



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 - 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 Pro Tem Soria called meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Argumedo arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mayor Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Mayor Pro Tem Soria
Councilmember Altamirano

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

James Casso, Attorney for the City of Industry, spoke regarding item #2 on Closed Session agenda. Mr. Castle stated that the property is a Successor Agency property of the City of Industry and currently under legal agreement and opposed that acquisition.

Konrad Baltam, City Manager for City of Chino Hills, stated that the letter of opposition was submitted for Council consideration. The majority of the property identified under item #2 on Closed Session agenda is located in the City of Chino Hills, and stated that that acquisition should not be pursued due to several reasons identified in the letter submitted.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:14 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 §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 APN: 8701-021-271, 8701-022-270 and 8701-022-273 (Los Angeles County); 1000-011-19, 1000-11-20, 1000-011-21, 1000-011-22, 1000-021-13 and 1000-021-14; 1000-031-14 and 1000-031-15 (San Bernardino County).
3. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - Three (3) Matters

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor agency reconvened to open session at 6:21 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items. Assistant City Attorney Copado stated that Councilmember Rebollo was absent.

Items #1 and #3 - Staff provided presentation/update on the item and no reportable action was taken on these items.

Item #2 was not discussed.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Argumedo called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Mayor Pro Tem Soria
Councilmember Altamirano

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parks and Recreation Director Lipton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Altamirano offered the invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Herman, Commerce Resident, had a concern regarding the cannabis informational/community meetings not properly advertised and how information was gathered for the surveys that consultant was referring to. Mr. Herman asked that cannabis operation in the City of Commerce is placed on the ballot.

Mr. Callenas opposed cannabis operation in the City of Commerce.

Derek Davis, representing one of the cannabis applicants, questioned why the application process was scheduled in such a rush, and asked to re-evaluate the applications, and consider allowing other businesses to operate in the City of Commerce.

Sharon Basic stated that she brought up issue of people not stopping at the Village Drive at the stop sign and asked that the proper enforcement is done.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway requested that items #12 and #14 are tabled to a later date and Item #13 being discussed in the open session. Councilmember Mendoza requested to pull item #6 for discussion.

Item #6 - Discussion took place regarding RFP requirements. Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Altamirano, to adopt Resolution authorizing staff to begin a citywide Art and Beautification program and authorize issuance of RFP for local professional artists. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Councilmember Rebollo

Mayor Pro Tem Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Altamirano, to approve Consent Calendar minus items #6, #12, #13, and #14. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 10A and 10B
2. Approval of Temporary Street Closure on Goodrich Boulevard for the 2018 East Los Angeles Christmas Parade
3. Proposed Yellow Loading Zone Installation Along 7244 Condor Street
4. Authorize Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning to Conduct the Appropriate Environmental Analysis for a Proposed Project at 7355 East Slauson Avenue
5. Removing Barriers to Access of Children's Books by Eliminating Fines
6. Citywide Art Beautification Program -Release of RFP
7. Authorize Staff to Advertise for Bids for the Citywide Wayfinding Vehicular Directional Signs Project
8. Approve Updated Purchase Price of Four Transit Buses from New Flyer of America, Inc.
9. Second Amendment to Ground Lease with the Commerce Refuse to Energy Authority
10. Addendum Agreement to the California Cities For Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority to Admit the City of Gardena as a Trade Member
11. Professional Services Agreement with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, Inc.
12. Additional Scope of Work for the Rosewood Neighborhood Connectivity Project
13. Special Holiday Schedule for City Hall

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report. Director Shumway stated that it is recommended to close City Hall from December 24, 2018 to January 2, 2019, and for those full-time employees affected by the closure to authorize two days off for Monday December 24, 2018 and December 31, 2018. For the rest of full-time employees scheduled to work on Mondays, it is recommended to approve half a day on Monday December

24, 2018 and half a day on December 31, 2018. City Administrator Cisneros recommended approval of the City Hall Closure contingent on the Employee Association approval.

Councilmember Altamirano moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to adopt The City Council will consider approval of the City Hall Holiday Closure for a week from December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

14. Revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan by Reclassifying the Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer to Lead Community Services Officer, and Establishing Job Description and Salary Level for Said Position

SCHEDULED MATTERS

15. City of Commerce - Bureau of Gambling Control Issues

Finance Director Domic provided an overview of the effects should the regulations for Casino change. Discussion took place, and the entire Council spoke about looking for other avenues in order to increase revenue, and bringing more development and business to the community to overcome budget shortfalls. There was a discussion about finding constructive solutions, diversifying revenue, and about unity of the Council in order to complete and execute projects that are in process right now.

Mayor Argumedo stated that the City of Commerce presented 700 letters at the meeting with Gaming Commission, which was a powerful tool in addition to all testimonies and personal storied.

No action was taken on this item. It was informational item only.

16. Approval of Traffic Control Plan and Authorization of Temporary Street Closures for the Citadel Outlets' 2018 Black Friday Sales Event

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Deputy Director of Engineering Yang presented a proposed plan for traffic control during Black Friday at the Citadel. Discussion took place about Fitzgerald street and other neighborhood streets be barricaded in order to stop shoppers to park on those streets. Councilmember Soria recommended developing a better traffic plan for Mix Master, and possibly doing manual traffic

control by creating dedicated lanes for turn lanes. Councilmember Soria recommended to utilize CSO for traffic control and utilize security/retired officers instead of Sheriff's to reduce costs.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Altamirano, to adopt Resolution approving the traffic control plan and authorizing temporary street closures along Hoefner Avenue, Flotilla Street, and Camfield Avenue for the Citadel Outlets' 2018 Black Friday Sales Event. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

ORDINANCES

17. Ordinance Establishing Commerce Community Choice Aggregation and Approving Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent -Second Reading

Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Bobadilla provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor pro Tem Soria left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Altamirano, to adopt the Ordinance, read the ordinance by title only and waive further reading of the Ordinance establishing Commerce Community Choice Aggregation and approving Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent. Director of Administrative Service and City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

There were no City Council reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.