



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 - 5:00 PM

**CONCURRENT JOINT 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 Soria called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council/Successor Agency on any items on Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: *Ted Jimenez; Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters v. the City of Commerce, et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP03295.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: *County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County v Commerce Refuse-To-Energy Authority (respondent and defendant), and the City of Commerce (real party in Interest), et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP02428.
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
4. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the City Council will confer with its real property

negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to real estate negotiations with:

A. 2500 S Eastern Ave. (APN 6335-024-046), (APN 6335-024-03), (APN 6335-024-039), (APN 6335-024-048), (APN 6335-024-04), (APN 6335-024-043), (APN 6335-024-044), (APN 6335-024-045), 5600 Jillson St. (APN 6335-023-049), (APN 6335-023-0), (APN 6335-023-054), 5611 E Washington Blvd. (APN 6335-023-048), 5571 E Washington Blvd. (APN 6335-024-056), 5555 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6335024057).

B. 5476 Jillson St. (APN 6335-019-023), 5530 Jillson St., Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6335-019-042)

C. 5533 E. Washington - (APN 6335-019-043), 5505 E. Washington (APN 6335-019-047), and 5519 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6335-019-046).

D. Wash-Tel Commerce, LLC concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of 6329 and 6355 Washington Boulevard, Commerce, California, commonly referred to as the Stahl Trust property.

E. A. Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located along the Telegraph Road Corridor, south of Gaspar Avenue and north of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], formerly known as 5809, 5819, 5823, 2901/2903, 5933, 5901, 5959, 6000, 6003 and 6233 Telegraph Road and 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California.

F. BNSF concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of: APN (6335-022-800), APN (6335-022-801), APN (6335-023-800), APN (6335-023-801), APN (6335-025-805), APN (6335-025-807), APN (6335-014-805) and APN (6335-014-806)

G. Eastern Luxury INV Group LLC, concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of 2340 S. Eastern Avenue Commerce, CA. APN (6335-025-011)

5. CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT/APPOINTMENT pursuant to Government Code 54957 (b) (1)

Employee Title: Finance Director

6. CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

Employee Title: City Manager, Edgar P. Cisneros

7. CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: City Manager, Edgar P. Cisneros

City Representative: Norma Copado

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed session items:

Item #1- The City Council did not take any reportable action on this item.

Item #2- The City Council approved the settlement agreement, pending final execution.

Item #3- one potential litigation matter was discussed, and no reportable action was taken on this one matter.

Items #4.A and #4.B - Staff provided a briefing to the City Council, and this item is for the City Council vote in the open session agenda as item #7.

Item # 4.C - Staff briefed City Council, and the City Council provided some direction to staff.

Items #4.D and #4.F - Staff provided a briefing to the City Council, and no reportable action was taken on these items.

Item #4.G - City Council provided direction to staff.

Item #5 - There was a consensus among the City Council to appoint Josh Brooks as Acting Finance Director.

Items # 6 and #7- Briefing was provided, and the City Council provided further direction to legal counsel. No reportable action was taken on this item.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Soria called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Transportation Director McFerguson led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition Congratulating Commerce ACES 12U USSSA West Covina Big League Dreams 2019 Summer League Champs

Mayor and Councilmember recognized and congratulated Commerce ACES 12U USSSA West Covina Big League Dreams 2019 Summer League Champs.

2. Proclamation Declaring the Month of October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Proclaimed the month of October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Edgar Cisneros introduced new Director of Public Works and Development Services Daniel Hernandez.
and new Assistant City Manager Vilko Domic.*

Jesus Cervantes questioned payment for consultants for cannabis businesses and some employees.

John Serfoso complained about the ticket he received, and asked about Community Services Officer functions.

Richard Hernandez stated that cannabis consultants cost about \$650,000-\$700,000 and questioned credibility of cannabis consultants that were hired.

Sharon Basic complained about graffiti at the Village area.

James Herrmann spoke about dangers of cannabis.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Soria stated that item #9 is pulled from the agenda. Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull item #8.

Item #8- City Manager Cisneros provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Mendoza stated that the City provides generous benefits and opposed the additional benefits for Councilmembers spouses. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Soria called for the question, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano seconded, to end the debate on the item. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Soria

NAYS: Councilmembers Mendoza and Argumedo.

Mayor Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to table this item indefinitely. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve the Consent Calendar minus items #8. and #9. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 5A and 5B
4. Approval of Minutes
5. 2019 Annual League of California Cities Conference- Delegate Appointment
6. Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Escrow Instructions between the Successor Agency to the Commerce Community Development Commission and the City of Commerce, for Land in the City of Commerce, California
7. Temporary Lease Agreement between United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS)

and the City of Commerce Regarding City Owned Properties Located at 5476, 5530 and 5600 Jillson Street and 2500 South Eastern Avenue

8. Compensation and Fringe Benefits for City Council Members
9. Employment Agreement with City Manager Edgar Cisneros

SCHEDULED MATTERS

10. Presentation/Update by Moore Lacofano Goltsman Inc. (MIG) on the General Plan

Esmeralda Garcia, MIG, provided presentation regarding General Plan Update. Discussion took place about community input, housing opportunities and what residents would like to see being developed over next several years. No action was taken on this item. It was informational item.

11. 60th City Birthday Celebration - Logo Approval and Receive a Report with Respect to Celebratory Plans for the Year

Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Marquez provided an overview of the staff report.

Discussion took place about logo and there was a recommendation to include family values and have better representation of casino on the logo. Councilmember Rebollo recommended to include handball tournament in celebrations and upgrade carnival rides.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended Unplugged Lion King Show, an adult weekend in the Camp Commerce, sports banquet in Rosewood park, and thanked Ken Jackson for her years of service. Councilmember Rebollo reminded everyone about Breast Cancer awareness and take precautions. Councilmember Rebollo asked Mayor to adjourn meeting in memory of Blanca Hernandez.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Lion King Jr. Unplugged concert, visited 12 divisions within City Departments and thanking employees for being patient with the union contract negotiations process.

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Lion King performance, Rosewood park soccer banquet, and concert in the Park. Councilmember Argumedo asked to follow-up on speed humps and got it on the agenda. City Manager Cisneros stated that traffic studies are almost complete, and this item is

scheduled for the future agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano reported that he attended a concert at the park and Pumpkin Patch.

Mayor Soria reported that he attended the concert in the park, will be attending Pumpkin Patch in Commerce, announced upcoming two Trunk or Treat events and stated that scheduled event in Senior Center is open to all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in memory of Blanca Hernandez at 8:13 pm