



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 5:00 PM

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**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 5:03 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 Closed Session agenda.*

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

*City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:04 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 compensation and benefits for the unrepresented full-time executive management employees and confidential 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. 6364 Zindell Street, Commerce CA (APN: 6357-015-900 and 6357-019-304)
  - B. (APN: 6357-016-906), 7155 E. Gage Ave (APN: 6357-016-907), 7165 E. Gage Ave (APN: 6357-016-909), 7169 E. Gage Ave (APN: 6357-016-908).
  - C. 1338 S. Eastern Ave (APN: 5241-013-904), 1350 S. Eastern Ave (APN: 5241-013-908), 1362 S. Eastern Ave (APN: 5241-013-905), 1368 S. Eastern Ave (APN: 5241

-013-906), 4519 Triggs St (APN: 5241-013-907).

- 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. 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.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

*City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.*

## **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on closed session items: All members were present.*

*Item #1 - was not discussed.*

*Item # 2.A - Legal Counsel Tapia, Director of Economic Development and Planning Jimenez, City Manager Cisneros, and Assistant City Manager Domic provided a comprehensive briefing and update, and further direction was provided to staff. No reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Items # 2B, 2.C, 2. D and 2.E - were not discussed. Closed Session concluded at 6:09 p.m.*

## **6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. via teleconferencing.*

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Director of Administrative Service and City Clerk Shumway read the public comments submitted for this meeting:*

*Anthony Gutierrez thanked City Council for allowing staff to provide programs to the community in these times.*

*Matthew Gelfand, Counsel for Californians or Homeownership, submitted a comment regarding accessory dwelling units and urged City Council to table that item.*

*Malik Tariq Mahmood had a comment.*

*Lieutenant Chadwick and Sergeant Villareal spoke about the crime situation, especially regarding recent break-ins in cars and the homeless situation in Commerce. Lieutenant Chadwick provided statistics for Commerce and response time. Lieutenant Chadwick stated that residents could call the station and ask for the Watch Commander if they feel that they are not getting service, and the problem is not being handled correctly. The discussion took place.*

*Councilmember Argumedo stated that working as a team is important between law enforcement, elected officials, and residents, and also, a future project of the automated license plates on intersections might help with the street racing problem. Lieutenant Chadwick recommended that residents record license plates and provide to law enforcement.*

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilmember Argumedo 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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 2A, 2B, and 28A
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Grant Program Funding Request
4. Approval of a Project List Eligible to Qualify for State of Good Repair Funding Fiscal Year 2020-2021

5. Changes to Compensation and Fringe Benefits for Full Time Unrepresented Executive Management and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Adoption of Fee for Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking Permits -Public Hearing

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

*Mayor Altamirano opened Public Hearing. There were no comments received on this item. Mayor Altamirano closed Public Hearing.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution establishing a fee in the amount of \$40.00 to process applications for RV temporary parking permits and RV disability parking permits in accordance with the policy adopted by City Council on August 4, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **ORDINANCES**

7. An Ordinance Amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 19 (Zoning), Repealing and Replacing Section 19.07.090 (Second Units) with Section 19.07.090 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) Related to Accessory Dwelling Units in Order to Facilitate the Building of Such Units -Second Reading

*Director of Economic Development and Planning Jimenez provided a brief overview of the staff report.*

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to read by title only, and adopt an Ordinance amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 19 (Zoning), repealing and replacing section 19.07.090 (second Units) with Section 19.07.090 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) in order to comply with changes to State law related to accessory dwelling units in order to facilitate the building of such units in compliance with state mandates. Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**8. An Ordinance Amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 19 (Zoning), Division 11, Chapter 19.39 Regarding the Intent and Purpose of the Temporary Use and Special Use Permits - Second Reading**

*Jose Jimenez provided a brief overview of the staff report.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to read by title only and adopt an Ordinance amending Commerce Municipal Code, Title 19 (Zoning), Division 11, Chapter 19.39 regarding the intent and purpose of the temporary use and special use permits and expand applicability to aide in assisting existing business and generating new business during emergency situation. Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway read the title of the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS**

*Councilmember Argumedo asked that staff to check Bandini park where some trees are overgrown. Councilmember Argumedo asked that the Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled at Rosewood Park area to provide more information regarding Modelo project.*

*Councilmember Mendoza reported that West Nile virus had been detected in Commerce. Councilmember Mendoza thanked Lieutenant Chadwick and Sergeant Villareal for the information provided during the public comment. Councilmember Mendoza stated that he continues his campaign of supporting local restaurants.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo announced that next week Rosewood park school would start providing school lunches. Mayor Pro tem Rebollo talked about 19th Amendment and women's right to vote. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo issued her condolences to the family of Manuel Resendez.*

*Mayor Altamirano encouraged residents to continue reporting a crime in Commerce. Mayor Altamirano thanked Senator Bob Archuleta for sponsoring a food drive in Commerce.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned in memory of Manuel Resendez. at 7:15pm.*

