



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 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: 4 - Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Soria
Mayor Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any Closed Session items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency convened 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 the properties located:
 - A. 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. 6350 E. Washington Blvd (6336-009-905), Commerce, CA 90040
 - C. 1350 S. Eastern Ave. (5241-013-019), 1362 S. Eastern Ave. (5241-013-016), 1368 S. Eastern Avenue (5241-013-017), and (5241-013-018) Commerce, CA 90040
 - D. Commerce Refuse-to- Energy Authority Facility site located at 5926 Sheela Street,

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: 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.
3. 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.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:14 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:

Item #2 was heard first. Councilmember Argumedo recused himself on participating on this item. Staff provided presentation, further direction was provided to staff and no final action taken on this item.

Item #1 A., #1.B. and #1.C. - Direction was provided to staff and no final action was taken by the Successor Agency.

Item #1.D. and item #3 has not been discussed.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebollo called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Argumedo
Councilmember Mendoza
Councilmember Soria
Mayor Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Commerce Emily Valle led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Miss Dodges 2018 Michelle Ibarra offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Armed Forces Ceremony - A Special Candle Lighting Ceremony Honoring the Five Branches of the Military Service and Memorial Ceremony

Mayor and Council conducted Armed Forces Ceremony and lighted candle for all five branches of Military.

2. Certificate of Recognition to the Public Information Office for earning an Excellence in Public Information and Communications Award

Mayor and Councilmembers commended Public Information Office and Graphics Division for being awarded Excellence in Public Information and Communication Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull item #6 for discussion.

Following discussion, Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to approve the bid contract documents and specifications for the Citywide Traffic Sign Replacement Project and authorize staff to advertise for bids. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar minus item #6. The motion carried by the following vote:

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 20A and 20B

4. Memorandum of Understanding (2) with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to Participate in the Summer Food Service Program
5. Request from Nationwide Environmental Services, a Division of Joe's Sweeping, Inc. to Extend the Existing Catch Basin Maintenance and Street Sweeping Services Agreements for Five Years, and to Authorize a Cost of Living Increase
6. Approval of Bid Contract Documents and Specifications and Authorizing Staff to Advertise for Bids for the Citywide Traffic Sign Replacement Project
7. Release of Request for Proposals to Provide Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
8. Award of Contract for Construction of a New Drinking Water Well at Commerce Station 7
9. Agreement with California Choice Energy Authority
10. Status Report of Emergency Work for Modifications to the Veterans Park Fire Sprinkler System and for Continued Authorization
11. Release of a Request for Proposal (RFQ) for Audiovisual Broadcasting Equipment
12. Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for Marketing and Public Relations Professional Services
13. Reorganization of Administrative Services Department

SCHEDULED MATTERS

14. Release of Request for Proposals for Police Services Alternatives Analysis

City Administrator Cisneros provided an overview of the staff report. Discussion took place on what staff members should be on the selection panel. City Administrator Cisneros provided an overview of the RFP process, and that the City Council would ultimately be selecting the firm to conduct policing study, following staff review of qualifications, RFPs and other requirements.

Councilmember Argumedo stated that in the past when the City was looking in contracting Fire Department, LAFCO had the final say in that and asked that staff double check whether they would be involved in the process. Discussion took place whether there is a need to look into other services, or maybe enforce existing contract. Further discussion took place regarding customer service provided by the LA County Sheriff and resident complaints received. Councilmember Argumedo recommended potentially looking into creating a subcommittee to review existing contract and come up with the recommendations regarding improving the services provided by Sheriff's Department.

It was a consensus among the City Council to table this item to a later date pending verification of questions regarding LAFCO concerns.

15. Utility Box Art Beautification Program Artwork and Location Selection -Phase 2

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

Councilmember Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the selected artworks and corresponding utility cabinet locations for Phase 2 of the Utility Box Art Beautification Program. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

16. Tree Maintenance on Private Property in the Village Residential Community

City Administrator Cisneros provided an overview of the staff report. It was staff's recommendation to uphold the 2013 policy. Discussion took place whether the City would allow one more time to trim trees on the private property. Following discussion, it was a consensus among the City Council to uphold the 2013 policy decision pending that staff provides proof that residents were contacted regarding City's offer to trim their Ficus trees, and every effort was made to reach out to them.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve staff's recommendation regarding discontinuance of tree maintenance on private property in the Village Residential Community contingent on the information provided to the City Council demonstrating that the residents were offered to trim their trees one more time following the passage of the ordinance in 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Soria, and Mayor Rebollo

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Argumedo reported that he attended Cinco de Mayo celebration. Councilmember Argumedo congratulated his daughter on graduating University of Arizona with bachelor's degree.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Cinco de Mayo celebration, preschool graduation, and talked about seniors in the Rosewood apartments and their concerns with the increasing rent costs.

It has been stated that Senior Rent Subsidy program was approved and will be launched shortly. City Administrator Cisneros stated that the increases are in compliance with the rent control moratorium, and it helped with keeping the increases low. Councilmember Argumedo asked that the pamphlets are sent out to all effected and provide them with options and also have pamphlet being in English and Spanish.

Councilmember Soria reported that he attended Cinco de Mayo celebration, Club 21 program that supports down syndrome, preschool graduation, and attended Bandini library event.

Mayor Rebollo attended Club 21 event and spoke about special needs training that some City staff is required to take and how beneficial it is for the community and special needs kids. Mayor Rebollo reported that she attended Scholarships for Scholars in Montebello, 25th annual Art Competition Awards for Lucille Royal Ballard, and thanked staff for taking issues on Hempworth in Bandini area. There will be Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled shortly on that street. Mayor Rebollo announced a Business Watch meeting at Washington and Atlantic. Mayor Rebollo wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.