



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, December 5, 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**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:03 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 5:04 p.m.*

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - Six (6) Matters
2. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - One (1) Matter
3. 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.

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

*City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 9:33 p.m.*

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

*Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on closed session items and said that the City Council provided direction to staff on items #1, #2 and #3 on the agenda.*

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Parks and Recreation Director Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance*

#### **INVOCATION**

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano offered the invocation*

#### **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Commendation Congratulating Luz Marina Sital on the Momentous Occasion of her 95th Birthday

*This item was continued to a later date*

2. Commendation Congratulating Bell Gardens High School on their 70th Anniversary

*Council and the Mayor commended Bell Gardens High School on their 70th anniversary.*

3. Certificate Commending the Little Performers Group for their Successful Production of "Annie"

*Little Performers performed one small act for the public and the City Council and the City Council commended the Little Performers for their successful production.*

4. Certificate Commending Commerce Casino for Donating Tickets for L.A. Clippers NBA Basketball Game

*This item was continued to the later date.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Joanna Flores, MUSD Board Member, announced the launching a new program - Dual Immersion Academy. Norma Velasco -Aceves provided an overview of the program.*

*Victoria Escobar welcomed Mr. Cisneros to the community and asked that Bristow area is included in MUSD.*

*Leticia Hernandez spoke for the record.*

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote.**

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

5. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 9A and 9B
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Appointment of City Administrator to Oversight Board, and Outside Agencies

### **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

8. Refunding of the 2007 Tax Allocation Bonds

*Assistant Finance Director Brook provided a brief overview of the staff report.*

*John Solarczyk stated that this approval will be the final step in refinancing of 87 million bond at 3%.*

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Successor Agency Resolution approving a Form of Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the sale and delivery of its Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, confirming actions previously taken, including approval of a Form Bond of Bond Purchase Agreement; making certain determinations relating thereto; and authorizing certain other actions in connection therewith. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

9. Potential Reorganization of LAUSD Territory (Bristow area) to MUSD

*Joanna Flores, MUSD Board Member, stated that MUSD Board is in full of support of this reorganization of Bristow area. Councilmember Soria noted that he started this process two years ago when residents expressed their interest in moving Bristow area from LAUSD to MUSD. Children would have access to all activities with the rest of the kids that attend MUSD, get access to transportation provided by the MUSD and would not experience gang activity.*

**Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to direct staff to prepare a Resolution and petition to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of School to request reorganization of Bristow area. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **10. Commercial Refuse Management**

*Ron Saldana spoke in support of the staff recommendation and recommended non-exclusive franchise*

*Elizabeth Martinez spoke on behalf of Republic hauler and supported item #10 and recommended that their sub contractors are allowed to be consolidated under the one license held by Republic.*

*Nicole Kuklok -Waldeman, representing AAA Rubbish, stated that the City should hold all haulers in compliance.*

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

*Discussion took place that the City Council would need more time and possibly a workshop needs to be scheduled for franchise agreement discussion.*

*It was a consensus among the City Council to move forward with the third notice regarding violation for non-compliant haulers.*

**Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve recommended options by staff: modifying the Municipal Code to cease issuing any additional business licenses to recycling haulers; assigning Republic a business license and consolidate all their subsidiaries to allow for one parent company to report as one hauler; mail through certified mail delivery a third and final notice to non-responsive haulers prior to issuing a notice of suspension of their business license. The motion**

**carried by the following vote:**

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

**11. Commerce Golf Club Senior Discount Request**

*Parks and Recreation Director Lipton provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued.*

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve the reinstatement of a Green Fees discount of 20% to resident senior members of the Commerce Golf Club. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**12. Agreement with Integrated Security Systems, Inc. to Purchase and Install a Video Security System for Camp Commerce**

*Parks and Recreation Director Lipton provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued about location and liability and security aspect of cameras.*

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution approving Agreement with Integrated Security Systems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a video security system at Camp Commerce. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**13. Organizational Assignments for Councilmembers**

*Councilmember Argumedo was appointed interim delegate for I-5 Consortium and Councilmember Soria was appointed interim alternate delegate. Discussion took place regarding possibly requesting change of time for this meeting to take place later in a day so that the current delegates could continue attending those meeting.*

**14. City Council Meeting Schedule**

*It was a consensus among the City Council to move first meeting in January to Tuesday, January 9th.*

**ORDINANCES**

**15. Ordinance Changing Date of Election to March of Even-Numbered Years (Second Reading)**

*Administrative Services Director & City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to read the Ordinance by title only. Director Shumway read the title of the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote.*

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

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 2.13 (Election date) to Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) to change General Municipal Election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered years. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**16. Ordinance Addressing Aggressive and Unsafe Forms of Panhandling  
-First Reading**

*Assistant City Attorney Copado provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Mendoza recommended installing signs stating that panhandling is illegal per Commerce Municipal Code and run an effective enforcement program.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve Ordinance for first reading adding Chapter 9.90 to Title 9 of the Commerce Municipal Code relating to the prohibition against certain forms of aggressive and unsafe panhandling." The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**17. Interim Urgency Ordinance Declaring and Imposing a Citywide Moratorium on the Establishment or Operation of Cannabis Related Activities  
Authorized by Proposition 64, the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act"**

*City Administrator Cisnero provided a brief overview of the staff report.*

**Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt an Interim Ordinance declaring and imposing a forty-five (45) day citywide moratorium on the establishment and operation of commercial cannabis activities authorized by the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS**

*Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Steven's Fitzgerald subcommittee and it was a very positive meeting and members reached some agreement. Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Aces baseball team recognition, Children's Holiday program, Tree Lightening and wished everyone Happy holidays!*

*Councilmember Soria reported that he attended Fitzgerald sub committee meeting, Aces Banquet, Tree Lightening, and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Aces Banquet, employee Christmas party, Children's Holiday program, Tree Lightening, and wished everyone Happy Holidays!*

*Mayor Rebollo reported that she attended the same events, and announced upcoming events. Mayor Rebollo wished everyone Happy Holidays! City Council adjourned at 8:37 to closed session.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.*