



# City of Commerce

## Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 5:00 PM

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**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 Soria called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Soria  
Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano  
Councilmember Argumedo  
Councilmember Mendoza  
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 5:06 p.m.*

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: ZVI (aka) Harry Ryzman and Betty Ryzman, as Trustees of the Ryzman Family v *the City of Commerce, acting in a separate limited capacity elected to serve as the Successor Agency to the Commerce Community Development Commission et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP02821.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice v *the City of Commerce, et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP03310.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One (1) case: Coalition for Responsible Equitable Economic

Development Los Angeles, an unincorporated association; Carlos Mendivil, James Moreno and David Pimenov *v the City of Commerce, the City Council of the City of Commerce, and City of Commerce Public Works and Development Services department et al.* - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP03329.

4. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the City Council will confer with its real property negotiator, Edgar Cisneros, with respect to real estate negotiations with:

A. Wash-Tel Commerce, LLC concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of 6329 and 6355 Washington Boulevard, Commerce, California, commonly referred to as the Stahl Trust property.

B. Craig Realty Corporation concerning proposed price and other terms relating thereto, comprised of the former Commerce Community Development Commission-owned real property located along the Telegraph Road Corridor, south of Gaspar Avenue and north of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], formerly known as 5809, 5819, 5823, 2901/2903, 5933, 5901, 5959, 6000, 6003 and 6233 Telegraph Road and 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California.

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

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

*City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.*

## **ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

*Item #1- Staff provided an update, consensus was reached, direction provided, and no reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Items #2 and #3 - Council was briefed on those items and no reportable action was taken on both items.*

*Item #4.A. - No reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Item #4.B. and #4.C. - update was provided and no reportable action was taken on this item.*

*Closed Session concluded at 5:55 p.m.*

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Director of Library Services Sarmiento led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**INVOCATION**

*Councilmember Rebollo offered the invocation.*

**APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Employee of the Quarter - Jessica M. Cruz

*Councilmembers and the Mayor presented Certificate of Recognition to Employee of the Quarter, Jessica M. Cruz.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*James Herrmann opposed candidate for March 3, 2020 election Oralía Rebollo.*

*Brian Medina thanked Councilmember Argumedo, Councilmember Rebollo and Councilmember Mendoza for attending Bandini elementary beautification event.*

*Ann Arnow, and Camila Miranda spoke in opposition of cannabis business in Commerce.*

*Dave Rodriguez spoke in opposition of cannabis in the City.*

*Cathy Duarte complained about parking on 2225 Coutts Avenue and someone blocking her driveway.*

*Damien Mendoza thanked those who came to Bandini Elementary Beautification event.*

*Linda Munoz complained about the traffic stop performed by Deputy Morales on*

September 19, 2019.

*Richard Hernandez stated that cannabis should be left to the voters to decide.*

### CONSENT CALENDAR

*Councilmember Rebollo asked to pull item #7, and Councilmember Mendoza asked to pull item #3 for discussion.*

*Item #3- Human Resources Director Pappo provided a brief overview of this agenda item. Councilmember Mendoza recommended to wait for comp and class study to be completed, and also questioned the conflicting skill requirements for the job as listed in the job description. City Manager Cisneros provided reasoning for the recommended changes.*

*Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to adopt Resolution approving revisions to the personnel classification and compensation plan by amending the Camp Facility Maintenance Specialist Classification. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

*Item #7 - In response to Councilmember Rebollo's questions whether residents could buy surplus vehicles, Transportation Director McFerguson stated that the City puts vehicles on the City's website and residents could get information an bid through the website.*

*Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to declare vehicles/equipment as indicated in the staff report as surplus; and authorize Purchasing to sell the surplus Director of Public Works via public auction on the City's website. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

**Councilmember Mendoza moved, seconded by Councilmember Rebollo, to approve Consent Calendar minus items #3 and #7. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

2. Approval of Warrant Register Nos.14A, 14B
3. Amending the Camp Facility Maintenance Specialist Classification
4. Weed Abatement - Declaring that Weeds, Brush, Rubbish are a Public Nuisance
5. Request for Statement of Qualifications for Architecture and Engineering Services for the Development of a Master Plan, Conceptual Design and Feasibility Study for a New Transportation Maintenance, Public Works and Warehouse Facility Project
6. Adoption of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
7. Sale of City Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

#### **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

8. Updated Speed Hump Policy and Traffic Calming Measures on Triggs St. Between Marianna and McDonnell Ave.

*Director of Public Works Hernandez provided an overview of the staff report. Jenna Robins, Transtech, provided a powerpoint presentation.*

*Discussion took place in extending speed humps to other areas of the City and particularly for this proposed project include a park parking lot and the stretch all the way to I-5. Further discussion took place about the stop sign and crossing at Duncan street.*

*Discussion took place whether the bike passes designated for this area going to be affected. Councilmember Argumedo asked to get an update on other streets and make decisions on other areas within the City.*

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo, to adopt Resolution approving updated Speed Hump Policy and Traffic Calming Measures on Triggs St. between Marianna Ave. and East of McDonnell Ave. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## 9. Atlantic Boulevard Project Update

*Public Works Director Hernandez provided an overview of the staff report.*

*Discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the landscaping and whether the City is responsible. According to Director Hernandez, during the project landscaping and irrigation is the responsibility of the contractor but once the project is declared completed, landscaping becomes City's responsibility. No action was taken on this item. It was informational only.*

## ORDINANCES

### 10. Ordinance Amending Section 19.21.080 (Shared Parking) and 19.21.090 (Remote Parking) of the of the City of Commerce Municipal Code Clarifying the Type of Parking Analysis Required when Proposing Shared Parking -Second Reading

**Councilmember Rebollo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano, to wave the full reading of, read by title, and adopt an Ordinance amending Section 19.21.080 (Shared Parking) and 19.21.090 (Remote Parking) of the of the City of Commerce Municipal Code clarifying the type of parking analysis required when proposing shared parking, and create an administrative process where a conditional use permit is currently required to allow for remote parking. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

*Councilmember Rebollo thanked City staff involved in City's Birthday Celebration, thanked staff for assisting with Bandini Elementary Beautification event, and issued condolences for Moran Sandoval family ion their loss.*

*Councilmember Mendoza reported that he attended Bandini Elementary Beautification event, 60th Anniversary celebration, and spoke in opposition to cannabis in the City of Commerce.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano issued condolences for Moran Sandoval family. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano reported that he attended 60th City's Birthday celebration and said that as a member of the Beautification Committee, he is hoping to bring street art to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano stated that he participated in the teleconference regarding Coronavirus. Mayor Pro Tem Altamirano noted that he*

*enjoyed the Asqualientes Sister City visit.*

*Mayor Soria spoke about future of the City and reimagining of the City of Commerce, potential issues with gaming. Mayor Soria issued condolences to Eula family and Moran Sandoval family, and Rubalkova family.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm in memory of Sandoval Junior and Placentia Rubalkova at 7:53pm*