



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 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 Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:07 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.
 - C. Compensation and benefits for the unrepresented full-time executive management 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 properties located at:

A. 5476 Jillson St. (APN 6335-019-023), 5530 Jillson St. (APN 6335-019-042), 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), (APN 6335024057), and 5555 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040

B. 5736 E. Washington Blvd, Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334-006-038), and 5733 Sheila St., Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334-00-039)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: *Morley Justman and Catherine Justman, as Trustees of the Justman Family Trust dated February 8, 1991 vs. City of Commerce, acting in a separate limited capacity elected to serve as the Successor Agency to the Commerce Community Development Commission et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 20STCP00446.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council reconvened to open session at 6:05 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1- City Manager Cisneros and Assistant City Manager Domic provided a briefing and direction to staff was provided. No reportable action was taken.

Item #2- City Manager Cisneros and Director of Planning and Economic Development Jimenez provided a briefing to the City Council. No reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #3- City Manager Cisneros, Assistant City Manager Domic, and Director of Planning and Economic Development Jimenez provided a briefing to the City Council and additional direction was provided to staff. No reportable action was taken by the City Council. Closed Session concluded at 6:02 pm.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the I-710 South Corridor by Gateway Cities Council of Government

Ernesto Chavez, Metro Representative, provided an update on the I-710 project and outlined the critical goals for the improvements and programs to be implemented since the Alternative 5C was selected in 2018.

Discussion took place whether the community meetings would be brought back and the Technical Advisory Committee's main goal for the future. Mr. Chavez stated that major decisions had been made as it relates to selecting the alternative; the Board is looking at investing available funds and looking for other options for funding. Metro is closely working with the California Council of Governments to streamline the process and move forward with the project.

Further discussion took place regarding the potential loss of residential areas and some businesses as a result of this project. It was a request to have a follow-up discussion regarding possible effects on the City of Commerce. Councilmember Soria brought up that the City has the right to get an appropriate opportunity to oppose any impacts for residents and the business community as well. As a primary concern for the City, the community would like to see what mitigation measures are places, especially as it relates to residential housing. Mr. Chavez stated that he would come back with more specific information as it related to the City of Commerce and noted that the City Council could email him directly with the specific questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk read the letters submitted for the public comment from: Lora Logan, President of Employee Association, Kevin Larsen, Vice-President of AFSCME Local 773, City of Commerce Association, Annelle Grajeda and Joe Aguilar, Alfredo Beltran, Jason Stinnette.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 22A, and 22B**
- 3. Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Accept Offers of Dedication of Real Property for Public Streets, Paths, Alleys, Public Utility Easements or Other Public Purposes**
- 4. Eighth Amendment to the TransTrack Systems, Inc. Maintenance and Support Agreement**

ORDINANCES

5. Ordinance Amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 10 (Vehicles, Traffic, and Parking), Chapter 10.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) by Adding Section 10.44.200 and 10.44.160 Prohibiting the Stopping, Parking, or Standing of Nuisance Vehicles upon any Street in Residential Zones

Director of Public Work Hernandez provided an overview of the staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the definition of the "substantial" nuisance, and the staff was directed to clarify this more, in order not to affect those residents who are self-employed and keep their equipment and tools on their vehicles. In addition, if the ordinance is passed, it needs to be in alignment with state and other regulations for not being challenged in the future. Assistant City Attorney Copado clarified that the City's Traffic Code is the law within the City's jurisdiction, and CSOs and Deputies can enforce it.

Councilmember Argumedo asked to be given more time on this item, and determine all questions. Councilmember Argumedo noted that the City needs to avoid the use of this ordinance for neighbors disputes.

Further discussion took place regarding enforcements and the impound of vehicles. According to the Assistant City Attorney Copado, the 24-hour clock starts when the vehicle is red-tagged, and unless three citations are issued and not paid, only at that time vehicles could be impounded. This is complaints driven enforcement program.

It was a consensus among the City Council to table this item and bring it back at a later time when the definition of "substantial" is more defined, and other questions are answered by staff.

6. Ordinance Amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 10 (Vehicles, Traffic and Parking), Chapter 10.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) by Amending Sections 10.44.130 and 10.44.140 and Adding Section 10.44.135 Creating a Temporary Recreational Parking Permit Program

Director of Public Works Hernandez provided an overview of the staff report.

Discussion took place about outreach throughout the community. It was stated that this ordinance would establish a citywide ban on RV parking in residential and

commercial areas, but will allow residents to obtain a permit for their RV or visitor RV permit.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to wave the full reading of an Ordinance, and approve for first reading an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Commerce amending Title 10 (Vehicles, Traffic and Parking), Chapter 10.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) by amending sections 10.44.130 and 10.44.140 and adding section 10.44.135 creating a Temporary Recreational Parking Permit Program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS

7. Study Session to Discuss User Permit Fees and Development Impact Fees in the City of Commerce

Director of Planning and Economic Development Jimenez provided an overview of the staff report. According to Director Jimenez, current fees do not cover the cost of service and one of the lowest around the Cities.

Discussion took place.

Director Jimenez stated that he would come back with a more finalized recommendations with the user fees.

8. Update - Celebrating High School Class of 2020 and Future College Students

Library Director Sarmiento provided an overview of the staff report. According to Director Sarmiento, the names of the graduates would be displayed on Citadel billboards. Director of Parks and Recreation Alaniz stated that parks staff would be part of this program providing barricades, and creating balloon arches, and CSOs will be assisting as well.

Discussion took place. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo recommended that actual photos of the graduates are displayed on Citadel digital billboards. This item was receive and file only. No action was taken on this item.

9. 4th of July Fireworks Show - Update/Request for City Council Direction

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway read a letter from Ann

Marshall for the public comment on item #9.

Councilmembers agreed with the residents and employee concerns about the safety and timing of the fireworks. It has been an attempt to provide a form of community in these challenging times; however, there was a consensus to cancel fireworks this year.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Argumedo congratulated Ester Zavala on her daughter Vanessa's graduation from college.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated all graduates. Councilmember Mendoza stated that he met with the new Captain Richard Majia regarding City's public safety matters.

Councilmember Soria spoke about the community and how everyone came together to help each other. Councilmember Soria talked about law enforcement and what hard job Deputies do.

Mayor Altamirano announced a modified bus scheduled during curfew and other closures. Mayor Altamirano wished Happy Birthday to Senator Archuletta. Mayor Altamirano reminded everyone to stay safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo congratulated all graduates and spoke about equality.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. in memory of George Floyd.