



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 4:00 PM

**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 4:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Rebollo arrived at 4:22 p.m. and Councilmember Argumedo arrived at 4:30 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 on any items on the Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:09 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of: East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice v City of Commerce, et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS164349.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), the City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of: *City of Commerce v Hugo Alexander Argumedo et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC600767.
5. 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 reconvened to Open Session at 6:34 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.

Item #2 - The City Council provided direction to staff on the matter. Mayor Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Councilmembers Rebollo and Argumedo.

Item #3 - The City Council did not take any reportable action on the first case.

There was direction provided on second potential case and the direction was unanimous.

Item #4- Pursuant to the advice of the City Attorney, Councilmember Argumedo recused himself from participation in the matters to be discussed, and left the room.

The City Council voted to proceed with the appeal of the matter under the supervision of the Attorney General's Office. Mayor Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Leon, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and Mayor Altamirano

Recused: Councilmember Argumedo.

The City Council also proceeded to deny the claim for damages filed by Councilmember Argumedo against the City and his representatives in connection with the lawsuit. Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Altamirano, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Leon, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and Mayor Altamirano

Recused: Councilmember Argumedo.

Item #5 -The City Council provided direction to staff and the direction was unanimous.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called meeting to order at 6:40 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

City Administrator Rifa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Altamirano offered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Lugo, Rachel Garate, Carmern Ayala, Marissa Guveriero and Genoveva Flores spoke in support of Crash Volleyball Team, voiced concerns about the lack of adequate facilities for Crash Volleyball team practices and asked that the City Council considers acquiring a new facility for this particular sport in the City of Commerce.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Discussion took place regarding item #9 and #10. Councilmembers Leon, Rebollo and Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio stated that the City Council supports sport teams and dance teams and spoke how well they represent the City.

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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 14A and 14B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Exide Drop-in Hours by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control
4. I-5 Joint Powers Authority/Caltrans Urban Reforestation Program
5. Approval of Additional 2017 Civic Organizations Renewals
6. Purchase of Portable Heavy Duty Hydraulic Bus Lifts for the City's Transportation Maintenance Facility
7. Weed Abatement
8. Purchase of Outdoor Changing Enclosures for the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center
9. Commerce Dance Team Sponsorship - Hawaii World Finals 2017
10. Commerce Crush Volleyball Teams Sponsorship

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Allocation for the 43rd Year of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Deputy Director of Development Services Marquez provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Altamirano opened Public Hearing. There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on this matter. Mayor Altamirano closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution authorizing the allocation for the 43rd year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

There were no Council reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.