

CITY OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chairperson Peraza called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Vice-Chairperson Baker led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call (by YES Worker Jonathan Melendez)

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

Moved as part of Agenda Item #2

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. **Approval of Minutes**

This item was moved to later in the meeting.

2. **Commendation for Sally Mancillas**

The Commission recognized Sally Mancillas, Parenting Classes Instructor, on the occasion of her retirement from Montebello Unified School District, after serving the Commerce community for over forty years. A commendation was presented and a picture was taken.

Public Comment:

Ed Saucedo, Social Services Coordinator (City employee), congratulated Sally and thanked her for all her contributions to the parents in the community who needed her instruction.

Moyra Garcia, Social Services Coordinator (City employee), thanked Sally for her many years of providing valuable instruction on parenting to parents in our community.

Laura Tilley, Public Safety Manager, thanked Sally for many years of valuable services to the community and spoke of the many ways she positively affected residents in our community.

3. **Recognition of Pete John Burciaga**

The Commission recognized resident Pete John Burciaga for his efforts to beautify his neighborhood in the City. Mr. Burciaga has performed many acts on his own accord that involve cleaning up his neighborhood in the Bristow area. The Commission presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Commissioners Gonzalez and Equihua, Jr. thanked Mr. Burciaga for his valuable efforts in taking it upon himself to pick up trash and sweep his neighborhood. A picture was taken.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Peraza motioned to approve the minutes of the meetings held on May 10, 2018 and June 14, 2018 with the following change to the May minutes: Under "Commission Reports, Commissioner Gonzalez, add bullet point: Requested that Pete Burciaga be recognized as the 1st recipient for his efforts in beautifying his neighborhood in the City. Commissioner Viesca seconded the motion. All were in favor with the and the motion passed. Yays: Peraza, Baker, Equihua, Jr., Viesca, Gonzalez. Nays: None

4. **Tour of ELA Sheriff's Station or Communications Center**

After a discussion, Chairperson Peraza motioned that City staff schedule a tour of the ELA Sheriff's Station, preferable for August 9th, 2018 at 7pm. The Commission meeting that night will open and adjourn to take the station tour. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed. Yays: Peraza, Gonzalez, Equihua, Jr., Baker, Viesca.

5. **Conferences for Commissions**

Liaison Tilley informed the Commission of available conferences which are only held during the week. The most applicable one is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Staff can also look into one by the CCPOA, which requires membership. Staff will continue researching this topic.

6. **Staff Reports**

Liaison Tilley reported the following:

- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** – Will be held Thurs., 7/26, 6:30pm, at 5500 Block of Pueblo Court. The 7/19 meeting was rescheduled to this one.
- **National Night Out** – Will be held Tues., 8/7. A preparation meeting for Block Captains will be held 7/24 at the Senior Center.
- **Bandini School Traffic Plan** – The plan was approved at last night's Traffic Commission Meeting. Staff worked with City Engineer Seung

Young and the school Principal to address issues with drop off of students. It was decided to remove Kinsie as a drop off zone and use Leonis as a drop off zone in the morning and pick up zone in the afternoon. Street sweeping was moved to later. A CSA (Crossing Guard) was moved to a better location.

Chairperson Peraza requested that the Principal be invited to a neighborhood meeting to notify residents of the change. Commissioner Gonzalez stated that residents should have been invited to a pre-planning meeting and more notice should have been given about the change.

7. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following:

- He attended the Color Run & participated in the Freedom Run. It's great to see kids participate
- He requested a report on citations written at Bristow
- At the United Family of Bristow Meeting there was a concern of people running the stop sign at night and asked if the street could be painted. Liaison Tilley said this was submitted to the Traffic Commission.
- He attended the Business Watch Meeting and gave kudos to the staff.
- He invited everyone to the United Family swap meet fundraiser on 8/25 from 7am – 4pm.
- He attended the Bandini banquet
- He attended the grand opening of Gelato

Commissioner Equihua Jr. reported the following:

- He has two traffic concerns: 1) Bus stop in front of pagodas at Rosewood Park – can a sign be placed to allow left turns between certain times, when there is no school in session? Liaison Tilley will notify Seung Young. 2) Can a stop sign be installed on Triggs St. where traffic is not stopping? People trying to turn left cannot turn. Liaison Tilley said a traffic study said it was not warranted to place a stop sign. She'll ask Seung Young to check peak hours.

Commissioner Viesca reported the following:

- He drove with with Homeless AdHoc Committee through a river bed, looking for homeless persons
- He attended a dinner with the AdHoc Committee
- He attended a Business Watch meeting at On Da Verge; there could have been more in attendance
- He attended the Rabies Clinic and it ran well
- He participated in the 5k Freedom run
- Has observed a homeless young man at Farmer Brothers who appears to be under the influence
- No times were listed on the Crime Stats report and the information will help with CSO deployment. He inquired how CSO's are deployed and in

what areas. He asked if their activity can be logged to document what they're doing. It would help Commissioners answer to negativity from the public. Liaison Tilley said an article will be placed in the Commerce Connect to tell residents what CSO's do.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported that residents see CSO's sitting and doing nothing. Chairperson Peraza asked if the Council received a letter from the Commission to recommend evening time CSO's dedicated to patrol only.

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported the following:

- Thanked everyone for the get well wishes.
- It's great that the Commission has an opportunity to recognize people who do well and contribute to the community.

Chairperson Peraza reported the following:

- He attended the Summer Kick Off with Commissioners Gonzalez and Equihua, Jr.
- He listened to the State of the City
- He thanked former Mayor Rebollo for all she's done with the Special Needs program. He congratulated the new Mayor Argumedo.
- He volunteered at a fireworks booth.
- The fireworks show was very nice and it's a great idea to have a shuttle for residents.
- He announced he will be stepping down from this commission to pursue other ventures in the City, but will continue as a Block Captain.

Adjournment

7:48 p.m. - Chairperson Peraza adjourned the meeting.