



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, October 18, 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 5:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Councilmember Leon  
Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Rebollo  
Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

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

*There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any items on the 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, Jorge Rifa, with respect to labor negotiations pertaining to:
  - A. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the part-time employees.
  - B. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the mid-management and non-management full-time employees.
  - C. Compensation and benefits for the unrepresented full-time executive management employees.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to public employee discipline/ dismissal/release/compensated administrative

leave and other available changes in employment status or terms and conditions of employment of a certain public employees (2 cases).

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

*City Council reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.*

## **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*City Attorney 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 the first case. The City Council provided direction to staff on the second case, and the direction was unanimous.*

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Altamirano called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Councilmember Leon  
Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Rebollo  
Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Finance Director Domic led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **INVOCATION**

*Mayor Altamirano offered the invocation.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Amparo Solorzano thanked the City Council for continued support of the polo team. The City Council sponsored team's trip to Hawaii.*

*Javier Hernandez asked why councilmembers did not attend Eddie Espinosa's services.*

*Jorge Garcia spoke about outstanding transportation services offered to seniors in the City of Commerce. Mr. Garcia asked about the status of the Library/Council Chamber lobby project as it relates to former Mayor's display.*

*Carmen Marquez thanked councilmembers for sponsoring polo team. Ms. Marquez*

*stated that the stop sign at Jillson and Fidelia really helped to slow down traffic coming from the freeway.*

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided a brief update regarding on-going public works projects.*

*Human Resources Director Casalou introduced new Human Resources Manager Michael Haraway.*

*Carmen Marquez invited residents to attend Barbeque Plate Dinner on October 20, 2016. The cost of the dinner is only \$10.*

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Administrator requested that item #6 on Consent Calendar is continued to later date. Staff has not received an agreement from the Los Angeles County as it realtes to item #6.*

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve the Consent Calendar minus item #6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 7A and 7B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Commendation - Recognition of the City of Aguascalientes 441st Anniversary on October 22, 2016
4. Release of Bid Package for Citywide Bus Shelter Beautification Project
5. Request for Quote for Professional Writing, Layout and Design, and Publishing Services for the City of Commerce History Book
6. Amendment to Funding Agreement with Metro Extending the Funding for Washington Blvd
7. Agreement with Bot Home Automation Inc. dba Ring.com, Rebate Program for Home Security and Funding of Automated License Plate Readers
8. Agreement for Former Specific Plating Site Located at 1350 South Eastern Ave.

## SCHEDULED MATTERS

### 9. Sheriff's Deployment Recommendation

*City Administrator Rifa requested to continue this item to a later date. According to City Administrator Rifa, over the weekend additional information was brought to his attention as it relates to the subject matter, and therefore, he would like to evaluate the options before the recommendation is provided to the Council for a decision.*

*George Hofstetter, president of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, asked that the City Council considers maintaining deputy position and not changing it to seagent. The City would benefit more in terms of public safety by having a deputy position versus seagent position.*

### 10. Rosewood Park School - Traffic Calming Implementation Plan

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

*Discussion ensued. It was a consensus among the City Council that the options provided addressed most of the issues, and with some additional recommendations regarding parking and traffic flow, staff was directed to monitor the new traffic plan at Rosewood Park School, and report back if any changes would be needed.*

*Director Babaki stated that staff would evaluate what works best and also in partnership with the school would be working on outreach and educating parents regarding awareness.*

*Councilmember Rebollo recommended going with the changes but also increasing deputy presence for additional safety and deterrence for people speeding in the school area.*

*Jose Avila, principle of Rosewood Park School, thanked council for supporting those changes, and recommended that the City Council approves proposed traffic calming plan.*

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution approving the Rosewood Park School Traffic Calming Implementation Plan enacting mitigation efforts to reduce traffic congestion during the pick-ups and drop-offs of school children and to improve overall traffic flow. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

**11. Commerce Water System CIP Improvements for Station 5, Pacific Drive Water Main and Well 3E Destruction and Resolution Authorizing Improvements and a Supplemental Appropriation**

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

*Discussion took place whether the recent hearing for water rates is connected to this item for Council discussion. Director Babaki explained that one million allocation for the CIP has already been allocated, but because CIP priorities has changed, staff is requesting earlier allocation of funds for outlined replacements/emergency repairs.*

*Finance Director Domic added that Council has already approved \$345,000 for some of the repairs and emergency items and the water increase approved earlier this year was mainly for improving operational needs. As for required CIP items for the water fund, staff would have to come back and request more funds, possibly through Measure AA. However, the loan repayment will be coming in increment to the General fund and required three million for capital items for the water utility fund would be potentially funded by those funds. Further discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Altamirano called a recess at 7:43 pm. City Council returned from recess at 7:53 pm.*

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution approving California Water Company's replacement of Station 5's panel board, Pacific Drive's water main between Watcher Street and Gage Avenue, Water Board ordered destruction of Well 3E, and a supplemental appropriation of \$765,000 from the Water Utility Fund reserves. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

**12. Change Order No. 1 to Contract with West Coast Arborists for the Slauson Avenue Sidewalk Improvement and Tree Planting Project**

*City Attorney Olivo requested that item #12 is continued to the next meeting.*

**13. Senior Center/Library Plaza Improvement Project and Central Library Technical Services Improvements**

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Director Babaki stated that there is an additional request for Central Library interior renovation in the amount of \$190,000,*

*which is separate requests from the Plaza Project.*

*Mayor Altamirano stated that the library looks great on the inside and needs to be presentable on the outside and the Council has an opportunity to complete entire project. The Council could approve what they could this fiscal year, and complete the remaining of project funding at the next budget period.*

*Discussion took place on the need for the library wall and maybe look at other opportunities. Further discussion took place about the funding for the project.*

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to adopt Resolution approving combining the Senior Center and Library Plaza Improvement Projects into one cohesive designed project; incorporate the enhanced project design suggested by the City Council Beautification Sub-Committee and other matters related thereto. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

**14. Authorize MIG Planning and Environmental Management Services to Assist in the Phase One Implementation of the City's Green Zone Action Plan**

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

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution authorizing MIG Planning and Environmental Management Services to proceed with Phase One of the Green Zone Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

**15. Agreement with Network Management Corporation for Information Technology Supplemental Support Services**

*Finance Director Domic provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Argumedo requested more information to be provided to the Council regarding the company selected and their credentials. Further discussion ensued.*

**Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution approving an agreement with Network Management Corporation for Information Technology Supplemental Services. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

#### **16. Utility Box Art Beautification Program**

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

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution to authorize staff to begin a utility box art pilot beautification program, and authorize staff to advertise and publish the Call For Artists Request For Proposals and Application to collect artist art submissions for painting traffic control utility boxes in the City of Commerce. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Councilmember Leon, Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo, and Mayor Altamirano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio

#### **17. Committee and Commission Appointments**

*Councilmember Rebollo reappointed Jorge Garcia to Traffic Commission.*

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

*Councilmember Rebollo invited community to join Baby Jack Team for Club 21 to raise money for Down Syndrome awareness. Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended Annual League of California Cities Conference.*

*Mayor Altamirano reminded residents to be safe during Halloween celebration.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. in memory of Eddie Espinosa, former City Commissioner.*