

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Peraza called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Equihua, Jr. led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Not Present: None

Staff Present: Liaison Tilley, Admin. Asst. Meneses

Staff Not Present: None

Public Comment

City Administrator Edgar Cisneros introduced himself to the Commission and briefly stated his background. The Commission welcomed him to the City.

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**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Viesca motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2018. Chairperson Peraza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion. Yays: Peraza, Baker, Equihua, Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nays: None. The November minutes were tabled.

2. **Homeless Count Update**

Liaison Tilley thanked everyone who assisted with the count. She stated that numbers tripled this year, compared to last year. By observation from a vehicle, 127 makeshift tents were observed and 81 RV's. The counts are likely higher since there are areas that could not be observed from the vehicles. The City is working on an RV ordinance to prohibit RV's from parking on the streets. An inquiry was made if the City receives funding for homeless efforts. Liaison Tilley will confirm with Ed Saucedo, Social Services Coordinator, that we do not receive funds.

3. **Speed Bumps on Wilma Ave.**

Liaison Tilley stated that temporary speed bumps will be installed on Astor as a pilot program. The results will determine if other streets will be considered for

speed bumps. Commissioner stated that there are many issues on Wilma Ave., but many other streets want speed bumps as well, and it is not practical to install speed bumps on every street. A discussion was conducted about recommending that speed bumps be installed on Wilma Ave.

At this time, Public Comment was opened to allow a resident to speak on this matter.

#### Public Comment

Evelyn Serfozo, resident on Fitzgerald Ave., stated that the issues on Wilma Ave. are concerning to her. It gets congested during rush hour and there are speeding issues. She stated that it is important to evaluate which other streets need speed bumps and to identify what the decision process will be. She inquired if the City has reviewed what other cities are doing.

#### Speed Bumps on Wilma Ave. – discussion continued

The Commission continued its discussion and many options for recommendations were discussed. Chairperson Peraza motioned to recommend, via a letter, that the City consider installing speed bumps on Wilma Ave., pending the outcome of the Astor pilot program, and considers other streets that are experiencing issues. Commissioner Viesca seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Yays: Peraza, Baker, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nays: None.

#### 4. **RV Ordinance Update**

Liaison Tilley stated that the City Attorney's office is working on an ordinance. They are looking at what other cities are doing, other options, and how it would affect residents who own RV's and have parked them on the streets for years. Social Services staff is working with persons who live in some RV's and has given them referrals for services. There are many issues concerning people who live in the RV's, such as dumping sewage.

#### 5. **Ferguson Drive Update**

Liaison Tilley stated that deputies have issued citations for speeding and traffic has slowed down. Red curbs will be painted and extended. Engineer Seung Yang will meet with residents regarding signage and overweight trucks. The street will be resurfaced in April. An inquiry was asked about sidewalks added to dirt areas. An update was requested about the sound wall. Clerk Meneses read the previous month's minutes where at the meeting the Commission was advised that the City is awaiting a response from the railroad.

#### 6. **Conferences for Commissions**

Liaison Tilley stated that staff is researching and will look at possible conferences related to crime prevention through environmental design.

#### 7. **Staff Reports**

Liaison Tilley reported the following:

- **Illegal Dumping** – The City Attorney is working on an ordinance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will take place soon. Once it passes, deputies could begin enforcement. Signs will be posted for the public to be aware of the ordinance.
- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** – Will be held Thurs., 3/22, 6:30pm, at Iglesia Bautista in the Bristow area.
- **Crime Reports from Sheriff's Department** – The Sheriff's Dept. was unable to provide their report for tonight's meeting. We will present it when it's finalized. The City Administrator will intervene in the matter.
- **Spring Clean Up** – Code Enforcement will conduct a Spring Clean Up event on Sat., 4/21. If Commissioners are interested in participating, please contact Ralph Vivero in our dept.
- **Mariana Street Resurfacing** –Beginning 3/12, the street will be resurfaced. Work will continue for 1 week.

## 8. Commission Reports

Commissioner Equihua, Jr. reported the following:

- Traffic exiting the 5 fwy North near Winchell's is blocking people who are trying to turn on Triggs. They are not obeying signs/lights.
- He inquired about recognizing City residents who perform good deeds without being asked. Clerk Meneses explained the notes from last month's meeting.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following:

- People are living in an abandoned house on Eastern. Sheriff's are aware and have arrested people there.
- The problem house on Duncan was just sold
- Inquired if there was a shooting on Astor or Como? Liaison Tilley responded there was no report of that.
- Inquired about the status of the Sheriff's Community Academy. Liaison Tilley will find out.

Commissioner Viesca reported the following:

- He attended the Bandini Neighborhood Watch Meeting and there was good dialogue.
- He reported graffiti in his area and was pleased that it was removed quickly.
- He saw a panhandler on the side of the road and Liaison Tilley informed him that the Panhandling Ordinance is working and the panhandler was removed from the location.

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported the following:

- Older residents have asked him if someone could check on them if they fall or need assistance. Liaison Tilley informed him that they can register

with the Sr. Center to receive a daily call. The Social Services Division has a Homebound List for use during emergencies. There also necklaces they can purchase where they can press a button to alert emergency personnel.

Chairperson Peraza reported the following:

- He attended the Bandini Neighborhood Watch meeting and it was well attended.
- He attended the NW Meeting at St. Marcellinus and it was a good meeting.
- He attended the Bristow menudo sale
- He likes the dynamic on this commission – it is a good team.

### **Adjournment**

7:55 p.m., Chairperson Peraza adjourned the meeting.