



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - 5:00 PM

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Community Services Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Argumedo called meeting to order at 5:07 pm in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals wishing to address the City Council on any items on the agenda or within Council jurisdiction.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Public Safety Discussion with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Captain Perez spoke about improvements made to the delivery of public safety services in Commerce area. According to Captain Perez, the best way to improve the public safety is to engage the community. In addition, the following strategies are involved in improvement of customer service - weekly management meetings, Intelligence Led policing, targeted patrol operations, focus on quality of life, involving and getting input from community and working with other law enforcement partners.

Discussion took place about homeless situation and involvement of the mental health unit located in East LA station. According to Captain Perez, there are two mental health unit teams located in the East LA Station, and those teams are utilized on a regular basis in dealing with homeless situation. Sergeant Hernandez added that homeless task force team goes at least twice a week for homeless outreach. Captain Perez stated that deputies get the training on how to deal with the mental health issues and once issues identified, mental health team

gets involved as well. Captain Perez stated that it is a goal of the East LA station to train all deputies on mental health issues and they are already planning another class for the Deputies.

Councilmember Rebollo requested that bi-weekly stats are provided for Commerce area. Captain Perez stated that activity sheets are public record and will be provided regularly to the City Council. In addition, Captain Perez stated that in order to improve customer service phone log is reviewed three times a day and service audits performed including detectives following-up with the residents in order to solicit feedback on the process.

Captain Perez provided an overview of the situation regarding break-ins in the Veterans' park area. Deputies know who those people are and working on the situation to be resolved.

Captain Perez provided an update regarding RV parking and stated that permanent signs will be posted shortly, which would allow enforcement of no overnight RV parking.

Discussion took place on parking at Fitzgerald area near Steven's Steakhouse and enforcement.

Discussion took place regarding statistics related to cannabis. Lieutenant Walsh, Narcotics Bureau, stated that this is relatively new area for California, therefore, statistics is not available.

Lieutenant Glen Walsh spoke about cannabis in other jurisdiction and other states. According to Lieutenant, 67% of Colorado local jurisdictions banned cannabis. Further discussion took place regarding statistics from other cities. Discussion took place about the dispensaries and cultivation and crime and whether the crime stats increase with having store front or other types of cannabis manufacturing or dispensaries in the Cities.

It was a consensus among the City Council to have Sheriff's representation on cannabis at the upcoming Community Meetings related to cannabis.

The City Council in conjunction with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will discuss topics related to crime prevention, and law enforcement efforts and take appropriate action as may be deemed necessary.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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.

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session item #1 - Staff provided briefing to the City Council; City Council provided direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.