



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 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 Argumedo called meeting to order at 5:23 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

Troy Helling, City Manager of City of Industry, spoke in regards of item #3 on Closed Session agenda and stated that the City of Industry invested 20 million dollars on solar projects for that property.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:01 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. 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

3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: 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 1000-021-14; 1000-031-14 and 1000-031-15 (San Bernardino County).

Property Owner: Successor Agency to the Industry Urban Development Agency

Negotiating party: Edgar P. Cisneros

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

4. 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:

A. 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

B. 5550 Harbor Street, Commerce CA 90040 (6335-025-009), 2300 S. Eastern Avenue (6335-025-010)

C. 5625 Jillson Street, Commerce CA 90040 (6335-025-905)

D. 5555 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA Property (APN 6335-025-906)

E. Property located at 6364 Zindell Street, Commerce CA (APN 6357-015-900 and 6357-019-304)

5. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment/appointment of an Assistant City Administrator.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:09 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items: With all City Council members present, City Council recessed to closed Session at 5:24 p.m.

Item #1 and #5 - staff provided updated to the City Council and no reportable action was taken on these items #1 and #5.

Item #4 - staff provided update to the Successor Agency and further direction was provided to staff.

Items #2, and #3 - were discussed after the regular scheduled meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Items #2 and #3- staff provided an update to the City Council/Successor Agency, and no reportable action was taken on these items #2 and #3.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Argumedo called regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Argumedo offered the invocation

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition for Commerce Aquatics 14 & Under Girls Water Polo Team for placing 2nd in the USA Water Polo Age Group Championship Cup at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Indiana

Mayor and City Council recognized Commerce Aquatics 14 & under Girls Water Polo Team for placing 2nd in the USA Waste Polo Age Group Champion Cup.

2. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Employee of the Quarter - Felix Gonzalez

Mayor and City Council recognized Felix Gonzalez for being named Employee of the Quarter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Nezahualcoya spoke about bringing new businesses to Commerce such as

Trader Joes. Mayor Argumedo stated that there is new development that is coming to Commerce but it is a Closed Session item and cannot be disclosed as of yet.

Jesse Camargo asked that the City enforces fireworks ban in residential neighborhoods and promote information regarding illegal fireworks via city's website and social media.

Denise Campos, Public Affairs Manager for SoCal Gas, stated that there are legislative debate about emission reduction goals, and noted that there are challenges to switching everything to electricity and also costs associated with that.

Richard Hernandez asked that the City informed residents about new development, and also notify businesses that lease space, not owner.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mendoza asked to pull item #12.

City Administrator Cisneros provided a brief overview of the staff report. Councilmember Mendoza stated that there are a lot of projects are in the works and the City needs this position.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution amending the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan to create new classification specifications and establish the salary level for the Assistant City Administrator.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar minus item #12. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 12A and 12B**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Addition of Deodate Strategies to the On-Call Professional Services List for Real Estate and Right of Way and Mott MacDonald, LLC to the On-Call Professional Services List for General Civil Engineering**

6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Award of Contract to KOA Corporation
7. Fiber Optic Backbone Cable Release of Request for Proposal
8. Approval of Contract to California Strategies & Advocacy for Professional Services Related to Gaming Issues Lobbying
9. Special Holiday Schedule for City Hall
10. Rescheduling of January 2, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting to January 8, 2019
11. Central Basin Municipal Water District Board Member Nominations
12. Revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan - Assistant City Administrator

SCHEDULED MATTERS

13. Report and Summary Regarding the 2018 Citadel Outlets' Moonlight Madness / Black Friday Sales Event

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki and Deputy Director of Engineering Yang provided an overview of the staff report regarding traffic control and public safety efforts during black Friday event at Citadel Outlets. Mayor Argumedo asked to bring back enforcement of illegal parking in residential neighborhoods. Councilmember Rebollo recommended utilizing traffic company for traffic control and utilize CSOs for residential parking enforcement. Further discussion took place about barricades in the residential neighborhoods. Councilmember Soria added that traffic control plan needs to be presented to the City Council earlier, so any recommendation could be incorporated. Sargent Hernandez explained why CSOs were utilized for traffic control.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to receive and file a report regarding the recent 2018 Citadel Outlets' Moonlight Madness / Black Friday sales event. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Status Update on Power Outages in Veteran's Park Neighborhood

Sal Ramirez, Government Relation Manager, talked about the circuit in Veteran's area, and reasons for recent power outages. Mayor Argumedo and the City Council expressed concerns that the outages were for a long time and it is effecting residents. Some residents had broken appliances due to power outages and spoiled food. Mr. Ramirez stated that residents could file a claim and be reimbursed for the lost items. Discussion took place about marketing and customer service and reaching out to people that are effected. Sal Ramirez stated that customers can call and information could be disseminated to everyone. Mayor Argumedo requested that the copy of the incidents provided to the City Council and what was done to correct those deficiencies that caused power outage. In addition, Councilmember Rebollo recommended not having planned outage in the area that already had so many power outages.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Rebollo thanked Commerce Casino for the Holiday Cheer Program, and congratulated Unplugged on their recent "Hairspray" performance. Councilmember Rebollo stated that the Camp Commerce Holiday Santa Village celebration was outstanding event, and asked staff to look into adding more weekends for this event in December or November.

Councilmember Altamirano thanked Commerce Casino for generous contributions, and stated that the Christmas Tree Lightening was an amazing event.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Bristow park football banquet, attended Children's Holiday party, Bandini park football banquet, Traffic Commission, Neighborhood Watch meeting, Unplugged performance, and Royal Tea party. According to Councilmember Mendoza, residents were concerned and reported graffiti at Bristow park.

Mayor Pro Tem Soria stated that this was a great year for Commerce and thanked staff members for the good job, and wished employees and residents Happy New Year.

Mayor Argumedo thanked Commerce Casino for all contributions and wished residents and staff Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:21 to Closed Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

