



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 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 Pro Tem Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Soria
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:20 p.m.

1. 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. 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)
 - C. (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).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items. Mayor Altamirano was not in attendance. Concurrent Special meeting closed session agenda was discussed at the meeting.

Special City Council meeting item #1- legal council provided an update, and no reportable action was taken on this item.

Regular City Council Closed meeting item #1.B - Director of Economic Development and Planning Jimenez provided briefing and further direction was provided to staff. No reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #1.A.- Assistant City Manager Domic provided an update, and further direction was provided. No reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #1.C - was discussed, and no reportable action was taken on this item.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo called regular meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Soria
Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jaime Lorez asked for Council support on the Black Lives Matter movement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Argumedo asked to pull item #2 for discussion.

In response to Councilmember Argumedo questions of what were the issues that made staff renegotiate the contract, Director of Public Works Hernandez stated that there are multiple issues, including outdated equipment and the City was spending funds on several inefficiencies and two facilities that were just sold. Staff

renegotiated the contract, received national pricing, and that would save money for the City.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Medoza, to adopt a resolution approving agreements with Johnson Control Security Solutions LLC for the provision, maintenance, and upgrade of City facilities' alarm services and equipment, and authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his or her designee. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo (4)

Absent: Mayor Altamirano (1)

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar item #1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Soria, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 3A, 3B, and 29A
2. Approval of Agreement with Johnson Control Security Solutions, LLC for Alarm Services for City Facilities

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Establishing a Pilot Program to Operate an Automated License Plate Recognition System, Approving Policy, and Approving a Services and Terms of Engagement Agreement with Sea Hawk Surveillance, Inc for the Related Installation of Surveillance Cameras and Equipment

Assistant City Manager Domic provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place regarding the RFP process. Assistant City Manager Domic stated that this is a pilot program for 30 days from the time infrastructure is installed, and after the pilot program completion, the City could issue an RFP for this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo opened Public Hearing. There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on his item. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza,

to adopt Resolution establishing a pilot program to operate an Automated License Plate Recognition System; approving said policy, and approving a Services and Terms of Engagement Agreement with Sea Hawk Surveillance, Inc. for the related installation of surveillance cameras and equipment in the intersection of Commerce Way and Washington Boulevard, in the City of Commerce. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Soria, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

4. Establishing the Administrative Citation Schedule of Fines for Violations of the City of Commerce Municipal Code - Public Hearing

Assistant City Attorney Copado provided an overview of the staff report. According to Assistant City Attorney Copado, this is an additional tool to enforce the Municipal Code besides criminal prosecution. Now, staff could issue a citation, and this is an internal City program. With criminal prosecution, the fine amount goes to court, and with this program, fine amounts will stay with the City.

Discussion took place about enforcement of this program and fine amount for the spectators of the street racing. Further discussion took place about increasing the citation amount for spectators at a higher level and possibly citing the drivers of the street racing cars. According to the Assistant City Attorney Copado, street racers are subject to the state law, and those cites/fines are addressed by the District Attorney's Office since it is a moving violation.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo opened Public Hearing. There were no comments received regarding this item. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo closed Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution establishing the administrative citation schedule of fines for violations of the City of Commerce Municipal Code. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Soria, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

5. Update to Building and Safety Permit Fees, and User Permit Fees for Planning Activities -Public Hearing

Director of Economic Development and Planning Jimenez provided an overview of the staff report. The discussion took place. In response to Councilmember

Mendoza's comment about providing expediated opportunities for the restaurants to operate during Covid, Director Jimenez stated that a specialized process was already created and approved for this purpose in order to expedite the variances.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo opened Public Hearing. There were no comments received for this item. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution to allow for the revision of User ("Planning/Zoning") and Building and Safety ("Building Permit") fees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Soria, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Altamirano

SCHEDULED MATTERS

6. Approval of Preschool Program 2020-2021

Director of Parks and Recreation Alaniz provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place about how to increase the number of attendees. It was recommended to use a lottery system, so everyone has equal opportunity. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo suggested having a structured virtual program, and save a little money. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo was in support of option A, and recommended increase it to ten students.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve Option A, and increasing the number of participants to ten students. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo (4)

Absent: Mayor Altamirano (1)

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Mendoza replied to the public comment and stated that he supports the Black Lives Matter movement and peaceful protesting. Councilmember Mendoza wished his son Brandon, his niece, mom, and sister Happy Birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo reminded residents about the importance of filling -out

census information. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo issued her condolences to families of Richard Covorubius, and Dodger Bob.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.