



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 - 5:00 PM

Adjourned City Council meeting

5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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 5:06 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Jorge Rifá with respect to real estate negotiations with Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located along the Telegraph Road Corridor, south of Gaspar Avenue and north of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], formerly known as 5809, 5819, 5823, 2901/2903, 5933, 5959, 6000, 6003 and 6233 Telegraph Road and 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California.
2. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment of a City Administrator.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Item #1 - The Successor Agency provided direction to staff and direction was

unanimous.

Item #2 - The City Council provided direction to staff and the direction was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any items within their jurisdiction.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

3. Contract with Graphic Solutions to Perform Design Services for the Citywide Wayfinding and Brand Image Program

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Principle of Graphic Solutions Simon Andrews, and Principle Landscaping Architect Mike Singleton provided an overview of the services offered as it relates to wayfinding and signage. Discussion took place on how already approved design for freeway improvement could be incorporated in the overall theme. Mr. Andrews stated that they could quickly provide feedback and make necessary changes to have a uniform theme. Discussion also took place on whether community input would be solicited.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution approving contract with Graphic Solutions to perform design services for the Citywide Wayfinding and Brand Image program in the amount of \$96,550. 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. Sheriff's Deployment Recommendation

Public Safety and Community Services Director Rodriguez stated that the Service Area Sergeant is gone on extended worker's compensation injury, and at this point Service Area Lieutenant is shared with Maywood, Cudahey and East Los Angeles. According to Captain Perez, it is important for the City to have a dedicated sergeant dealing with staffing matters, overseeing COPS and two deputies at Citadel. Los Angeles County is not going to cover the cost of sergeant position for the City, and additional cost to contract 575 for the City for sergeant position will be \$215,599 per year. According to Director Rodriguez, this is a Service Area Sergeant with more expanded role than previously. Discussion took place on the reason why neighboring cities are not getting sergeant position, and maybe sharing the cost could be an option. Captain Perez stated that the level of service in the City of Commerce is much higher than neighboring cities.

Following discussion, Captain Perez stated that he could find someone who meets the needs of community and in case of any issues, another individual will be assigned. Discussion took place on how the deputies hours are divided between industrial and residential areas, and why deputy presence in the community is not the same as it used to be. Captain Perez stated that the amount of calls increased significantly over the years, but they have the same number of personnel.

Lieutenant Mathew Squire, Contract Law Enforcement Bureau, stated that 575 Contract provides City with the number of hours, and other cities are the same, the amount of time they purchase is the level of service they receive.

Mayor Altamirano called a break at 7:33pm. City Council returned from the break at 7:49 pm.

Discussion took place on whether there is a plan in place of the role and duties of the sergeant, and how the productivity would be rated. Following discussion, Director Rodriguez noted that if the staffing levels allow, this position could be retracted at a later date.

Councilmembers Rebollo and Argumedo stated that they need to wait, and review more information for this request.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to add a permanent Sergeant to LASD Contract (575) and revisit this position in six months. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Councilmember Leon, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, and Mayor Altamirano

Nayes: 2 - Councilmember Argumedo, and Councilmember Rebollo

5. 2016/17 Mid-Year (CIP) Update

This item was continued to December 7, 2016 Adjourned Council meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.