



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 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 5:04 p.m. 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 on any items on the Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the Successor Agency will confer with its real property negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to real estate negotiations concerning proposed price and other terms relating to:

A. The property located at 5476 Jillson St (6335-019-023), 5530 Jillson St (6335-019-042), 2500 S Eastern Ave (6335-024-046), 6335-024-038, 6335-024-039, 6335-024-048, 6335-024-042, 6335-024-043, 6335-024-044, 6335-024-045, 5600 Jillson St (6335-023-049), 6335-023-053, 6335-023-054, 5611 E Washington (6335-023-048), 5571 E Washington (6335-024-056).

B. California Commerce Club Inc. and Craig Realty corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located 6233-6041 Telegraph Road and 6030-6055 Washington Boulevard, Commerce, California.

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: 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.

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to public employee discipline/ dismissal/release - One (1) case.
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: Armando Zuniga v City of Commerce et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC560902.
5. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment of a Director of Human Resources.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1A. The Successor Agency did not take any reportable action. Item 1B- The Successor Agency provided direction to staff and no final action was taken on this item.

Items #2, #3, #4 and #5 -The City Council/Successor Agency did not take any reportable action on any of those items.

6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:30 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

Library Director Sarmiento led Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Argumedo offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**1. Recognition of Volunteers and Sponsors for Holiday Cheer Program**

Social Services Coordinator Sausedo, Councilmember and the Mayor recognized volunteers and sponsors for Holiday Cheer program.

2. Certificate of Recognition to Employee of the Quarter Karla Torres

Councilmembers and the Mayor recognized Employee of the Quarter Karla Torres.

3. Presentation of the Segment Regarding Commerce Public Safety Division Services Produced by City of Commerce Cable Television

Video segment was played for the Council and the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Martinez spoke on item #18.

Irma Flores complained about the lack of lightering at the curb near Senior Center.

Ron Saldana spoke on item #18 and asked that the City Council considers Option #1 and have provisions of licensed hauler only selling to another licensed hauler in the City of Commerce.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 13A and 13B**5. Approval of Minutes****6. Weed Abatement****7. State of Good Repair Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 2017-2018****8. Proposition 1 Grant Subrecipient Agreement for Stormwater****9. Facility Use Agreement with the City of Montebello**

10. Approval of Settlement Agreements - LACCD V. County of Los Angeles, Et Al., LAUSD V. County of Los Angeles, Et Al., and MUSD V. County of Los Angeles, Et Al.
11. Release of Request for Proposals to Provide Police-Dispatched Towing Services and Towing Services for City Vehicles
12. Ordinance - Regular City Council Meeting Schedule Change (Adoption)

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Authorization of Allocation for the 44th Year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Deputy Director of Development Services Marquez provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution authorizing the allocation for the 44th year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS

14. Update on Construction Contract for Veterans Park Gym Area for Interim Use for the Crush Volleyball Team

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. According to Director Babaki, following the opening the bids the lowest bidder informed staff that there was an error in the bid submitted and therefore, the scope of services identified in the bid cannot be performed. Director Babaki stated that staff is doing some adjustments and is working with the lowest bidder as well as exploring other options of possibly re-advertising for bids.

Councilmember Mendoza recommended exploring an option of building sand volleyball courts as a temporary solution. Discussion took place about bidder qualification and bid bond. Director Babaki stated that the bidder made a mistake on HVAC replacement and staff is evaluating whether they could award the bid without HVAC portion of the scope of work. City Administrator Cisneros clarified that staff is only providing an update and this item will be brought back at the next

City Council meeting for an action.

15. Requesting Approval of Award of Construction Contract to Excel Paving Company for the FY 2017-18 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Program

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

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to adopt Resolution awarding construction contract to Excel Paving Company, construction management and inspection to Transtech Engineers, Inc, and geotechnical investigation and material testing to Geo-Advantec, Inc. for the FY 2017-18 annual pavement rehabilitation program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

16. Sight Distance Improvement at the Intersection of Eastern Avenue & Lovett Street

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Councilmember Mendoza recommended sending a letter to residents that the improvements are coming. There was no action taken on this item, it was informational only.

17. Approval of Full-Time Lead Fleet Mechanic or Fleet Mechanic Position

Transportation Director McFerguson provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Mendoza recommended to fill position if possible from in-house.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution approving an additional full-time Lead Fleet Mechanic position in the Transportation Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCES

18. An Ordinance Regarding Commercial Refuse Management and Mandated Recycling Reporting -First Reading

Deputy Director of Public Works Operations Nila provided an overview of the staff report and stated that discussion regarding fees would come back at a later date

including certain agreement terms and conditions in order to operate recycling business in the City. Discussion ensued. It was a consensus among the City Council to go ahead with semi-exclusive option for the franchise agreement.

Staff will be notifying businesses and haulers and contractor with the list of authorized hauler list.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to approve staff recommendations 1 through 4 and include that five year notice be issued per statute to applicable solid waste franchisees; and include language in the agreement that when the licensed hauler is selling a business it has to be sold only to another licensed hauler in the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to read the Ordinance by title only. 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 stated that Aquascalientes delegation was pleased with the visit and they had a great time.

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended I-5 Consortium board meeting, I-710 project committee meeting, employee recognition event, and some Aquascalientes events.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended I-710 Local Advisory Committee meeting, Unplugged award ceremony, employee awards ceremony, Independent Cities Association event in Santa Barbara, and some Aquascalientes events.

Councilmember Soria reported that he attended I-710 committee meeting, Unplugged award ceremony, employee service awards, Aquatics awards ceremony, and Aquascalientes delegation events.

Mayor Rebollo stated she attended same events and thanked staff for the Employee service awards, which was a great event put together.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm