



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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### Special Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Altamirano called special City Council meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. via teleconference.*

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway read the comment submitted by Brett Henry regarding item #1 on the agenda, asking the City Council to reconsider the previous decision.*

#### SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Request for Direction to Rescind the City Council's Decision on an Appeal of the Planning Commission's Decision to Approve Plot Plan No. 992 and Conditional Use Permit No. 533 to Allow for a Self-Storage Facility Located at 6210 Garfield Avenue

*Councilmember Mendoza stated that he was originally in support of this project. This development would clean-up the area from contamination, will bring revenue, and new trees will be planted. Discussion took place, and the Council was in consensus that the company came forward and met all conditions necessary for the proper development at that site. Councilmember Soria recommended that the developer coordinates with Eat Yard Communities regarding the best trees to be planted and environmentally friendly for that site. It was stated that if the City Council reconsiders the decision at this meeting, the item will be brought back at the next City Council meeting for the vote.*

**Mayor Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to rescind the City Council's decision on an appeal of the Planning**

**Commission's decision to approve Plot Plan No. 992 and Conditional Use Permit No. 533, which would allow for a self-storage facility located at 6210 Garfield Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **2. Council Discussion on Community Issues**

*The first issue presented was the temporary fencing and possible artwork. Discussion took place regarding the safety of the area, visibility of the area for safety. It was recommended that the cameras are installed for the safety or security guards patrol the property during construction. Further discussion took place regarding entitlement and possibly allowing visibility of 50% for safety purposes.*

*Street Racing: Assistant City Attorney Copado provided an overview of the existing laws, and possible options available for the City Council to consider. For example, being a spectator could be an automatic violation, signs could be posted, and vehicles could be impounded if speeding. In addition, curfew violations could be placed in order. A combination of those provisions and the Commerce Municipal Code would allow better enforcement of street racing violations and possibly deter this activity.*

*Discussion took place regarding increasing towing fees, in order to place stricter violation on street racing. Installation of the cameras that could capture racing and identify vehicles to be cited was discussed.*

*Councilmember Argumedo stated that speed humps were installed, and the City Council increased fines before, however; even it reduced some of the activity, but the City Council needs to look for the other measure in order to stop this activity in the City. In addition, the City previously was looking to install automatic license plate readers.*

*Assistant City Manager Domic added that other possible options include California Highway Patrol Specialized training and Regional Cross Jurisdiction Communication Network in order to work cohesively with other agencies in reducing this activity.*

*On street RV parking issues: Mayor Altamirano stated that the City has RV parking issues all over the City and the only way to reduce these issues is to make*

*RV parking illegal, and issue permits for residents. Discussion took place that the current measures only allowing RVs move it from street to street, and the issues still exists.*

*It was a consensus among the City Council to consider issuing resident permits and making RV parking otherwise illegal.*

*Drive-way parking: Allowing drive- way parking would create more parking spots for residents. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo recommended that the Code Enforcement division is more proactive and works with residents on removing junk cars from drive-ways.*

*Block Captain Updates: It was a consensus among the City Council to start Coffee with a Deputy, and other programs like Neighborhood Watch, Comcats, etc. that were placed on hold due to Covid-19. Discussion took place about Sheriff's security and finding solutions to better security within the City areas and parks. Assistant City Manager Domic stated that during Covid -19 times, two park employees are patrolling the City with CSOs, and there are two CSOs on twelve-hour shifts. According to Assistant City Manager Domic, a park supervisor would be also in each park reporting suspicious activity and be eyes and ears of the community.*

*Discussion took place regarding the 4th of July. City Manager Cisneros provided different options for celebration, and stated that this discussion could be brought at the later meeting or special meeting.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Altamirano adjourned special meeting at 8:55pm.*