



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 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 5:02 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Soria
Mayor ProTem Altamirano
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Rebollo

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway read a letter from AFSCME Local 773 letter addressed to Council regarding tough economic situation, and City Services that staff provides.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 the City Council will confer with its labor negotiator, Edgar P. 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 City Council will confer with its real property negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to real estate negotiations with and property located at 6364 Zindell Street, Commerce CA (APN: 6357-015-900 and 6357-019-304)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:57 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items: at 5:20 p.m. all members of the City Council convened in closed session and all members were present.

Item #1 A. and #1.B. - City Manager Cisneros and Assistant City Manager Domic provided a comprehensive briefing to the City Council and no reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #2 - Staff provided briefing, a consensus was reached, and the direction was provided to staff. No reportable action was taken on this item.

Edgar provided an overview of the staff report. Altamirano moved, Argumedo seconded. 5-0-0

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

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway read the following letters fro the record by:

Laura Logan, President of AFSCME Local 773, regarding economic times and services provided by City staff.

Liliana Magana thanking Councilwoman Rebollo for her dedication and hard work.

Jennie Carreon taking about Altamed and their efforts to help the community during Covid-19.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull #12 and Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano asked to pull item #19.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve the Consent Calendar minus items #12 and #19. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos.16A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 18A and 18B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Proclamation Declaring April 21, 2020, as Arbor Day in the City of Commerce
4. Proclamation Declaring April 2020 a "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and April 29, 2020 as "Denim Day"
5. Agreement with County of Los Angeles for General Services
6. Plans and Specifications for Commerce Way Improvement Project from Eastern Avenue to Washington Boulevard
7. Agreement with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Services for a Comprehensive Operational Analysis
8. Project Completion and Acceptance for Supplying Electrical Power to the Existing CNG Fueling Station Next to the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility
9. Budget Appropriation for Atlantic Blvd. Corridor Improvements Project
10. Agreement with Jerome Castro for the City of Commerce Art Beautification Pilot Program
11. A Resolution Supporting City's Participation in Metro's Cycle I Active Transportation Grant Opportunity for Randolph Corridor Active Transportation Project
12. Holiday Decor Program Extension of Agreement Term

Item #12 - Councilmember Mendoza recommended that at times like this, maybe it is prudent to stay within the allocated amount and not increase it. Director of Public Works Daniel Hernandez stated that Camp Commerce Christmas Decorations portion was removed from the originally proposed agreement and no

additional costs are included in the previously approved agreement.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, extending the term with St. Nicks' for the City's Holiday Decor Program by the additional two years. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Soria (5)

13. Update Governor's Office of Emergency Services Form 130
14. Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Clean Energy
15. Amendment No. 2 to the Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Garfield Avenue/Washington Boulevard Multimodal Project
16. Program Supplement No. F015 between Caltrans and the City of Commerce for the Commerce Way Project
17. Approval of Three (3) Contracts and Ratification of One (1) Emergency Contract for the Home Preservation Grant Program for the Properties Located at 2241 Fitzgerald Ave, 5041 Gafford St, 5721 Harbor St, and 2224 Fairgrounds St
18. Transfer of Property Located at 2143 South Atlantic Boulevard from the City of Commerce to the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission
19. Consideration of Community Benefits Funding Request from AltaMed Healthcare Services to Assist with the Ongoing Efforts of Outdoor Evaluation/Assessment Centers During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Item #19 - Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk read the letter from Jennie Carreon regarding services Altamed provides during Covid-19. City Manager Cisneros provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano recommended to raise a contribution to \$250,000, and help save by supporting Altamed with their services.

Discussion took place about the amount being contributed.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to authorize the utilization of the Community Benefit Fund to contribute up to \$250,000 out of the Community Benefits Fund, and other funds appropriate to AltaMed Healthcare Services to assist with the ongoing efforts or outdoor evaluation/assessment centers and provide the supplies and equipment necessary for the front-line health care providers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Further discussion took place whether reserves could be used to provide AltaMed with the funds if the budget does not allow. According to City Manager Cisneros, the City could allocate immediately up to \$120,000 and identify another funding for the remainder of the amount authorized by the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Soria

PUBLIC HEARING

20. An Ordinance Amending Title 12 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Commerce Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 12.05 (Street Cuts on Newly Paved Streets) - First Reading

Director of Public Works Hernandez provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place. It was recommended to change the language that the Director of Public Works in consultation with the City Engineer can make the decision may grant exemptions. Assistant City Attorney confirmed that the language could be included in the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to waive the full reading of and Ordinance and introduce for first reading Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title 12 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Commerce Municipal Code by adding Chapter 12.05 (Street Cuts on Newly Paved Streets.). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS

21. Mid-Year Budget Review - Amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Acting Finance Director Brooks provided an overview of the staff report.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza,

to adopt Resolution amending the annual operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2019-202, and amending Resolution No. 19-74. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

22. Mayor John Soria's Update

Mayor Soria provided an update regarding current situation in the City and how staff and residents working together to move the City forward.

23. March 3, 2020, General Municipal Election - Declaration of Results, and Presentation of Certificates

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk provided an overview of the staff report, and following approval of the Resolution reciting results of the election, Director Shumway administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmember Rebollo and Councilmember Argumedo.

Councilmember Rebollo and Councilmember Argumedo thanked their supporters, families, campaign workers, commissioners and volunteers for all the hard work during their re-election campaign.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, and such matter as provided by law, and present Certificates of Election to re-elected Councilmembers. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

24. Reorganization of City Council

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk opened nominations for the Mayor.

Councilmember Argumedo nominated Councilmember Rebollo for the Mayor. Councilmember Rebollo declined the nomination and nominated Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano for the Mayor. Councilmember Mendoza seconded the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by the unanimous vote. Mayor Altamirano was appointed to serve as Mayor for 2020-2021.

Mayor Altamirano nominated Councilmember Rebollo for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Soria seconded the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by the unanimous vote of all Councilmembers. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020-2021.

Mayor Altamirano thanked outgoing Mayor Soria for extraordinary job he did during his service as a Mayor in 2019-2010, and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo and Mayor Argumedo for re-election. Mayor Altamirano thanked family, friends and supporters and colleges for this honor to serve as a Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Outgoing Mayor Soria thanked everyone for support including his mother, wife and children. Councilmember Soria congratulated his grandmother on her 86th birthday.

Councilmember Argumedo thanked all his supporters, family for all support. Councilmember Argumedo thanked all staff for all the work they do during these hard times, and asked that residents stay safe and exercise social distancing.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated Councilmember Argumedo and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo for re-election, and outgoing Mayor Soria for great job he has done while being Mayor, and welcomed incoming Mayor Altamirano. Councilmember Mendoza spoke about his years of experience as first responder. Councilmember asked residents to stay safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked outgoing Mayor Soria for outstanding job done during his leadership and congratulated Mayor Altamirano. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked all representatives who gave her endorsement, and all her supporters one more time. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo invited everyone to follow her Facebook page and see what donations could be made for the community.

Mayor Altamirano thanked all supporters and commissioners for the support.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.