

CITY OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chairperson Peraza called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Viesca led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Peraza, Baker, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca

Commissioner Not Present: None

Staff Present: Acting Liaison Garcia, Admin. Asst. Meneses

Staff Not Present: Acting Liaison Tilley

Public Comment

Esther Zavala, 2226 Wilma Ave., Commerce CA City of Commerce employee
She wants the Commissions support in recommending that the City research the probability of installing speed bumps on Wilma Ave. She stated that many vehicles and big rigs speed on the street. She spoke of her daughter being hit one year ago by a speeding vehicle.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Viesca motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2018. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed. Yay votes: Peraza, Baker, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nay Votes: None. The November minutes were tabled.

2. Residential Patrol Car Recommendation

Commissioner Gonzalez inquired if there is a “Lead” CSO for every shift. He stated that last night, between 5:45pm and 6:30 p.m., three CSO’s were observed at Bristow Park, parked in the fire lane. A deputy was also parked. He stated that residents are irritated when they see more than 1 CSO parked instead of patrolling. Commissioners also felt that the “park” car should drive through the park to observe all areas. They should also park where they are visible and not between the Kirby Center and park offices. The Commission reviewed a draft letter from them to the City Council regarding a request to consider funding a CSO vehicle to be used for residential patrol only. A change was recommended

to include that patrol be conducted during an evening shift. Commissioner Viesca motioned to approve the letter with the change. Chairperson Peraza seconded the motion. Motion passed. Yay votes: Peraza, Baker, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nay votes: none.

3. **Update on Procedure for Recognizing Residents in the Community**

Acting Liaison Garcia stated that Commissioners can notify the City Council, via a letter prepared by staff, of their request to establish a program that will recognize residents who perform good deeds in the City. The Commission will state in the letter the specifics of their recommendation, such as how persons are selected for recognition, who will select the people, what deeds will constitute recognition, and if recognition should be done at a Commission meeting level or at a City Council meeting at the request of our Commission. The recommendation should also state what type of recognition, such as a certificate. Any new program should be approved by the City Council. Chairperson Peraza motioned to submit the letter and recommend that recognition be at our Commission level, at a Commission meeting, with presentation of a certificate of appreciation, on an “as needed” basis. Commissioner Viesca seconded the motion. Motion passed. Yay votes: Peraza, Baker, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nay votes: none.

4. **Panhandling Ordinance Update**

Acting Liaison Garcia stated that signs have been ordered and once they're received, they will be posted. We can begin enforcing on February 16, 2018 (which is 30 days after approval by the City Council), however, our City Clerk recommended that we begin enforcement after the signs have been posted. That will present a stronger case when trying to enforce with individuals. A copy of the ordinance will be sent to all Commissioners.

5. **Conferences for Commissioners**

Acting Liaison Garcia advised that the Contract Cities conference is not an appropriate one for Commissioners to attend. This conference is intended for City Managers, City Council, and law enforcement/Fire officials, where specific City issues may be discussed, some in confidence. The City Administrator's decision is consistent with decisions by past City Administrators. At this time, staff has not found a suitable conference to offer the Commission, and will continue looking.

6. **Staff Reports**

Acting Liaison Garcia reported the following:

- **Absence of Laura Tilley** – Laura was unable to attend tonight's meeting because she is on vacation.
- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** – Will be held Thurs., 2/15, 6:30pm, at Bandini Elementary.

- **Ferguson Soundwall Update** – Conversations have taken place between City staff and UPR reps. Our Mayor and a councilmember also met with UPR reps. Negotiations are in place and details are being worked out. We are waiting for a response from UPR reps. More information will be provided once it becomes available. Laura is working on the Commission's request to view the railroad side of the wall.
- **Upcoming Meetings** – Community Task Force, 2/14, 3pm at Community Services Conf. Room; Special Needs Commission, 2/21, 6:30 pm at Council Chambers.
- **Crime Reports from Sheriff's Dept.** – The Sheriff's Dept. is still working on their year-end reports, which are needed to compile the 6 month report. Clarification on the reason why the reports are needed was relayed to our Sergeant. We will provide the information once it is available. We will try for the March meeting.
- **Rosini Area Update** - This item was previously requested by Chairperson Peraza. It will be provided at the March meeting.
- **Combined Meeting with Traffic Commission** – Staff was advised by the Public Works & Development Services Dept. that combining a meeting would be logistically very difficult. Coordinating everyone's schedule is not feasible. Also, every Commission has their own business to conduct, making a meeting difficult and time consuming. It's best to continue sending letters with any requests. Commissioners can also speak at Traffic Commission Meetings, with the consensus of the Commission being represented. Liaison Tilley prefers that we continue the same procedure we have followed, by presenting letters.

Chairperson Peraza acknowledged the presence of Councilmembers Argumedo and Mendoza, and resident Esther Zavala.

7. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Equihua, Jr. reported the following:

- In the area where the 5 fwy and 710 fwy meet, there are many cars blocking the intersection West on Triggs St. Cars cannot turn onto Duncan, during peak hours of 3:30p - 7pm.
- A police chase passed through Triggs/Duncan, with vehicles speeding. Speed bumps should be placed here.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following:

- He attended the Lady of Victory NW Mtg. which was interesting although no County staff attended.
- He assisted with the Homeless Count. It was amazing to see the number of RV's that were counted.
- There is a lot of traffic in the Bristow area, causing congestion.

Commissioner Viesca reported the following:

- He attended the Lady of Victory Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- He attended the Rosewood area Neighborhood Watch Meeting and was disappointed at the low turnout.
- He assisted with the Homeless Count. It was an exciting experience but a very sad situation. He saw a homeless family with young girls.

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported the following:

- He was almost hit on Astor Ave. Motorists exiting the fwy are doing rolling stops, creating a major issue on Astor. Councilmember Argumedo stated that a pilot program will be in place within 90 days to have temporary speed bumps. The City has creative ideas to beautify the islands. If the pilot program receives a positive response, the City will look at other areas that need speed bumps.
- He requested an update on the high speed rail.

Chairperson Peraza reported the following:

- He requested that County representatives attend a NW Meeting in the Bristow area.
- He attended the NW Meeting on Elk Grove and there was a low turnout.
- He requested a Neighborhood Watch Mtg. at the Rosewood Apartments
- He requested for the next meeting agenda: Discussion of recommending speed bumps on Wilma Ave.; RV Ordinance update; Update on the Homeless Count.

Adjournment

7:30 p.m., Chairperson Peraza adjourned the meeting.