



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, July 5, 2017 - 5:00 PM

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**CONCURRENT ADJOURNED 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**

*Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Mendoza  
Councilmember Soria  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano  
Mayor Rebollo

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

*There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any Closed Session items.*

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

*City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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, et al., v Flight 30 Cap, et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC664507.
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, et al v. Hector Megallon, et al.*, American Arbitration Association Case No.

01-16-0004-5346.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

*City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 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 the first case, and the City Council provided direction to City Attorney on the second case.*

*Item #2- The Successor Agency approved a settlement with Mayans Development Inc., in concept and directed the City Attorney to bring Settlement Agreement back for approval at the next Successor Agency meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, the motion carried by the following vote:*

*AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Soria, Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo (5-0-0)*

*Item 3 - The City Council ratified the filing of the civil complaint in that matter. Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, the motion carried by the following vote:*

*AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Soria, Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo (5-0-0)*

*Item #4 - The City Council did not take any reportable action on this item.*

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

### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Mendoza  
Councilmember Soria  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano  
Mayor Rebollo

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### INVOCATION

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano offered the invocation*

## **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Recognition of Teens that Participated at the Library's Comic Book Workshop (at the request of Mayor Rebollo)

*Library Director Sarmiento and Erick Jankowski presented awards and commendations to teens that participated at the library's Comic Book workshop.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Bob Eula asked that the City Council works as a team.*

*George Ortiz spoke about Rosewood park school and thanked for council support in the leadership academy that took place in Camp Commerce.*

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*It was requested to pull items #5 and #6 for discussion.*

*Item #5 - Mayor Rebollo requested that minimum qualification be increased for that specialized position. Councilmember Soria asked that Fleet Maintenance Supervisor job description is made more detailed. It was a consensus among the City Council to continue item #5 and #6 to the next City Council meeting.*

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar minus items #5 and #6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 24A and 24B
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Authorization for Transportation Grant Funding for Capital and Operating Assistance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018
5. Request for Proposal for the Purchase of Bus Stop Signage Production
6. Revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan by Reclassify the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor position to Fleet Maintenance Manager, and Creating a new Environmental Specialist Classification

## **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

7. California High Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section and Impacts to the City of Commerce

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided a brief introduction and overview of the previous actions in regard to this matter.*

*Michelle Vons, Representing Metro, stated that the residential impacts were eliminated, and 2.54 miles of the High Speed Rail were reduced to 1.4 miles and number of effected businesses in Commerce were reduced in half. According to Ms. Vons, they are completing the planning documents, working on alternatives, and conducting community outreach. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of scheduling community meeting in Commerce in order to let residents know about potential impacts.*

*Further discussion took place whether there would be any noise issues, to which Ms. Vons responded that in residential areas the trains would be going at a reduced speed. According to Ms. Vons, electric trains are not going to increase noise, but other trains utilizing rail potentially could. There will be fencing installed, and also noise study will be conducted. Further discussion took place regarding funding for the entire project.*

*Councilmember Mendoza stated that there are impacts coming from different areas and the City of Commerce becoming a transportation hub, which is an issue for the residents. If this is a case, this development should benefit the community.*

*City Attorney Olivo asked whether other cities have similar impacts and whether effected businesses located on Washington had been made aware of the potential impacts. Ms. Vons responded that the City of Commerce has larger impacts cause the length of the rail is twice as much than other cities. Santa Fe Spring is another city that is affected the most.*

*Further discussion took place regarding potentil impact and the City loosing revenue by relocating businesses.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to receive and file presentation regarding California High Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Project section and impact. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

8. First Amendment to the Contingent Agreement to Sell Real Estate to Craig Realty Group Citadel, LLC, for Land in the City of Commerce

*City Attorney Olivo requested to continue this item to the next Council meeting.*

9. A resolution approving the contract renewal of Swinerton Builders to provide professional construction management and support services

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

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution accepting the 2017 Active Transportation Program Grant Award. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

10. Award of Contract to Calpromax Engineering, Inc. and Construction Management for Safety Improvements at Washington Blvd at Garfield Ave/Yates Ave and Garfield Ave at Yates Ave/Malt Ave Sidewalk

*City Attorney Olivo requested to continue this item to the next agenda.*

11. Addendum No. 1 to Design Contract with BKF Engineers for Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project for Additional Scope of Work

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

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution approving Addendum No. 1 to Design Contract with BKF Engineers for the Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project in the amount of \$152,700 for the additional scope of work. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

12. Southern California Edison Steel Pole Streetlight Replacement Project in the City of Commerce

*Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued about why the wooden poles are not being replaced. Director Babaki stated that staff would research this more and bring it back to the City Council. It was emphasized that the City needs to look into energy savings and have LED lights installed. It was a consensus among the City Council to continue this item.*

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria to continue this item to the next City Council agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

### **13. Organizational Assignments for Councilmembers**

*The City Council made the following appointments:*

*California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority - Councilmember Argumedo, Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano*

*California Contract Cities Association - Councilmember Argumedo, Alternate: Mayor Rebollo*

*California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) - Councilmember Soria, Alternate: Councilmember Mendoza*

*Central Basin Water Association - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, Alternate: Councilmember Soria*

*City Selection Committee - Mayor Rebollo, Alternate: Councilmember Argumedo*

*Commerce Refuse-to Energy Authority (CREA) - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, Alternate: Councilmember Argumedo*

*County Sanitation District 2 of LA County - Mayor Rebollo (exp. 6/2019), Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano*

*Employment Task Force - Mayor Rebollo*

*Gateway Cities Council of Governments - Mayor Rebollo, Alternate: Councilmember Soria*

*Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District - Councilmember Mendoza (2 year term)*

*I-5 Consortium - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, Alternate: Mayor Rebollo*

*I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee - Councilmember Argumedo, Alternate: Councilmember Mendoza*

*League of California Cities - Councilmember Soria, Alternate: Councilmember Mendoza*

*Southeast Water Coalition JPA- Mayor Rebollo, Alternate: Councilmember Soria*

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*Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Mayor Rebollo***14. Committee and Commission Appointments**

*The City Council made the following appointments to Committes and Commissions:*

*Public Safety Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - Johncito Peraza  
Mayor Rebollo - Ulysses Gonzalez  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano - Steve Viesca  
Councilmember Mendoza - Steve Equihua Jr.  
Councilmember Soria - Carl Baker*

*Education Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - Sandra Cornejo  
Mayor Rebollo - Susana Larios  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Sonia Rodriguez  
Councilmember Mendoza - Priscilla Perez  
Councilmember Soria - Vanessa Stinnett*

*Library Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - Antonia Lupercio  
Mayor Rebollo - Olga Ureña  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Lettie Jaramillo  
Councilmember Mendoza - Connie Arteaga  
Councilmember Soria - vacant*

*Traffic Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - Javier Hernandez  
Mayor Rebollo - Jorge Garcia  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- vacant  
Councilmember Mendoza - vacant  
Councilmember Soria - Hector Maravilla*

*Planning Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - vacant  
Mayor Rebollo - Ernesto Gonzalez  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Julissa Altamirano  
Councilmember Mendoza - Evelyn Serfozo  
Councilmember Soria - Kevin Lainez*

*Parks & Recreation Commission:*

*Councilmember Argumedo - Rod Gallegos  
Mayor Rebollo - Joe Aguilar*

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Chris Griego*  
*Councilmember Mendoza - Mireya Garcia*  
*Councilmember Soria - Laura Perez*

*Senior Citizens Commission:*  
*Councilmember Argumedo - Raul Elenes*  
*Mayor Rebollo - Carmen Barragan*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Mary Gibson*  
*Councilmember Mendoza - vacant*  
*Councilmember Soria - vacant*

*Youth Advisory Commission:*  
*Councilmember Argumedo - vacant*  
*Mayor Rebollo - Araina Saenz*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Patricia Rodriguez*  
*Councilmember Mendoza - vacant*  
*Councilmember Soria - vacant*

*Pageant Steering Committee:*  
*Councilmember Argumedo - Sandra Cornejo*  
*Mayor Rebollo - Leilani Davis*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- Susy Altamirano*  
*Councilmember Mendoza - Marlem Madrigal*  
*Councilmember Soria - Maria Viesca*

*Measure AA Committee:*  
*Councilmember Argumedo- vacant*  
*Mayor Rebollo - Annelle Grajeda*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano- vacant*  
*Councilmember Mendoza - Denise Robles*  
*Councilmember Soria - Jason Stinnett*

#### **15. Adventure Club Additional Funding Consideration**

*Councilmember Soria stated that the Adventure Club had some fiscal challenges. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Domic stated that if additional funds are required, the City Council could allocate funds during mid-year budget review.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to plan the trip, and if additional funds are required bring it back at the mid-year budget review. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, and Mayor Rebollo

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



*Councilmembers commended staff for the great 4th of July celebration.  
Councilmember Mendoza thanked all employees for welcoming him to City Hall.  
Mayor Rebollo responded to allegations made at the last council meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. in memory of Josie Perez, Commerce resident and instructor of Floral Arrangement class at the Senior Center.*