



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, November 21, 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 Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:00 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 5:01 p.m.*

1. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, Public Employee Appointment - City Administrator.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Fernando Mendoza with respect to real estate negotiations with Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located at 5440 Telegraph Rd., Commerce California.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - Five (5) Matters
4. 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

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

*City Council /Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:34 p.m.*

## **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed Session items:*

*Item #1 through item #4 - The City Council did not take any reportable action.*

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.*

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Transportation Director McFerguson led the Pledge of Allegiance*

### **INVOCATION**

*Mayor Rebollo offered the invocation*

### **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Certificate of Recognition Commending Angel Adauto for his Countless Achievement and Many Years of Dedicated Service to the City and for Serving the United States of America as a Member of the U.S. Army

*Councilmembers and the Mayor commended Angel Adauto for his achievements and years of dedicated service to the United States of America.*

2. Certificate of Recognition Commending Jayda Silva and Claudia Torres for their Heroic Actions in Helping a Referee Suffering from a Heart Attack at the September 16 Commerce Swim Meet

*Councilmembers and the Mayor commended Jayda Silva and Claudia Torres for their heroic actions.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Eduardo Cabrera spoke about idling of the trains, and health effects that it does on their well being.*

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, 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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 8A and 8B
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Standard Operating Procedures for Vehicle Accident Reporting
6. Authorize Purchases with Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Bond Program Funds

### **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

7. Public Employee Appointment

*City Attorney Tapia stated that the City Administrator position was vacant, recruitment took place and 37 candidates applied with 5 selected for the interview. According to City Attorney Tapia, Edgar Cisneros was selected by the City Council as the top candidate. Edgar Cisneros agreed to the contract terms and the draft of contract is provided to the public for review.*

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve appointment of the City Administrator Edgar Cisneros. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

**Nays:** 1 - Councilmember Mendoza

8. City Administrator Employment Agreement

**Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution approving an employment agreement with City Administrator Edgar Cisneros. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

**Nays:** 1 - Councilmember Mendoza

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

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an update regarding the preparations for the Black Friday, and added that staff could block*

some streets to prevent traffic to go to residential streets. Safety Manager Tilly noted that CSO will block Fitzgerald and monitor traffic in those areas.

Discussion ensued about possibility of the shuttle, and that was not an option anymore. Mayor Rebollo requested a meeting see if the shuttle could be included in the plans.

**10. Review of Current Operation and Impact of Closure of Commerce Refuse to Energy Authority**

Matt Eaton, Assistant Department Engineer for Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, provided a power point presentation regarding current and future operations of Commerce Refuse to Energy Authority.

It was a consensus among the City Council that they need to plan for closure as soon as possible since no additional revenue is generated and the plant is barely breaking even. Discussion took place regarding air quality. Mr. Eaton stated that the plant is operated in compliance and not polluting the air. Discussion took place about noise pollution and how quick the plant could be closed.

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to inform the Sanitation District to place Refuse to Energy Authority plant closure on the agenda as soon as possible and not wait until December 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**11. Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee Creation**

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the subcommittee. Discussion took place on composition of the subcommittee and qualification of all four councilmembers that expressed their interest in serving on subcommittee.

Evelyn Serfozo stated that Planning Commission is starting to work on economic development as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano nominated John Soria for the subcommittee. Mayor Rebollo seconded the nomination. There was unanimous consensus to appoint Councilmember Soria to subcommittee.

Councilmember Soria nominated Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano to subcommittee.

**Ayes:** Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo.

**Nays:** Councilmembers Argumedo and Mendoza

*Councilmember Mendoza nominated Councilmember Argumedo.*

*AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo and Mendoza*

*NAYS: Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo*

*Councilmember Argumedo nominated Councilmember Mendoza.*

*AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo and Mendoza*

*NAYS: Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo*

*Councilmember Soria and Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano were appointed to economic development subcommittee by majority vote.*

## **12. Committee and Commission Appointments**

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano appointed Daniel Cortez to Traffic Commission.*

## **13. City Council Meeting Schedule in December**

*It was a consensus among the City Council to cancel the second meeting in December.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve cancellation of December 19, 2017 City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **14. Consideration of Financial Contribution for Focus on Business Magazine**

*Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued.*

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to eliminate financial contribution for Focus on Business publication by Industrial Council in the amount of \$6,800 annual cost. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **ORDINANCES**

## **15. Introduction of the Ordinance Changing Date of Election to March of Even-Numbered Years (First Reading)**

*Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report and stated that to be in compliance with SB 415, the City Council chose to move election to March by increasing the term by 9 months and the next scheduled election would be March 2020.*

**Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to read the ordinance by title only. Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway read the title of the Ordinance amending Chapter 2.13 (Election date) to Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) to change General Municipal Election dates to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of Even-Numbered Years in order to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 415. The motion carried by the following 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 East LA Parade, services for Connie Ochoa, and Neighborhood Watch meeting at Bristow Park area.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano reported that he attended East LA parade and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Councilmember Soria reported that he attended Veteran's Day ceremony, East LA parade, Annie production and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended YMCA event in Commerce, Montebello fundraiser program, Bristow Park Neighborhood Watch meeting, Veteran's Day celebration, Turkey Trout, and Tree Lightening Ceremony at Citadel.*

*Mayor Rebollo reported that she attended IBEW service event and reminded about upcoming events. Mayor Rebollo wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving!*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. in memory of Connie Ochoa.*