



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - 5:00 PM

**CONCURRENT JOINT 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 Pro Tem Soria called meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Argumedo arrived at 5:28 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Laura Logan talked about negotiations and asked to expedite the process.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the City Council 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. (APN 6335-019-023), 5530 Jillson St. (APN 6335-019-042), 2500 S Eastern Ave. (APN 6335-024-046), (APN 6335-024-03), (APN 6335-024-039), (APN 6335-024-048), (APN 6335-024-04), (APN 6335-024-043), (APN 6335-024-044), (APN 6335-024-045), 5600 Jillson St. (APN 6335-023-049), (APN 6335-023-0), (APN 6335-023-054), 5611 E Washington Blvd. (APN 6335-023-048), 5571 E Washington Blvd. (APN 6335-024-056), (APN 6335024057), and 5555 E. Washington, Commerce, CA 90040

B. 5550 Harbor St., Commerce, CA 90040 (6335-025-009), 2300 S. Eastern Ave. (6335-025-010)

C. 5625 Jillson St., Commerce, CA 90040 (6335-025-905)

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

E. (APN 6335023800), (APN 6335023801), (APN 6335025807), and (APN 6335025805)

F. 5736 E. Washington Blvd, Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334006038), and 5733 Sheila St., Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334006039)

G. Commerce Refuse-to- Energy Authority Facility site located at 5926 Sheila St., Commerce, CA 90040

2. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) Regarding Anticipated/Potential Litigation - one (1) Matter
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 reconvened to Open Session at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items.

Item #1 - all items, except item #1.G, staff provided an update to the City Council and no reportable action was taken on any of those items. Item #1.G was not discussed.

Item #2 & Item #3 - staff provided an update to the City Council and no final action was taken on these items.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Argumedo called regular City Council meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Human Resources Director Pappo led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Councilmember Mendoza offered the invocation.

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome and Introduction of Sheriff's Captain Ernest Chavez

Council and the Mayor welcomed Captain Chavez as new East LA Sheriff's Captain.

2. Commendation Recognizing the Department of Public Works and Development Services for Earning the City 2018 Project of the Year Award for the Washington Boulevard/I-5 Freeway Project

Mayor and Councilmembers recognized Public Works staff for receiving the City 2018 Project of the Year Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Logan, President of CCEA, opposed approval of item #9 and item #10. Ms. Logan stated that bachelor degree requirement is not necessary and opposed condensing two positions into one. Ms. Logan also asked that negotiations teams become serious about Union contract that is already expired.

Christine Dimas, Montebello Unified School District, spoke about conflict of interest for City Administrator being a Montebello School Board Member.

Gloria Nezahualcoya asked that the "no parking" signs are expedited in order to proceed with homeless efforts.

Richard Hernandez spoke again about better notification of businesses and residents about new businesses coming to Commerce.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Rebollo asked to pull item #9, and Councilmember Mendoza requested to pull item #10 for discussion.

Item #9- In response to Councilmember Rebollo of why there is opposition to bachelor's degree, Laura Logan responded that some positions at that same level do not require bachelor's degree and that requirements should be consistent with similar positions.

City Administrator Cisneros stated that staff wants to be consistent. Councilmember Rebollo stated that it was past practice of not requiring degrees for positions in higher range, but moving forward the City should relook those positions, and have that requirement added.

Following discussion Councilmember Mendoza recommended waiting for class and compensation and decide at that time.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt resolution amending th Classification and Compensation Plan by revising the classification specification for the Head Travel Sports Coach classification. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Altamirano, Mendoza, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Soria and Mayor Argumedo (5)

Item #10- City Administrator Cisneros stated that classification was changes as there were no candidates qualified. Staff identified more general description and this proposed model would work better. Discussion took place. It was suggested to making it a seasonal position dues to the fact that there are so much downtime in the camp, however, having a full-time individual would allow utilizing that position for City Hall special events.

Further discussion took place regarding not combining two positions into one, and also giving everyone fair chance to apply for the position.

Mayor Pro Tem Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve revisions to the personnel classification and compensation plan by amending the Camp Program Manager classification, revise job description and salary level for this classification. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Altamirano, Mendoza, Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem Soria and Mayor Argumedo (5)

Mayor Pro Tem Soria moved, seconded by Councilmember Altamirano, to approve Consent Calendar. 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. 14A and 14B
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Advertise Notice Inviting Bids to Supply Electrical Power to the Existing CNG Fueling Station
6. Rosewood Library Improvements
7. Approval of the State of California Minimum Wage for 2019 through 2023
8. On-Street Physically Challenged Accessible Parking Space for 2544 Commerce Way
9. Amending the Head Travel Sports Coach Classification
10. Amending the Camp Program Manager Classification

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Allocation for the 45th Year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Associate Planner Molinar-Esparza provided a brief overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued about Home Preservation program, and restrictions associated with CDBG funding.

Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soria, to adopt Resolution authorizing the allocation for the 45th year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SCHEDULED MATTERS

12. A Presentation by the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission Regarding Smart Funding

This item was continued to the future meeting.

13. A Presentation by the United States Census Bureau Regarding the Upcoming 2020 Census

United States Census Bureau Representative provided a presentation about census, outreach and efforts to engage the community.

Discussion took place about mistrust and fear in the community. However, it was stated that the information is protected by law and there was no breach of information received in the past. Following discussion, it was recommended that United States Census Bureau hires local people in order to get better response from residents.

14. 2019 Youth Education and Service (Y.E.S.) Leadership and Mentoring Program

City Administrator Cisneros provided a brief overview of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Rebollo recommended to incorporate interview process for these hires, and provide workshops for all Y.E.S. workers. Discussion took place to allow all youth who apply to get the experience. Following discussion, it was decided to advertise, collect applications and if more than 80 applications received, staff will bring back this for Council decision and allocation of additional funds.

Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve the 2019 Commerce Summer Youth Education and Service (Y.E.S.) Leadership & Mentoring Program beginning July 1, 2019 and to increase funding for 85 participants. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. Washington Light Rail Project Appointment

City Administrator Cisneros provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Soria volunteered to represent Council on this project. Councilmember Altamirano agreed to serve as an alternate. There was a consensus among the City Council to make these appointments.

ORDINANCES**16. Ordinance Amending Title 10, "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Commerce Municipal Code (Second Reading)**

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Councilmember Altamirano moved, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to read the ordinance by title only and adopt the ordinance amending Title 10 of the Commerce Municipal Code "Vehicle and Traffic". Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmember Altamirano reported that he attended Employee Recognition Award Ceremony. Councilmember Altamirano recommended that evacuation system is in place and also hazardous information identified on the commercial buildings.

Councilmember Rebollo thanked Commerce Sister City Association and staff for for putting together a great visit for the delegation. Councilmember Garcia reported that she attended Cristina Garcia swearing in ceremony. Complimented Parks and Recreation staff for great City celebration ceremony. Councilmember Rebollo also announced that the City Council meetings are now streamed via social media and very accessible. Councilmember Rebollo stated that City Administrator other job has nothing to do with the City and should not be discussed at this meetings.

Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended City Birthday celebration events, Employee Awards Ceremony, Swearing- in ceremony for Cristina Garcia and Aquatics awards ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Soria reported that he attended Employee Service Awards, Cristina Garcia swearing in ceremony, Research of requiring business to have hazardous material placard. Mayor Pro Tem Soria reported that he attended Aquascalientes events, Aquatics award ceremony, and United Family of Bristow community event.

Mayor Argumedo reported that he attended City Birthday celebration events, Employee Service Awards, Sister City Association events, and Aquatics awards banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm in memory of Rosary Flores.