



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 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 5:03 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Soria

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 5:04 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. 5550 Harbor St., Commerce, CA 90040 (6335-025-009), 2300 S. Eastern Ave. (6335-025-010)
 - B. 5625 Jillson St., Commerce, CA 90040 (6335-025-905)
 - C. 5555 Jillson St., Commerce, CA Property (APN 6335-025-906)
 - D. 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

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open session at 6:04 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items. Councilmember Soria was not in attendance.

Items #1.A, #1.B and #1.C - briefing was provided by City Manager Cisneros and no reportable action was taken.

Item #1.D - City Manager Cisneros and Assistant City Manager Domic provided briefing, City Council provided direction to staff and no reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #1.E - City Manager Cisneros and Assistant City Manager Domic provided an update, and no reportable action was taken on this item.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

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

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation/Update from the Sheriff's Department Regarding Public Safety in the City of Commerce

Sgt. Larry Villareal provided an update and thanked the community for the support of the Sheriff's department. Sgt. Villareal invited people to participate in Project Lifesaver. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to locate missing people,

especially those with mental health issues.

Due to the fire and protests, the Sheriff's deputies are on 12-hour shifts. According to Sergeant Villareal, patrol checks are continued in the Veteran's park area and invited residents to contact him directly to schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting. The contact information is lvillareal@ci.commerce.ca.us

Discussion took place about loud motorcycles and cars in the Aries neighborhood (ABS community), and the City Council recommended scheduling a Neighborhood watch meeting in that community.

2. Proclamation Declaring the Month of September 2020, as Deaf Awareness Month

City Council and the Mayor proclaimed month of September as Deaf Awareness month

3. Proclamation Declaring October 3, 2020, as Library Services Volunteer Recognition Day in the City of Commerce.

Library Director Sarmiento provided a brief presentation about library volunteers and their invaluable service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allejandro Guillen urged City Council to re-open basketball courts in the City of Commerce.

Joshua Semoore and Beth Pelaez opposed Proposition 16

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo and Mayor Altamirano.

4. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 4A, 4B, and 30A

5. Rejection of Bids for Commerce Way Improvement Project and Canceling the Project

SCHEDULED MATTERS

6. Appeal of a Business License Revocation of East and West Disposal

Director of Public Works Hernandez provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the performance of this particular company. Director Hernandez stated that this company operates on the business license and the expiration date is 2023. This revocation of the business license is due to non-performance.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution upholding revocation of East and West Disposal Company's business license to operate as a non-exclusive commercial waste and recycling hauler in the City of Commerce. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Soria, Mayor Altamirano, Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Mendoza

Abstain:1 - Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo

7. Approval of Commerce Community Choice Aggregation Program's Integrated Resource Plan

Barbara Boswell, CalChoice representative, provided an overview of the staff report.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo, to adopt Resolution approving Commerce Community Choice Aggregation Program's Integrated Resource Plan. 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 Mendoza stated that cooling stations extended hours during the heatwave as the City of Los Angeles had it until 8 pm. Councilmember Mendoza reported that he participated in the food drive organized by the Local AFSME 119 and 773, and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo for being a very active volunteer at this event.

Councilmember Soria urged staff to review guidelines and look for opportunities for the youth and seniors to start their activities and sports. Councilmember Soria spoke about the reopening of the casino and thanked Hilda Solis for the support of reopening the card room.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked AFSCME 119 and 773 for the food distribution event and also CSOs for assisting during the event. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo reminded that lunches are provided in Rosewood School on Monday and Wednesday and the Library hands out snacks in the afternoon daily. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo requested a budget update regarding City's current situation.

Mayor Altamirano stated that during hot days he was helping seniors with their ACs and installing small AC units.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.