



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 5:00 PM

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Soria
Mayor Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Nezahualcoya spoke about Camp Commerce employees and stated that the suggestions were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and asked that the City Council considers reclassifying Camp Commerce employees from position of Cook to a Chef.

Steve Craig stated that Citadel initiated the breast cancer awareness project and the largest pink ribbon will be soon installed in Citadel. Mr. Craig asked that the City Council considers developing area at the Honda site.

John Sermeno spoke about Lead-Free Communities Coalition, and its opposition to DTSC and the clean up plan. According to Mr. Sermeno, number of homes scheduled for clean-up should be increased in the area.

Carl Bostright spoke about medical cannabis, and asked that the Council considers allowing growing the medical cannabis in the City.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Presentation and Review of Proposed 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Assistant Finance Director Brooks provided a brief overview of the budget requests. According to Assistant Director Brooks Recurring surplus is projected in

the amount of \$270,891 and the current surplus is 1.2 million.

Director of Parks and Recreation Lipton provided a brief cost break –down as it relates to travel teams travelling with chaperon or without. Director Lipton stated that the City provides a generous opportunity for the travel teams covering some of their costs. Discussion ensued. It was a consensus among the City Council only cover costs for travel team requests without the chaperon additional expense.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve \$40,832 for travel team requests without the chaperon. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mendoza, Soria, Argumedo, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

Discussion took place whether the clerical position requested by Public Works and Development Services could be accommodated with the existing clerical staff in the City. Mayor Rebollo asked whether this position would be the first to be cut in case there is a lay-off.

Councilmember Soria moved, second by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the department enhancements. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

Library Director Sarmiento, Parks and Recreation Director Lipton and Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided a brief overview of the capital outlay requests.

Councilmember Soria left Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve capital outlay requests. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Councilmember Altamirano and Soria

Councilmember Soria returned to Council Chambers at 7:40 pm.

Discussion ensued about Parks and recreation equipment/capital outlay requested. Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve Parks & Recreation department capital outlay items. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Councilmember Altamirano

Mayor Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve re-allocation of City Hall abatement funds for cable television equipment upgrade, and for the public safety one-time requests. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Councilmember Altamirano

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided a brief overview of the Capital Improvement Projects. Discussion ensued. Measure AA funds will cover requested CIP costs of \$8,594,870. Other optional items, staff would need to review and Council approve any additional funds. Discussion took place regarding optional purchase of 25-passenger Van. Councilmember Argumedo recommended that staff evaluates possible options for purchasing a Van and come back to the Council for approval.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve \$8,594,870.00 for 2017-2018 CIP requests. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Councilmember Altamirano

Councilmember Soria stated that the surface at the Veteran's park where crossfit program take place is falling apart. In order to fix it, Parks & Recreation estimated the cost at \$25,000. Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve allocation of \$25,000 for the resurfacing of the Veteran's Park area for cross fit program. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: Councilmember Altamirano

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

There were no Council reports

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.