



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - 5:00 PM

**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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 5:02 pm in the Council Chambers.

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/Successor agency on any items on the agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:03 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: Hugo Argumedo v City of Commerce; Tina Baca del Rio; Eduardo Olivo; Bradley Pierce; Jorge Rifa, et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2-17-CV-06083-DMG-PLA.
2. 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.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council /Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Tapia reported on Closed Session items #1 and #2 and stated that the City Council did not take any reportable action on those items.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

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

Councilmember Soria offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate Commending Unplugged Performing Arts for their impressive performance in the musical production of Grease

Councilmembers and the Mayor recognized Unplugged for their recent performance.

2. Commendation Congratulating Luz Marina Sital on the Momentous Occasion of her 95th Birthday

This item was continued to the next Council meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any items within their jurisdiction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Rebollo asked to pull item #8 and #9 for discussion.

Item #8- Councilmember Argumedo asked about the guidelines for this program. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution authorizing staff to execute documents for the purpose of obtaining assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo.

Item #9- Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve Resolution adopting the Notice of Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Active Transportation and Safe Routes to Schools Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Argumedo, Mendoza, Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve the Consent Calendar minus item #8 and #9. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 10A, 10B, 11A and 11B
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Release of Plans and Specifications for the Senior Center Library Plaza Improvement Project
6. Acceptance of Work Performed by All American Asphalt for the Pavement Rehabilitation Program
7. Bandini Library Improvements
8. Documents for State Financial Assistance by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
9. Adoption of a Notice of Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Active Transportation and Safe Routes to Schools Plan

SCHEDULED MATTERS**10. Military Banner Program Update**

Social Services Coordinator Garcia provided an overview of the staff report. According to Social Services Coordinator Garcia, there are 47 residents that are interested in the program and the application process could start in January and close March 30, 2018. Discussion took place whether the City Council would increase allocation to accommodate all application or partially allocated more.

It was a consensus among the City Council to choose the first proposed picture of the banner layout and design, and change wording "honoring our heros." It was also a consensus to reuse banners for future years.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve increase in budget for 30 banners. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. CalRecycle update report for Commercial Refuse and Recycling

Connie Ortega spoke in opposition of the exclusive franchise system.

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place regarding notification of the non-compliant franchisees. Director Babaki stated that notices were sent by certified mail. Further discussion took place about business license payment on-line or in person and checks and balances. No action was taken on this item.

12. Update on Public Outreach related to Speed Humps along Astor Avenue

Johncito Peraza spoke in support of the speed bumps.

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place on how many residences were visited by staff, and whether staff reached out to all residents on Astor avenue regarding speed humps. Director Babaki stated that residents that will be directly affected or speed humps installed near the residents were contacted by City staff in order to get residents' consent for speed hump installation.

Discussion took place about safety and possibly obtaining all residents consent for speed hump installation. Further discussion took place regarding buses routes, and it was consensus to design speed hump wide enough to accommodate buses other than emergency vehicles, so that the bus routes are no changed. Councilmember Argumedo recommended to go ahead with the installation of speed humps and reevaluate this pilot program later. It was a consensus among the City Council to go ahead with the pilot program as recommended by staff for three months, install three speed humps, notify residents about the installation, and later reevaluate efficiency of this program. And it was a direction to identify other locations for the future speed hump installation.

13. Installation of a Painted Center Median Lane for Improved Business Access

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. It was a consensus among the City Council to bring this item at a later date and table this at this time.

14. Written Report, Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858(d), Describing the Measures which Led to the Adoption of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 691 which Imposed a Moratorium on the Establishment of Non-Medical Marijuana Activities

City Attorney Tapia provided an overview of the staff report.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to receive and file a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 691 which imposed a Moratorium on the establishment of non-medical Marijuana activities and take appropriate action as deemed necessary. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. Committee and Commission Appointments

Councilmember Mendoza appointed Isaias Cantu to Measure AA Advisory Committee

Councilmember Mendoza appointe for Railroad task Force Patty Cebberos

Councilmember Argumedo appointed Herbert G. Flores to Railroad Task Force.

ORDINANCES**16. Ordinance Addressing Aggressive and Unsafe Forms of Panhandling
(Second Reading)**

City Attorney Tapia provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to read the ordinance by title only. City Attorney Tapia read the title of the Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 9.90 to Title 9 of the Commerce Municipal Code relating to the prohibition against certain forms of aggressive and unsafe panhandling. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano thanked Mayor Rebollo for coordinating the services for celebration of life of Val Basset.

All Councilmembers issued their condolences to family of Val Basset.

Councilmember Mendoza attended fundraiser for east Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, Senior New Years' party.

Mayor Rebollo thanked Parks and recreation staff for putting together Children's Holiday Fair, and other Christmas events including New Year's Senior Dance, and also Parks and Recreation staff assisting with memorial for Val Basset.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Valentina Basset.