12. Revisions to the Agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
13. License and Hold Harmless Agreement with Wash-Tel Commerce, LLC for Geotechnical/Geological Testing

### SCHEDULED MATTERS

14. California High Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section

*Melissa Delapina provided an update regarding Californian High Speed Rail. Ms. Delapina demonstrated connectivity routes and how it will effect Commerce.*

*Discussion took place whether there will be any negative effects for the City of Commerce, and whether the High Speed Rail will be above ground or underground. It was stated that majority of the High Speed Rail will be above ground. Further discussion took place regarding speeds, noise and impact for the homes. According to Ms. Delapina, majority of the rail will be located around business area and residential impacts are away from the main alignment, and the proposed route.*

*It was a consensus among the City Council that it is important to get updates, and evaluate any negative impacts if any, and provide correct information to staff and residents.*

**15. Update on the Security Cameras Rebate Program**

*Public Safety Manager Tilly provided a status update on Security Cameras Rebate program. According to Manager Tilly, City allocated funding for equipping about 400 residences with the security cameras and about 250 residences are now participating in the program. Manager Tilly stated that having security cameras in private residences allowed to solve three crimes. According to Manager Tilly, residents like the program and this program helps public safety component in the City.*

*Discussion took place about low income residents that could not pay upfront \$500 for the cameras and maybe the City could look into other options to allow low-income residents to take advantage of this program. Further discussion took place on how to promote the program, and allow apartment owners or renters to participate in the program.*

**16. Authorize All American Asphalt to Proceed with Citywide Painting of Curb House Numberings for All Residential Streets**

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

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, to adopt Resolution authorizing All American Asphalt to proceed with citywide painting of curb house numberings for all residential streets (per Councilmember Leon's request). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**17. Committee and Commission Appointment**

*Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio re-appointed Beatriz Mancia to Library Commission and appointed Daniel Cortez to Measure AA Advisory Committee.*

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

*City Attorney Olivo provided an overview of staff report. City Attorney Olivo stated that the comment letter was received regarding this item from Eathjustice.*

*John Delviot, Paramount Partners, stated that this is the change of ownership for the existing Exxon Mobile pipeline that was sold in 2016 and the new owner is Torrance Pipeline Company and ownership took place in 2016.*

*Discussion ensued. City Attorney Olivo stated that financial information was reviewed by legal, and stated that the franchise was established in 2004. Discussion took place on the location of the pipeline, and safety concerns.*

*It was a consensus among the City Council to continue this item to Tuesday, April 4, 2017 City Council meeting.*

*Steve Brent, Representing Torrance Pipeline Company, stated that the pipeline is under the regulation of the State Fire Marshall and last was inspected by the agency in November 2015 and there were no findings. The pressure test was done in 2013 and passed. In addition, there are internal inspection tools that alert in case of possible damage occurring.*

**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS**

*Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Comcat volunteer graduation, Garden Show, Breakfast with Seniors at Commerce Casino and thanked Commerce Casino for their contributions for the City.*

*Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended Miss Commerce. Councilmember Rebollo thanked Parks and Recreation staff for all the events that recently took place. Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended the Talent Show at Rosewood Park School, and Latino Conference at Cerritos College. Councilmember Rebollo congratulated Vanessa Perez for receiving a "Woman of the Year" recognition from Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.*

*Councilmember Leon reported that she attended Miss Commerce, and thanked Commerce Casino for their \$50,000 donation for scholarship fund. Councilmember Leon reported that she attended Annual Economic Forecast held by the Industrial Council at Double Tree in Commerce, I-5 Highway meeting and announced that she was appointed as the new Chairperson of I-5 Committee. Councilmember Leon thanked new Interim City Administrator for recent changes and upgrades that were made to Council Chambers. Councilmember Leon reported that she attended Cristina Garcia's event that was about empowering Women Elected Officials at*

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*Bicycle Casino.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio Tina congratulated Vanessa Perez for her recognition of "Woman of the Year" by Cristina Garcia. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio reported that she attended Comcats volunteer graduation, and Annual United Family of Bristow event. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio clarified that the pavement improvement to Garfield Avenue will start shortly after the work is completed at Washington Blvd. The City could not work on two major arteries at the same time, which would be very disruptive, and therefore, Garfield Avenue project was delayed. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio reported that ad hoc Stevens Steakhouse subcommittee is working on solutions for parking issues, and also announced that the painting of the bridge at I-5 freeway will be done soon. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio asked that staff considers not doing work on Washington Blvd at night especially at the areas that are close to residential neighborhoods.*

*Mayor Altamirano requested that the update on Washington Blvd is provided at the next City Council meeting. Mayor Altamirano thanked Commerce Casino for the donation for Breakfast with the Mayor event and thanked other sponsors as well. Mayor Altamirano reported that he attended Cristina Garcia event recognizing Vanessa Perez as "Woman of the Year," and also thanked Councilmember Rebollo for inviting him to volunteer at event serving food to 500 young women. Mayor Altamirano announced upcoming Volunteer Spring Clean-up at Bristow Park on April 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Altamirano stated that there is coyote issues in the area and also surrounding cities.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm to Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.*