



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - 5:00 PM

**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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Soria
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano
Mayor Rebollo

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 5:06 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment of a City Administrator - interview of candidates and thereafter, consider appointment of City Administrator.
2. 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 three potential cases.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed Session items at 6:30 p.m and 9:20 p.m:

Item #1 The City Council interviewed two candidates. The City Council directed

staff to begin negotiations with one candidate pending completion of the background investigation. Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo

NAYES: Councilmember Mendoza

Item #2 The City Council did not take any reportable action on any potential cases for litigation.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Soria
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano
Mayor Rebollo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Library Director Sarmiento led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Soria offered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carmen Marquez thanked staff, CSO for assisting neighborhood during the power outage.

Adrian Samano asked that the City Council considers the issues that one candidate for City Administrator position has and not hire someone that already has problems.

Sarkis Agajanian spoke about his complaint with the Sheriff's department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Argumedo asked to pull item #13 for discussion and Councilmember Soria asked to pull item #11 for discussion. Item #3 was

continued to the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve Consent Calendar minus items #3, #11 and #13. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 7A and 7B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Standard Operating Procedures for Vehicle Accident Reporting
4. Additional Environmental Assessment for 5710 Smithway - Results of RFP and Award of an Agreement
5. Certifications and Assurances for the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Bond Program
6. Temporary Street Closure on Goodrich Boulevard for the 2017 East Los Angeles Christmas Parade
7. Temporary Street Closures for the 2017 Turkey Trot
8. American Cancer Society Relay for Life - Request for the Use of Bandini Park
9. Professional Services of Syn-Mar Associates to Prepare a Real Estate Appraisal Report
10. Revised Disabled Blue Curb Parking Policy
11. Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Provisor Building Structural Retrofit Project

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Argumedo inquired whether this item was part of the Capital Improvement Plan and what was the ranking of this item. According to Director Babaki, this project has wide range of numbers for construction and therefore, the best thing would be go out for bid. Director Babaki explained that this item was funded and included as part of the CIP previously, and staff waited for completion of facilities condition assessment. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mendoza stated that staff continues to come with presentations but not providing all the information. Councilmember Mendoza spoke about his priorities, accountability and suggested that staff goes for smaller projects like Mariana Avenue pavement project. Councilmember Mendoza requested that staff provides complete information in order for the City Council to make right decision. Director Babaki responded that staff is not asking for any allocation at this time, and it is approval of plans and specifications presented for tonight' meeting. Staff will come back at a later date for the award of the contract. In addition, this project has been ranked previously and approved.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to approve plans and specifications for the Provisor Building Structural repair Work and authorize staff to advertise for bids. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo.

12. Affiliation Agreement with Walden University Social Work Program for Internship Program

13. Appointment and Membership in City Commissions, Committees, and Boards

Administrative Services Director & City Clerk Shumway provided a brief overview of the staff report. Mayor Rebollo recommended to include in the resolution that employees appointed to the committee are not employees of the same department.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve Resolution regarding appointment to and membership in City Commissions, Committee and Boards with suggested revision. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

14. Military Banner Program

Social Services Coordinator Garcia provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued, and it was a consensus to include the City Seal on the banner and also possibly have pictures.

It was a consensus among the City Council to bring this item back for Council review, incorporate City seal and make one banner with the photo in order to review the quality of the banner.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to approve the Military Banner Program and bring it back with the suggested revisions of incorporating City seal and one banner with the photo in it. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

15. Report and Update on Preparations for Citadel Black Friday Event

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Steve Craig spoke about issues they encountered in the past during the Black Friday even, and this year staff and Citadel outlets coming up with the solutions such as dedicated drop-off areas for uber and lyft, shuttle services from designated parking lots.

Discussion took place on traffic control, designated drop off areas. Councilmember Mendoza recommended blocking off residential areas, so people cannot park on those streets. Following discussion, it was a consensus that the item would be brought back on November 21, 2017 City Council meeting with the plan on how residential streets would be blocked off for the event and other matters.

The City Council will receive and file a report on the preparations for the Black Friday event.

16. Ordinance Addressing Aggressive Panhandling

This item was heard first under scheduled matters. Assistant City Attorney Copado provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued regarding safety issues and implementation of the ordinance if that gets approved. According to Assistant City Attorney Copado, panhandling would be allowed but will be regulated.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to direct staff to draft potential panhandler ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

17. California Senate Bill 415 “Voter Participation” and Introduction of the Ordinance for Transitioning to a Statewide Election Date (First Reading)

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway provided overview of the staff report and available options to synchronize City's election with statewide election pursuant to SB 415. Discussion took place and it was a consensus among the City Council to go with option 2 and consolidate march 2020 election with the County.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to select option 2 for transitioning to a statewide election date, and request consolidation with the County for March 2020 election. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

18. Committee and Commission Appointments

City Council appointed Omar Olivas to Measure AA Advisory Committee as union representative.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano appointed Alejandro Mendoza.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Mayor Rebollo reminded that the Veteran's Day ceremony would take place at the City Hall.

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 8:14pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.