City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Leon
Councilmember Argumedo
Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio
Mayor Altamirano

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rebollo

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 5:02 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, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the appointment of an Interim Community Services Director.

3. 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 (1 case).

4. 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 one potential case.

5. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Mathew Rodriguez with respect to real estate negotiations concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located at 5550 Harbor St., Commerce, California.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Olivo reported on Closed session items. The City Council did not take any reportable action on items #1 through #5.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Rebollo arrived at 6:51 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Library Director Sarmiento led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio offered the invocation

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition for Guillermo De La Mora for his Exemplary Performance as a Finalist at the Montebello Unified Spelling Bee

Councilmembers and the Mayor issued Certificate of Recognition to Guillermo De La Mora.

2. Certificate of Recognition for Public Works and Development Services Department for Achieving the 2017 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Award from the League of California Cities.

This item was continued to the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ester Zavala spoke about upcoming Relay for Life event. The kickoff is scheduled for March 18, 2017, from 9 am to 2 pm and actual event is scheduled for May 20, 2017.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio, 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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 17A and 17B

4. Approval of Minutes

5. 2017 Youth Education and Service (Y.E.S.) Leadership & Mentoring Program

6. Purchase of a Transit Planning Software System

7. Letter to Support AB 210 Relating to Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams

8. Revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan - Director of Administrative Services, and Deputy Director of Human Resources

SCHEDULED MATTERS

9. Installation of New Land Management System -Update

Hollis Hodson and Emily Panter, Representatives of Accela,
provided an overview of the Accela Civic Platform. Discussion took place whether applicants would be able to check status of their application on-line. Response was provided that currently the system would be only available to staff, and at a later date additional module could be added for interface. Staff would implement the system, work out details and move forward at a later date with expanding the services and capabilities of the platform. It was also stated that as it relates to the security of data, Accela platform is cloud based and data is backed-up daily.

10. Mid-Year Budget Review - Amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

This item was continued to a future date.

11. Holiday Décor Program

Deputy Director of Public Works Operations Nila provided a brief overview of the staff report and options available. Discussion took place regarding on-going issues with Dekra-Lite. It was a consensus among the City Council to issue RFP and select another vendor. Further discussion took place on possible potential locations for decorations and consider if other companies could come with different suggestions for holiday decor.

Councilmember Rebollo suggested that Measure AA money cover that expense through beautification fund of Measure AA.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to terminate the existing agreement with Dekra- Lite and authorize release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new Holiday Decor Program and contractor for the entire program. 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. Authorize Transtech, Inc. to Perform Additional Assessment of the Veterans Park Building and Alternatives

Deputy Director of Development Services Marquez provided an overview of the staff report.
Discussion took place on different potential sites for the park location.

Councilmember Leon moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to adopt Resolution authorizing Transtech, Inc. to perform additional assessment of the Veterans Park building and Alternatives, pursuant to their on-call agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES

13. An Ordinance Approving the Transfer to Torrance Pipeline Company, LLC, of a Pipeline Franchise to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation - First Reading

City Attorney Olivo provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio moved, seconded by Councilmember Leon, to read the ordinance by title only. City Attorney Olivo read the title of the ordinance.

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Mayor Altamirano congratulated Interim City Administrator Rodriguez on his appointment. Mayor Altamirano asked that staff provides an update regarding the Sheriff's Substation. Interim City Administrator Rodriguez stated that this concept of bringing Sheriff's substation to Commerce has been in discussion for last three years. According to Interim City Administrator Rodriguez, the letter addressed to Sheriff will be going in a mail tomorrow and staff will provide a status update to the City Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember Rebollo thanked Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia for her successful recent event in Commerce "Walk and Talk." Councilmember Rebollo reported that she attended Neighborhood Watch meeting in St. Marceline church.

Councilmember Leon congratulated Haig Papaian for receiving award from Industrial Council. Councilmember Leon congratulated Robert Taylor for receiving Direcotr position with the Industrial Council.

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Neighborhood Watch meeting at St. Marcelina church.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio congratulated Interim City Administrator Rodriguez on his appointment and Haig Papaian on receiving an award from the Industrial Council. Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio thanked Councilmember Rebollo for organizing clean-up in Bandini area.

Mayor Altamirano invited residents to visit the Mediterranean Kitchen, new restaurant recently opened in the City of Commerce. Mayor Altamirano thanked Keith Anthony for sending him a gift. Mayor Altamirano reported that there was a coyote attack in the Rosewood area and askedstaff to initiate outreach including anarticle in the Report to the People, placing information on the website and City's social media.

Mayor Altamirano reported that he had met with Congressman who is in charge of infrastructure and if that Congressman is successful, the City might see some results in the future. Mayor Altamirano thanked entire Council for the hard work they do and making sure that the City of Commerce gets what it deserves.

Councilmembers and the Mayor wished all Miss Commerce participants good luck.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.