



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - 5:00 PM

Adjourned City Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Public Safety Workshop

Kraig St. Pierre from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office provided presentation regarding the obstacles law enforcement faces on a daily basis with the passing of AB 109, Prop. 36, Prop. 47 and Prop. 57.

Captain Chris Perez echoed the problems caused by the above mentioned Propositions. However, Captain Perez stated that crime in the City of Commerce is down 6.7% and response times in Commerce were well below the Sheriff Department's goals. City Councilmembers stated that residents have expressed dissatisfaction when calling the Sheriff's Department for service. According to some comments made, residents feel that the Sheriff's Department is slow to respond, or in some cases, does not respond to their calls. Mayor Rebollo asked the Captain Perez to focus effort on dealing with this problem internally and improve customer service. it was a consensus among the City Council to schedule quarterly meetings with the Captain, dedicated Lieutenant and dedicated Sergeant to discuss strategies and concerns.

Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley provided an overview of the City's crime prevention efforts including CSO patrol efforts and coverage, mid-shift patrols by Crossing Guards, Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, ComCat Volunteer duties and special crime prevention events.

Councilman Argumedo asked for an update on the Automatic License Plate Recognition cameras that was previously approved through Measure AA funds . Manager Tilley confirmed that Steve Craig has received a bid from his electrician for this project and once the bid is approved it should take 3-4 weeks to install the ALPR cameras. Councilman Argumedo also inquired about the potential placement of cameras at 5 major intersections. Manager Tilley stated that she will research the costs for these cameras. Councilman Argumedo inquired about the new proposed Commerce Car Watch Program, to which Manager Tilley stated responded that this program is successful in the City of Lakewood and would be very low cost to implement. Update will be provided to the City Council at a later date.

It was discussed the issues of homelessness and homeless persons occupying RV's on City Streets, and that the issues has increased dramatically this year. Mayor Rebollo and Councilman Soria both expressed an interest in touring the Bell Shelter to learn more about their facility and programming. Manager Tilley state that she will work on scheduling this tour.

Councilman Soria asked about CSO Guidelines for the types of reports CSO's write for East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Councilman Mendoza mentioned several ongoing parking issues on the 4900 Block of Jillson Street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Altamirano asked Manager Tilley to look into a street light camera program previously discussed with Public Safety & Community Services Director, and contact Measure AA CCommittee Member Sonia Rodriguez for more information.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Ralph Vivero gave a presentation on the scope of Code Enforcement duties and their authority. He introduced City Prosecutor Ken Dapeer. Supervisor Vivero encouraged the City Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee to learn more about enforcement.

Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer Ernest Fierro gave an overview of the

City's disaster readiness, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), USAR Team, and CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) classes available to both residents and businesses. Mayor Rebollo requested that Emergency Preparedness position is placed on a future agenda for discussion. Mayor Rebollo recommended that the condensed information regarding this workshop is provided via cable TV.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.