



City of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - 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 Altamirano called meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. via teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no individuals wishing to address 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 5:08 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 - One (1) Matter
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 the City Council will confer with its labor negotiator, Edgar P. 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.
3. 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 5736 E. Washington Blvd, Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334006038), and 5733 Sheila St., Commerce, CA 90040 (APN 6334006039)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Council/Successor Agency reconvened to open session at 6:05 p.m.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Copado reported on Closed Session items:

Item #1- City Manager Cisneros and Legal Counsel Copado provided an update and no reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #2 - Assistant City Manager Domic and City Manager Cisneros provided an update and no reportable action was taken on this item.

Item #3- City Manager Cisneros, and Director of Economic Development and Planning Jimenez provided an update, further direction was provided, and no reportable action was taken on this item.

6:00 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Altamirano called regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. via teleconference

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrative Services Director and City Clerk Shumway read the following letters for the record:

Castulo de la Rocha, President and CEO of AltaMed, regarding services provided to the residents and Los Angeles County population during Covid-19 and thanking the City of Commerce for the donation towards needed testing.

Director Shumway stated that there were 192 letters were received in support of the City's donation and AltaMed providing testing in the City of Commerce for Covid-19.

Jason Stinnett expressing concerns regarding the \$250,000 AltaMed contribution and asking to see the break-down of how monies are spent.

Assistant City Manager Domic read the letter received from Lora Logan, President of AFSCME Local 773, expressing disappointment with the City's contribution to AltaMed during the furloughs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to approve the Consent Calendar with corrected to the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Approval of Warrant Register Nos. 20A, and 20B
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Proclamation Designating the Week of May 10-16, 2020, as National Transportation Week
4. Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
5. CARES Act Provisions for the City's Deferred Compensation Plans
6. Temporary Lease Agreement with Fenix Entrepreneur, LLC for Portions of Vacant City Owned Properties located at 5733 Sheila Street and 5736 East Washington Boulevard

SCHEDULED MATTERS

7. Election Update - November 3, 2020 General Election and June 2, 2020, Special Election

Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk Shumway provided an update regarding two upcoming elections of June 2, 2020, and November 3, 2020. Both elections will be conducted by Universal Vote by Mail.

8. Update on Commerce College Bound Banner Program and Discussion of

Recommendations for Celebrating 2020 High School Graduates

Library Director Sarmiento provided an overview of the staff report and suggestions for recognizing graduating seniors.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo recommended that staff reaches out to Montebello High School to see what their plan is and do something different since they are already doing lawn signs. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo recommended featuring graduating seniors on the billboard at Citadel Outlets.

Following discussion, Mayor Altamirano recommended creating sub committee and work with staff on this matter. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo recommended including also 8th graders as it is a milestone for Commerce youth. Following discussion, City Manager Cisneros stated that they would start the process early and bring the item back for final approval if needed at the next City Council meeting.

No action was taken on this item. It was informational only.

ORDINANCES

9. An Ordinance Amending Title 12 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Commerce Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 12.05 (Street Cuts on Newly Paved Streets) - Second Reading

Director of Public Works Hernandez provided a presentation and stated that ordinances were compared, and it is on par with the neighboring cities. Staff also reviewed ordinances that correspond to their franchise agreements. Staff worked with SoCalGas in finding common ground that works for both parties.

Discussion took place regarding the side letter being issued to SoCalGas upon approval of the ordinance. Agreement between SoCalGas is not part of the ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Copado stated that ordinance being proposed is presented for second reading and adoption includes the oral amendments made at the last meeting during the first reading. According to the Assistant City Attorney Copado, the recommendation is two-fold -to approve the ordinance for second reading and authorize City Manager to execute side letter with the SoCalGas for a period of six months.

Councilmember Argumedo moved, seconded by Councilmember Soria, to waive full reading and read the Ordinance by title only, adopt the Ordinance, Amending Title 12 of the City Municipal Code by adding Chapter 12.05,

"Establishing Regulations of Street Cuts on Newly Paved Streets," and authorize the City Manager to execute side letter of agreement in order to address concerns raised by So Cal Gas. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

Councilmembers and the Mayor wished Happy Mother's Day and stated that Cinco de Mayor taco event was very successful.

Councilmember Mendoza encouraged everyone to vote for June 2, 2020, special city election, and especially in the current situation utilize the option of voting by mail.

Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked city staff for working hard on providing services to residents in these hard times. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked Transtech for their generous donation for covering the cost of rings for the Polo Team. Mayor Pro Tem Rebollo thanked Mask Ninjas for making and donating to CSOs and bus drivers.

Mayor Altamirano spoke in support of the Measure C and CC. He stated that Chairman of Citadel Craig is planning to hold a zoom meeting where residents could ask questions regarding the proposed development that is for the vote on June 2, 2020, special election. According to mayor Altamirano, the Cinco de Mayo event was a huge success, and 433 cars showed up, 380 meals were delivered, and an additional 50 were requested and delivered. Total, there were 1,550 tacos served.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

ADJOURNMENT