



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, July 3, 2018 - 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 Argumedo called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

*Kevin Larsen, Employee Association President, spoke regarding union negotiations and asked that the City Council considers health plan for part-time employees, include binding arbitration in the contract and other items.*

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 the City Council will confer with its labor negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to labor negotiations pertaining to:
  - A. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the part -time employees.
  - B. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the mid-management and non-management full-time employees.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2) - Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Anticipated Litigation - One (1) Matter.

3. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to real estate negotiations concerning proposed price and other terms relating to the properties located at 5476 Jillson St (6335-019-023), 5530 Jillson St (6335-019-042), 2500 S Eastern Ave (6335-024-046), 6335-024-038, 6335-024-039, 6335-024-048, 6335-024-042, 6335-024-043, 6335-024-044, 6335-024-045, 5600 Jillson St (6335-023-049), 6335-023-053, 6335-023-054, 5611 E Washington (6335-023-048), 5571 E Washington (6335-024-056). And 5555 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040

### **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**

*Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:*

*Item #3 was reviewed by the City Council first. For item #1, #2 and #3 - Staff made presentation, further direction was provided to staff and no final action was taken on this item.*

### **6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Argumedo called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*City Administrator Cisneros led the Pledge of Allegiance*

#### **INVOCATION**

*Mayor Pro Tem Soria offered the invocation.*

#### **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Commendation Honoring Norberta Betancourt upon the Occasion of her 95th Birthday

*Councilmember Rebollo read the commendation honoring Norberta Betancourt upon the occasion of her 95th birthday.*

2. Commendation Honoring Javier Hernandez for Receiving the Older American Recognition Award from the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults

*Mayor and Councilmembers honored Javier Hernandez for receiving the Older America Recognition Award.*

3. Commendation Honoring Luis Alberto Escobar for his Courageous Efforts

*This item was tabled to a later date.*

4. Commendation Honoring Sonia Bautista for Receiving the 2018 Arnulfo Trejo Librarian of the Year award from Reforma National

*Mayor and Councilmembers recognized Sonia Bautista for receiving the 2018 Arnulfo Trejo Librarian of the Year award.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Kevin Larsen, President of the City of Commerce Association, spoke regarding Union proposal and their main priorities for the contract.*

*Mayor Argumedo stated that there is a good contract right now in place for employees and residents and everyone involved. City Administrator Cisneros stated that the City needs a contract that would offer City a stability. The current proposal received from the union is 8 times more than the previous proposal.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull item #16, and Mayor Pro Tem Soria asked to pull item #23 for discussion.*

*Item #16- Discussion took place.*

*Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to adopt Resolution authorizing GSI Environmental to provide services, subject to an existing on-call Services Agreement related to Specific Plating and Remediation Project and conduct a Water Quality Assessment. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

*Item #23 - Discussion took place that the City of Commerce receives a small percentage of the money allocated, and the allocation is based on the population.*

*According to Councilmember Soria, it would be better if this funding is brought back to voters for consideration. Councilmember Altamirano stated that staff needs to send letters to all representatives regarding money distribution. There was a consensus among the City Council to direct staff to send letters.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Soria moved, Councilmember Altamirano seconded, to reject staff's recommendation and direct staff to write letters to legislators regarding money allocation distribution. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar minus items #16 and #23. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

5. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 23A and 23B
6. Amendment to the City's Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Program
7. Amendment to Harassment Free Workplace Policy
8. Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program
9. Authorizing City Staff to Apply for Transportation Grant Funding for Capital and Operating Assistance
10. Temporary Street Closures for the 2018 Annual 5K Freedom Run
11. Agreement with TD Sports, Inc. dba Sports Court of Southern California
12. Bid Results for the Senior Center/Library Plaza Improvement Project
13. Authorize Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning to Conduct the Appropriate Environmental Review for a Proposed Project at 5200 Triggs Street
14. Agreement for Consultant Services with Ejma Planning + Development, to Conduct Planning Services Including Assessing the Impact of New Land

Uses Within the City's Jurisdiction

15. Amendment to On-Call Professional Services for Environmental Science, Planning Analysis & Assessment, and Regulatory Compliance
16. Authorize GSI Environmental, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Specific Plating and Remediation Project and conduct a Water Quality Assessment
17. Release of Request for Proposals for Energy Conservation and Energy Consulting
18. SolSmart Designation
19. Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Standard Software Maintenance
20. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Participation Goals
21. A Resolution Approving a Consolidation and Transition of the City's 457(B) and 401(A) Record-Keeping Platforms, Change Process for City's Match Contribution, Expand 401(A) Plan Provisions, and Enter into an Agreement for the 457(B) and 401(A) Plan Consulting and Investment Advisor Services
22. "No Overnight Parking" Sign Installations
23. Opposition to Repeal of SB 1 (Beal) "the Road Repair and Accountability Act"

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

24. Traffic Improvements at Ferguson Drive & Gaspar Avenue and at Gerhart Avenue & Union Pacific Avenue

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place on traffic count, and accident data and how that data justifies installation of the stop sign. Director Babaki stated that the Council could direct staff to place a stop sign. Further discussion took place regarding quality of life, and the City Council requested a more accurate data for traffic count.*

*It was a consensus among the City Council to table this item to a later date, and*

*request more traffic count data and provide the City Council with more information on guidelines for stop sign installation.*

*Discussion took place regarding sidewalk at Ferguson. Councilmember Rebollo recommended that the community is polled and do what the majority want whether stall sidewalks or leave as is. It was a consensus among the City Council to check and survey the community first.*

## **25. Committee and Commission Appointments**

*Councilmember Altamirano appointed Josie Betancort for Traffic Commission.*

**The City Council will consider making an appointment to the Traffic and Youth Advisory Commission.**

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

*Councilmembers and the Mayor wished everyone Happy 4th of July.*

*Councilmember Rebollo wished City Attorney Tapia Happy Birthday.*

*Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended meeting at the Bristow park organized by DTSC, and also took a tour of CREA.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Soria congratulated Commerce Crush Girls for Summer Tournament.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm*