

CITY OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
City Hall North Conference Room

Call to Order

Chairperson Soria called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Gallegos led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Soria, Gallegos, Jimenez

Commissioner Not Present: Gonzalez, Peraza

Staff Present: Director/Liaison Rodriguez, Acting Clerk Ed Saucedo

Staff Not Present: Admin. Asst. Meneses

Public Comment

Gloria Nezahualcoyotol, 7206 Paseo Del Rio

She's concerned about a recent article stating that Commerce is the 6th unsafe City. She also heard there's a discrepancy and asked if a report will follow. She stated she was here to reinforce her concern. She is also concerned about a homeless guy who was found sleeping on a porch in her neighborhood.

Director Rodriguez stated that a presentation on this article matter will be made at the next Council Meeting. He will clarify the inaccuracies of the article and bring the facts into proper perspective to show that Commerce is a very safe city.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held August 11, 2016 were tabled.

2. **National Preparedness Month**

Director Rodriguez stated that September is National Preparedness Month.

Activities planned are:

Nixle outreach – a new mass notification system is in place and is being advertised throughout the City. Ads also state how to sign up for the program.

CERT Classes – will take place from Sept. 7 thru Oct. 27. 25-30 residents will participate.

EOC Table Top Exercise – Employees designated to serve in the EOC will participate in an exercise on September 29.

Emergency Kit Guide – A 21 week guide to prepare an emergency kit for the family will be announced on the City web site and Cable. It will help residents plan and purchase emergency supplies for the family, in a period of 21 weeks.

3. **Job Fair Update**

Eduardo Saucedo stated that the Job Fair was held on Sept. 8th at the Citadel. It resulted in a very successful event in which 70 employers participated to fill approximately 1,000 jobs. An estimated 500 applicants were present and 4 media outlets. Employers were very pleased with the event. Staff will begin contacting employers to obtain stats on how many persons were hired and how many are residents.

4. **Security Cameras Presentation Update**

Director Rodriguez stated that the City Council received a presentation at a recent meeting regarding 5 options for a security cameras program. The City Council requested more detailed information, which will be presented soon. Staff will recommend 3 options that will positively affect the Commerce community. Measure AA will fund the programs. An update will be presented to the Commission once Council makes a decision on which options to select.

5. **Commissioners Handbook**

Commissioners were provided a copy of the recently approved handbook. Director Rodriguez advised that our City Clerk will hold a meeting in November for all Commissions to review the handbook. In the meantime, Commissioners were asked to review the handbook and submit any questions to Maria Meneses.

6. **Staff Reports**

Director Rodriguez reported the following:

- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** will be held on 9/22, 6:30 p.m. at 7200 Watcher St.
- **Upcoming Council Presentations** – Director Rodriguez will present the following Reports at the next Council meeting: 1) Sheriff's Dept. contract to add a Sergeant; 2) Discussion on Stevens Parking Issues; 3) Security Cameras Presentation; 4) Commerce Crime Stats; 5) Homeless Initiative; 6) Breast Cancer Awareness Month; 7) Crime Prevention Month; and 8) Anti-Bullying Awareness.

7. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Gallegos reported the following

- He thanked Commissioner Peraza for accompanying him to receive an award from Assemblymember Christina Garcia.
- He appreciated the recognition he received from our City Council.

Commissioner Jimenez reported the following:

- She would like to see the Public Safety Department and staff be recognized for all that they do. It would be nice to have an evening recognition aside from the annual Public Safety Recognition luncheon.

Chairperson Soria reported the following:

- He attended the Vets area Neighborhood Watch Meeting and it was very successful. The discussions held and the engagement of those present was of good quality. Concerns were voiced and 1 resident acknowledge deputies but also encouraged everyone to police themselves and help each other by being vigilant.
- He attended Commissioner Gallegos's recognition by Assemblymember Christina Garcia and by our City Council.

Adjournment

Chairperson Soria adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.