



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 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 5:03 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/Successor Agency on any items on the Closed Session agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the City Council will consider personnel matters related to the recruitment/appointment of a Director of Economic Development and Sustainability.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 the City Council will confer with its labor negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to labor negotiations pertaining to:
 - A. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the part-time employees.
 - B. The Memoranda of Understanding between the City and the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the mid-management and non-management full-time employees.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and

54956.9(e)(3) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - One (1) Matter

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1 - The City Council appointed Rene Bobadilla as the Director of Economic Development and Sustainability on interim basis.

Item #2.A. and B.- The City Council provided further direction to staff and no final action was taken on these items.

Item #3 - The City Council did not go into closed session on this item.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called regular meeting to order at 6:31pm in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Public Works and Development Services Babaki led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Argumedo offered the invocation

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and Grand Reveal of the Library's Book Bike

Library Director Sarmiento revealed the new Library's Book Bike.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Perez introduced new lieutenant Jim Duran. Lieutenant James Duran stated that he is looking forward in working for Commerce.

City Administrator Cisneros introduced Director of Human Resources Ela Pappo, and new Interim Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Rene Bobadilla.

Isais Cantu spoke about permit parking at Fitzgerald Street

Jason Stinett spoke in support of item #19 feasibility study for community aggregation program and congratulated PIO division for the award received.

Uri Elias, Citywide Towing, asked why he has not been selected for the towing services following the RFP process and asked that the City Council considers semi-exclusive contract.

Esther Zavala, Relay for Life Representative, thanked City Council and staff for the support the City provided for their organization and invited everyone for Comedy Night fundraiser.

James Lemus asked that staff locates his conditional use permit issued in 1983 in order for him to receive a resident card.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull item #15 for discussion.

Item #15 - City Administrator Cisneros provided an overview of the staff report and comparison with two companies that were selected by the selection committee - Citywide Towing and Mr. C's Towing. Discussion ensued about semi-exclusive contract, and past contract with Citywide Towing. Further discussion took place regarding on-line Yelp ratings.

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution awarding contract to Mr. C's to provide police-dispatched towing services and towing services for City vehicles for the period of four (4) years, and thereafter, the option of two (2) one-year extension, with performance review at the end of every operating year at the City's discretion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Soria, Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano and Mayor Rebollo

NAYES: Councilmembers Argumedo and Mendoza.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve Consent Calendar minus item #15. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 19A and 19B
3. Approval of Minutes
4. A Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2018 as CalFresh Awareness Month
5. Proclamation Designating the Week of May 13-19, 2018, as National Transportation Week
6. Sixth Amendment to the TransTrack Systems, Inc. Maintenance and Support Agreement
7. Agreement with County of Los Angeles Probation Department
8. Proposed Traffic Sign Installations and Red Curb Markings along Ferguson Drive
9. On-Call Professional Services Agreements for Construction Management and Inspection, Structural Engineering, and Surveying
10. Contract for the Home Preservation Grant Program [Project No. 601074-17 CDBG] for the Property at 5433 Pueblo Court
11. A Resolution to Elect to Receive the City's Share of Tax Increment Reimbursements from Town Center/80 Annex Project Area
12. Restated and Amended First Amendment to the Contingent Agreement to Sell Real Estate to Craig Realty Group Citadel, LLC, for Land in the City of Commerce, California
13. First Amendment to the Agreement with Urban Graffiti Enterprises, Inc. for Bus Stop and Shelter Maintenance Services
14. Opposition of the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of

2018

15. Award of Contract to Mr. C's Towing of South Gate, Inc to Provide Police-Dispatched Towing Services and Towing Services for City Vehicles
16. Agreement with the Law Firm of Atkinson, Adelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for Legal Services in Connection with Personnel Matters Related to Labor Negotiations
17. Professional Services Agreement with Animal Pest Management Services, Inc. to Perform Coyote Abatement Services and Adopting the Related Notice of Exemption
18. Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Water Parcel Tax Ballot Measure

SCHEDULED MATTERS

19. Community Choice Aggregation Program - Feasibility Study

Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Bobadilla provided an overview of the staff report. According to Director Bobadilla, by participating in the Community Choice Aggregation program the City would be able to purchase power in the open market and sell it back to their residents at low cost.

Discussion took place regarding the promoting program and educating community residents on the benefits of the program. According to Director Bobadilla, the average savings for residents in Pico Rivera were 3%, and the City would take every avenue to promote the program.

Discussion took place regarding revenue to the City, and it was stated that estimated revenue could be over 1 million dollars. This program would also allow for going towards renewable energy. Further discussion ensued.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate the cost with California Clean Energy Authority (CCEA) to perform a technical study to determine the feasibility of implementing a Community Choice Aggregation program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

20. Award of Construction Contract and Construction Management Services

for Veterans Park Gym Area for Interim Use for Recreational Activities

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place regarding Measure AA funding allocation requirements.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution awarding the construction contract to Marjani Builders, Inc. for Veterans Park Gym Area for interim use for the recreational activities and award Transtech construction and project management services. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

21. Circle 3.0 Urban Tree Planting Project

Public Works and Development Services Director Babaki provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued about the getting information out there about the project. Further discussion took place whether accepting trees would place the City in position of not being able to voice opposition to the proposed expansion. Director Babaki stated that staff will review carefully documentation before signing to make sure that there are no strings attached.

There was a consensus among the City Council to direct staff to review all documentation prior to approving this Circle 3.0 Urban Tree Planting Project. This item was tabled to a later date.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Volunteer Breakfast this weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano spoke about homeless issues within the community.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Spring Clean-up and asked to advertise the event more.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Garden Show, Exide meeting in Boyle Heights, and Volunteer Breakfast.

Councilmember Soria reported that he attended JPIA I-5 meeting, Garden Show, and Neighborhood Watch at Veteran's area.

Mayor Rebollo reported that she attended Volunteer Breakfast, Neighborhood Watch meeting at Veteran's area, Spring Clean-up, and Mom and Son date night at

Senior Center. Mayor Rebollo Invited everyone for Cinco de Mayo celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.