



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - 6:00 PM

**Regular Measure AA Advisory Committee Meeting
Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Services Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Ex-Officio Member Griego-Talley arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Chairperson Craig arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Cantu
Commissioner Stinett
Commissioner Grajeda
Vice Chair Rodriguez
Chairperson Craig

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Reno
Commissioner Basic

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the Measure AA Advisory Committee on any items within their jurisdiction.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 10, 2018, held at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Member Grajeda moved, seconded by Committee Member Cantu approve the meeting minutes as amended of Tuesday, July 10, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Cantu, Commissioner Stinett, Commissioner Grajeda, and Vice Chair Rodriguez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Reno, Commissioner Basic, and Chairperson Craig

2. Consider Allocation of Funds for Installation of No Overnight Parking and Street Sweeping Signs on Designated Streets in the City of Commerce to Address Public Safety and Health Hazard Issues due to Overnight Parking on Certain City Streets

Director of Public Works Babaki presented this item and explained that installation of the overnight parking signs will allow Public Safety staff and Sherriffs department to take immediate action towards vehicles not abiding by posted signs.

Committee Member moved, seconded by Commitee Member Stinnett to approve allocating \$81,741.94 for the installation of 690 No Overnight Parking and Street Sweeping signs on designated streets in the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Cantu, Commissioner Stinett, Commissioner Grajeda, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Chairperson Craig

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Reno, and Commissioner Basic

3. Allocation of Funds for the Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Services Contract in the Design and Production of Construction Documents for the Renovation of Veterans Park Building

Director Babaki presented this item and provided the Committee members the reasons that led to the need for a renovation of the Veterans Park Building. Director Babaki provided the various options presented to the City Council for the renovation of the Veterans Park Building and parking lot. Babaki explained RFP's have been released, firms have been interviewed, selected and department is now ready to move forward. Director Babaki also explained that an interim gym will allow some programs to continue.

Babaki reviewed the anticipated amounts and requested a total of \$700,000.00 be allocated from Measure AA funds to be added to the existing allocated Veterans Park building budget.

In response to Committee Member Grajeda and Member Griego-Talley's inquiry regarding staff input, Facility CIP Project Manager Chidi Ugwueze stated that input will be requested and taken into consideration at a later date.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the option of building a new building instead of renovating the existing building. Committee member Stinnett requested a comparison between renovating the building and the construction of a new building, along with a cost breakdown for construction of a new building. Director Babaki explained the reasons behind the decision to renovate as per the City Councils decision and explained that amount to be spent on the interim gym will be incorporated into the building. Babaki also clarified that the only thing that will remain the same from that building is the basement and gym, the rest of the building will be new.

Discussion ensued and concentrated mostly on what items from the existing building will remain, Director Babaki invited the members to attend the design workshops and provide input on design and future plans.

Further discussion took place regarding concerns that the proposed building may not meet the needs of the community. Committee members recommended reviewing other options that will allow the City to obtain revenues while satisfying all the needs for the City.

Committee Member Stinnet moved, seconded by Committee Member

Cantu, to continue this item pending the requested cost analysis and geotechnical report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Cantu, Commissioner Stinett, Commissioner Grajeda, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Chairperson Craig

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Reno, and Commissioner Basic

4. Allocation of Funds for the Initial Design to Supply Electrical Power to the Existing Fueling Station next to the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility (CREA)

Director Babaki presented this item and explained that due to the closure of the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility (CREF) Southern California Edison (SCE) will dismantle the sub-station that supplies electrical power to the CREF facility and the CNG and LNG fueling station will shut down once the sub-station is dismantled. It is imperative that the CNG and LNG fueling station continue receiving electrical power and continue operations in supplying natural fuel as this provides CNG and LNG fuel to the City's buses and vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding the operation of the facility and the possibility of exploring solar options that would provide the energy required.

Chairperson Craig moved, seconded by Commissioner Stinett, to approve allocating \$10,000 to Southern California Edison to begin the study and include green study options. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Cantu, Commissioner Stinett, Commissioner Grajeda, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Chairperson Craig

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Reno, and Commissioner Basic

5. Follow-Up Confirming Next Meeting and Future Agenda Items Requests

Next meeting of the Measure AA Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

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