



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - 5:00 PM

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**CONCURRENT REGULAR 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 5:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

*Councilmember Argumedo arrived at 5:15 p.m.*

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Leon  
Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Rebollo  
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio  
Mayor Altamirano

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

*There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council/Successor Agency on any items on 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 §54956.9(a), the Successor Agency will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of: *Mayans Development, Inc. and Los Jardines, LLC v City of Commerce Community Development Commission, et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC505679.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take appropriate action with respect to, significant exposure to litigation in two potential cases.
3. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Jorge Rifá with respect to real estate negotiations concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, to real property located at 2135 South Atlantic Boulevard, Commerce, California.

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

*City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:42 p.m.*

## **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*City Attorney/Legal Counsel Olivo reported on Closed Session items:*

*Item #1- The City Council did not take any reportable action on item #1.*

*Item #2 - The City Council did not take any reportable action on first potential exposure to litigation case, and the City Council provided direction to staff on the second potential exposure to litigation case. Mayor Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, the motion carried by the following vote:*

*AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Leon, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and Mayor Altamirano.*

*Item #3- The Successor Agency provided direction and the direction was unanimous.*

## **6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Leon  
Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Rebollo  
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio  
Mayor Altamirano

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Public Safety and Community Services Director Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **INVOCATION**

*Councilmember Leon offered the invocation.*

### **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **1. Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti- Measure M Presentation**

*Mayor of the City of Los Angeles Garcetti asked that the City Council considers supporting Measure M or at least remain neutral on the issue.*

*Rod Miller, Builders Association Representative, urged that the City Council supports Measure M, which will result in more jobs and great opportunities for the*

residents.

2. Presentation- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (At the Request of Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio)

Levy Sun, Public Information Officer for Vector Control, provided a presentation regarding services Vector Control offers to residents, spoke regarding West Nile Virus, and precautions that residents could take.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio thanked Mr. Sun for the outreach, and attending all the events and providing information to residents.

3. Commendation Honoring Resident Jorge C. Garcia

Councilmembers and the Mayor honored and commended Jorge Garcia, and presented him with the Commendation for his services to the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jorge Rodriguez spoke about the issue of leaked gas, and asked that the City Council considers placing the item on the next City Council agenda.

Public Safety and Community Services Director Rodriguez and Emergency Coordinator Fierro provided a brief presentation for emergency preparedness. There was recently an earthquake advisory issued. According to Director Rodriguez, staff is continuously working on the preparedness efforts. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio requested that an article is placed in the Report to the People about emergency preparedness.

Gloria Nezahualcoya asked that the letter is sent to the residents explaining how FPPC fines were paid by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and Mayor Altamirano.

Dave Rodriguez stated that there are homeless people live near Veteran's park and asked that security cameras are installed in the area. Mr. Rodriguez also recommended that cameras are placed on Gage, which is a very busy street. Mr. Rodriguez asked for the status update regarding empty lot next to the Veteran's Park area and when the area would be cleaned up. Mr. Rodriguez spoke about graffiti problem in the neighborhoods.

Councilmember Leon stated that responses to resident requests would be provided/brought back at the beginning of the meeting.

Mark Lopez, East Yard Communities representative, stated that East Yard Communities are not going to support the Measure M.

Cesar Campos, DTSC representative, introduced a new member of DTSC Michelle

*Belle Sargon. Mr. Campos stated that the responses to some questions were submitted to the City Council in writing. According to Mr. Campos, CEQA process is on scheduled and draft EIR will be available for public comment later November or early December, and CEQA document will be finalized in June 2017. Mr. Campos thanked the staff and the City Council for hosting recent advisory meeting in the City of Commerce.*

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

4. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 6A and 6B
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Agreement with Romo Planning Group, Inc.
7. Agreement with TYR Sport, Inc.
8. Authorization for Raimi & Associates to Assist Staff with Processing Proposed Projects Along the Telegraph Road Corridor
9. Veteran's Memorial Park Shooting Range Abatement - Approval of Bid Packet, RFP and Advertising

### SCHEDULED MATTERS

10. Report Regarding Exide Facility Located at 5909 Randolph Street, Commerce

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio thanked staff for being on top of this matter and making sure that the company is in compliance with all permitting and environmental requirements. Further discussion ensued.*

11. Approve Change Order No. 2 to 2015/2016 Pavement Rehabilitation Contract

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Rebollo left the meeting at 8:21pm.*

*Councilmember Argumedo stated Ferguson area needed to be paved, and*

*suggested that they move forward with the pavement of Ferguson and not delay it any further. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio agreed with comments. Further discussion ensued. Director Babaki suggested to wait until June and it will be the first street to be paved. Following discussion, it was a consensus among the City Council to delay to June 2017 and have a more smooth process being developed in order to accommodate the parking situation at Ferguson.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt resolution approving Change Order No. 2 to the All American Asphalt contract for FY 2015-16 Annual Pavement Improvement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

**12. Paint Scheme for the Painting of the Bridge at Washington Blvd and I-5 Freeway**

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution approving the paint scheme for the painting of the Bridge at Washing Blvd and I-5 Freeway and adopting the Notice of Exemption for the related environmental amendment to the Washington Blvd Environmental Document. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

**13. General Municipal Election - March 7, 2017**

*Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.*

*City Clerk Shumway provided an overview of the staff report and outlined all options available for the upcoming 2017 election including consolidating with the County, having a stand alone election or changing the date of the election to April. Discussion took place whether the City Council would prefer consolidate with the County's Special Election or have a stand alone election. It was a consensus among the City Council to maintain a stand alone election. Further discussion took place, and it was decided to continue this item to a later date. The City Council provided direction to staff to bring back Emergency Ordinance and move the date of election from March 7, 2017 to April 11, 2017 in order to eliminate confusion for voters by having two separate elections on the same day.*

**14. Participation in East Los Angeles Christmas Parade**

*Parks and Recreation Director Lipton provided an overview of the staff report. City Administrator Rifa stated that the parade disbands in the City of Commerce. Discussion ensued.*

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve participating in the 2016 East Los Angeles Christmas Parade on November 27, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

#### **15. Committee and Commission Appointments**

*Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio re-appointed Josie Betancourt to Education Commission (per her prior request).*

*Councilmember Leon re-appointed Ernie Vela to Library Commission.*

#### **CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS**

*Councilmember Leon reported that she attended Farmer's Market at Rosewood park, Hollywood Holiday Craft Fair and announced upcoming events -Grandparent's Luncheon at the Senior Center, and Neighborhood Watch meeting at the corner of Callon and Jardin Street.*

*Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Holiday Craft Fair, Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Veteran's park area, and I-710 Meeting. Councilmember Argumedo asked that staff follows up on some items brought up during the Neighborhood Watch meeting.*

*Mayor Altamirano announced Breakfast with the Mayor on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, and thanked Commerce Casino for donating breakfast.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. to October 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.*