



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 5:00 PM

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**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 Argumedo called meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Argumedo  
Councilmember Mendoza  
Mayor Pro Tem Soria  
Councilmember Altamirano  
Councilmember 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 5:13 p.m.*

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - Three (3) Matters
2. 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 at:
  - 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) and 5555 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040
  - B. 5550 Harbor Street, Commerce CA 90040 (6335-025-009), 2300 S. Eastern Avenue (6335-025-010)
  - C. 5625 Jillson Street, Commerce CA 90040 (6335-025-905)

D. 5555 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA Property (APN 6335-025-906)

E. 6335-025-903

F. 6335-025-805, 6335-025-807

G. Property located at 6364 Zindell Street, Commerce CA (APN 6357-015-900 and 6357-019-304)

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**

*The City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:02 p.m.*

### **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:*

*Item #2 was heard first- item #2 A through F Staff provided briefing, further direction was provided by the Successor agency and no final action was taken on this item.*

*Item #3 - City Administrator provided an update to the City Council, further direction was provided to staff and no reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Item #1- On first potential litigation, staff provided an update, further direction was provided to staff and no reportable action was taken on this item. On second potential litigation matter, update was provided to the City Council and no reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Closed session concluded 6:01 pm.*

### **6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Argumedo called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Finance Director Domic led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**INVOCATION**

*Mayor Pro Tem Soria offered the invocation*

**APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Certificate Honoring Jose Refugio Barragan Ramirez on the occasion of his 104th Birthday, and his Contributions to the Community

*Mayor and City Council honored Jose Refugio Barragan Ramirez on the occasion of his 104th Birthday.*

2. Certificate of Recognition for Jesus Padilla for Outstanding Leadership in Leading Water Polo Team to its First CIF Championship

*Mayor and City Council recognized Jesus Padilla for leading Water Polo Team to its first CIF Championship.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Joe Hernandez spoke in memory of postman Joe Perales killed while delivering packages.*

*Beatriz Sarmiento reminded everyone about the program Food for Fines.*

*Richard Hernandez talked about new businesses being brought to the community and surrounding businesses not being notified. Mr. Hernandez asked that better notification for residents and businesses is done.*

*Dave Rodriguez spoke about the recent crimes in Commerce and encouraged the City Council to look into installing surveillance cameras on streets and neighborhoods. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez asked that the curfew is enforced on*

*City streets.*

*James Herrmann, opposed cannabis in the City.*

*Camilo Cadenos opposed cannabis in Commerce.*

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Councilmember Mendoza pulled item #7 and #6 for discussion.*

*Item #7 - Councilmember Mendoza spoke in opposition of extending agreement. Councilmember Mendoza stated that the City is not ready for regulating cannabis in the community. Further discussion took place.*

*Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to adopt Resolution approving amendment and extension to the Agreement for consultant services with EJMA Planning+Development, to conduct planning, land use, zoning and supplemental staffing support service related to the City's Commercial Cannabis Permit Program. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*AYES: Councilmembers Altamirano, Rebollo, and Mayor Pro Tem Soria*

*NAYS: Councilmember Mendoza and Mayor Argumedo.*

*Item #6 - City Administrator Cisneros provided a brief overview of the staff report. City Administrator Cisneros stated that Klimt Consulting LLC will provide staffing services for this particular topic, including communicating with applicants, mailing and vetting of information, site visits, identifying prospective operators and also accounting costs for the City of Commerce.*

*Councilmember Mendoza stated that outreach should have been done prior to this. Discussion took place that the outreach would relate to what the operator would have to do in order to comply with the law. Further discussion took place about economic development and bringing businesses to Commerce.*

*Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to adopt Resolution approving an Agreement for consultant services with Klimt Consulting LLC, to conduct planning, land use, zoning and supplemental staffing support services related to commercial cannabis permits.*

*Discussion took place regarding cannabis deliveries. Assistant City Attorney*

*Copado stated that the medical deliveries were happening in the City, but if the City prohibits deliveries than no deliveries would be allowed. In addition, deliveries are hard to enforce when restricting home deliveries. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*AYES: Councilmembers Altamirano, Rebollo, and Mayor Pro Tem Soria*

*NAYS: Councilmember Mendoza and Mayor Argumedo.*

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar minus items #6 and #7. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

3. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 11A and 11B
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Request by Sterling Pacific Meat Company Warehouse for Midblock Crosswalk Across Scott Way
6. Agreement with Klimt Consulting LLC, to Conduct Planning, Land Use, Zoning and Supplemental Staffing Support Services Related to Commercial Cannabis Permits
7. Amendment and Extension to the Agreement with Ejma Planning + Development, to Conduct Planning, Land Use, Zoning And Supplemental Staffing Support Services Related to the City's Commercial Cannabis Permit Program

#### **CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS**

*Councilmember Altamirano thanked for staff for great event - Christmas Tree Lightening.*

*Councilmember Mendoza stated that he received calls regarding repairs on Triggs, and complimented staff for repairs done to I-710. Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Clippers Night, Employee Christmas Party, Library Holiday program for children, East Los Angeles Parade, and Tree Lightening ceremony.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Soria reported that he attended holiday programs and*

*complimented Library and Parks and Recreation staff on well done events.*

*Mayor Argumedo thanked staff for great programs and reported that he attended Children's holiday event at the Library, Tree lightening and East LA Christmas Parade.*

*Councilmember Rebollo asked that staff brings the action item in January regarding traffic study for Ferguson where recent accident happened.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned in memory of Joe Perales at 7:16 p.m.*