



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 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 5:24 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/Successor Agency on any items on the Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:25 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 two potential cases.
2. 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.
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., the City Council and Successor Agency will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of: Los Angeles Unified School District v. The County of Los Angeles, et al, BS108180 and Related Cases (BS137598; BS127286; BS130308).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Items #1, #2, and #3 - The City Council/Successor Agency did not take any reportable action.

item #4- The City provided direction to staff. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio 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.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Public Works and Development Services Babaki led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Leon offered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Morales asked for Council support. Mr. Morales stated that he is planning to run for the office with the Montebello Unified School District.

Jorge Salas Ortiz, teacher at Rosewood Park School and City's Parks and Recreation employee, and President and Vice president of the Renaissance Club, spoke about the Renaissance Club purpose, activities and asked for the Council support.

Maryam Babaki, Director of Public Works and Development Services, announced that the City received an award for Green Zones Plan the LA Region American Planning Association.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Altamirano requested to pull item #3 from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve Consent Calendar minutes item #3. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 20A and 20B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Letter of Support for Senate Bill No. 1 (Beall D) Transportation Funding and Letter of Opposition for the Assembly Bill 1250

Councilmember Rebollo and Mayor Altamirano asked that more clarification provided on Assembly Bill 1250.

4. Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for the 4th of July Pyrotechnic Display at Rosewood Park
5. Agreement with Rick Larson, DBA Wold Amusements, Inc. for Carnival Services
6. Agreement with Remix Software, Incorporated to Purchase a Transit Planning Software System
7. 1st Amendment to Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority for Proposition 84 Funded Advanced Meter Reading

Units

8. Authorize MIG Planning and Environmental Management Services to Conduct an Environmental Initial Study for a Proposed Project at 6555 Gage Avenue
9. On-Call Professional Service Agreements for Environmental Science, Planning, Analysis & Assessment, and Regulatory Compliance
10. Approval of Three (3) Contracts for the Home Preservation Grant Program
11. Amendment to the Rio Hondo Community College Revenue Agreement to Extend the Term Date Through June 30, 2020

SCHEDULED MATTERS

12. Plans and Engineer's Cost Estimate for the Malt Avenue Street Racing and Traffic Calming Pilot Program

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

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to approve adopt the project plans, specifications and Engineer's cost estimate for the Malt Avenue Street Racing and Traffic Calming Pilot Program and direct staff to advertise for bids. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13. Astor Avenue Median Island Beautification and Speed Hump Installation Funding Requests

Director of Public Works and Development Services Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. According to Director Babaki, Measure AA Advisory Committee recommended to proceed with the project. Discussion took place regarding drainage issues and residential parking being reduced to the proposed layout of the medium, and different options were discussed.

Discussion continued regarding the loss of parking and that the community should decide pros and cons of that concept including beautification of the area prior to finalizing the concept.

Discussion ensued about the speed humps policy and it was recommended that the residents in that area are made aware of the policy and know that they need to file a petition in order to implement speed humps. Councilmember Rebollo asked

that staff promotes information about the speed hump policy at all local clubs.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve funding and bring options for parking matters and beautification related to the Astor Avenue Median Island Beautification and Speed Hump Installation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Renaissance Club at Rosewood Park School Leadership Camp Sponsorship Consideration

Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Department Marquez provided an overview of the staff report.

Councilmember Rebollo stated that she fully supports this request. Discussion took place regarding lack of opportunities for the children, and directed staff to find out what the School District is doing to increase leadership and opportunities for Commerce youth and see if there are any future collaboration between the City and School district to develop better opportunities for the youth.

Interim City Administrator Rodriguez stated that the City would provide City bus for transporting Renaissance Club members to Camp Commerce. Councilmember Leon asked that staff invited Montebello Unified School District to discuss increasing opportunities for children, and also fix problems with the auditorium. And how they are going to upgrade that school to accommodate 1,100 students.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio requested future agenda item to re-establish cultural excursions for the school programs that they had before and it was dissolved during the recession.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, to approve Option 1 and approve full requested sponsorship for the Renaissance Club at Rosewood Park School to an 8th grade Leadership Camp to be held at Camp Commerce June 7-9, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES

15. An Ordinance Adopting the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Fire Code -First Reading

Deputy Director of Development Services Marquez provided a brief overview of the staff report.

City Attorney Olivo read the title of the Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to read the ordinance by title only. 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

Councilmembers wished all Mothers Happy Mother's Day!

Councilmember Leon thanked Library staff for organizing for volunteer breakfast this Saturday.

Councilmember Rebollo and Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio thanked Parks and Recreation Department for great Cinco De Mayo celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.