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**AGENDA FOR THE CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND
THE COMMERCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairperson Aguilar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Jimenez
Director of Parks and Recreation

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Chairperson Baca
Del Rio

ROLL CALL

City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Olivieri

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognizing Posthumously Ms. Margarita Holguin as the 2009 Woman of the Year

With the consent of the **Council**, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre will recognize posthumously Margarita Holguin as the 2009 Woman of the Year and present the recognition to her son, Ruben Holguin.

1. Introduction of Miss Commerce 2009 and Royal Court

The Pageant Steering Committee will introduce Miss Commerce 2009 and her Court to the City Council. The City Council will congratulate Miss Commerce 2009 and her Court, thank the young ladies who participated in this year's Pageant and Miss Commerce 2008 and her Court for a fine job on behalf of the City, including a special thank you to the Pageant Steering Committee for another successful Miss Commerce Pageant.

2. Commendation – Montebello/Commerce YMCA Preschool and Child Development Center

At the request of Mayor Aguilar, the City Council will present a Commendation to the Montebello/Commerce YMCA Preschool and Child

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Development Center for its efforts in providing a vital service to the community. Director Liz Brizo of the YMCA will be present to accept the Commendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens wishing to address the City Council/Commission on any item on the agenda or on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. However, State law (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) prohibits the City Council/Commission from acting upon any item not contained on the agenda posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. Upon request, the City Council/Commission may, in their discretion, allow citizen participation on a specific item on the agenda at the time the item is considered by the City Council/Commission. Request to address City Council/Commission cards are provided by the City Clerk/Assistant Secretary. If you wish to address the City Council/Commission at this time, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the City Clerk/Assistant Secretary prior to commencement of the City Council/Commission meeting. Please use the microphone provided, clearly stating your name and address for the official record and courteously limiting your remarks to five (5) minutes so others may have the opportunity to speak as well.

To increase the effectiveness of the Public Comment Period, the following rules shall be followed:

No person shall make any remarks which result in disrupting, disturbing or otherwise impeding the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Each item has backup information included with the agenda, and should any Councilmember/Commissioner desire to consider any item separately he/she should so indicate to the Mayor/Chairperson. If the item is desired to be discussed separately, it should be the first item under Scheduled Matters.

3. Approval of Warrant Register No. 16, dated April 7, 2009

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Register No. 16, dated April 7, 2009.

4. 2009 Engineering and Traffic Survey (Speed Zone Study) for Atlantic Boulevard, Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue

The **City Council** will consider for approval the 2009 Engineering and Traffic Survey (Speed Zone Study) conducted by the Los Angeles County Public Works Traffic & Lighting Division on behalf of the City on Atlantic Boulevard, Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue.

5. Approval of Volunteers of America Head Start as 2009 City of Commerce Civic Organization – Renewal

The **City Council** will consider for approval renewal of the Volunteers of America Head Start (formally known as ABC Head Start) as a 2009 Civic Organization, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

6. Proclamation – “Child Abuse Prevention Month”

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The Prevent Child Abuse California Coalition has proclaimed the month of April 2009 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”. The Coalition believes in strengthening California’s approach to child abuse prevention by way of legislative advocacy, providing training and support for those who work with and care for children and the development of a statewide network of child abuse prevention programs. During April 2009, the City will encourage all citizens, community businesses and faith groups to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse.

The **City Council** will consider designating the month of April 2009 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the City of Commerce.

7. Third Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Gladstein, Neandross & Associates to Assist City During Construction of LNG/LCNG Fueling Station Project

The City Council will consider for approval the Third Amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Gladstein, Neandross & Associates to assist the City during the construction of the LNG/LCNG Fueling Station Project, to be located on the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy facility site.

8. 2009 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Authorization for City Staff to Seek Funding

The **City Council** will consider authorizing City staff to request funding from the Department of Justice via the 2009 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant, in the amount of \$65,454. If staff is successful in obtaining the funds, they will be utilized to provide crime scene fingerprint training for all Community Safety Specialists, an additional vehicle and bicycle patrol in high crime areas and to purchase uniforms for the ComCat volunteers.

9. Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) – Authorization for Sheriff’s Department to Apply for Grant Funding on Behalf of the City of Commerce

The **City Council** will consider authorizing the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to proceed in applying for funding of two positions, on the City’s behalf. The CHRP Grant monies are available to law enforcement agencies by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funds will continue for three years and pay for newly-hired officers or to rehire officers who were or will be laid off due to budget cuts. If funding is granted, the City will pay the difference between entry-level salaries/benefits and the grant rate and be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding at a later date.

10. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Awarding Phase II of the 2007-2008 Bus Stop Shelters Project No. 600968-07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to ShelterCLEAN, Inc. of Sun Valley, California

The **City Council** will consider for approval and adoption a proposed Resolution awarding Phase II of the 2007-2008 Bus Stop Shelters Project No. 600968-07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to ShelterCLEAN, Inc. of Sun Valley, California.

11. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Records

Government Code §34090 et seq. authorizes the destruction of City records, documents, instruments, books or papers when it is determined that such items are no longer required to be retained.

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The **City Council** will consider for approval and adoption a proposed Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain records as outlined in the exhibits to the Resolution.

12. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Approving a Project List for the FY 2008-09 Prop B Transit Security Projects

The City Council will consider for approval and adoption a proposed Resolution approving a project list for the fiscal year 2008-09 Prop B Transit Security Projects and authorizing City staff to execute for and on behalf of the City any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SCHEDULED MATTERS

13. 2008 Calendar Year Crime Statistics Report – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

The **City Council** will receive a presentation pertaining to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Crime Statistics for calendar year 2008. Captain Henry Romero, commander of the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Substation, will make the presentation.

14. Recognition of the Commerce Public Library System as "Star" Library

The Commerce Public Library System has been recognized as one of the best libraries in the United States and in the state of California by a survey conducted by the national publication, Library Journal. Library Journal's 2009 Index of Public Library Service rates 7,115 public libraries and identifies 256 "Star" libraries. This is quite an accomplishment considering the size of the Commerce Public Library System.

Evelyn Fullmore, Director of Library Services, and Library Services Department staff will provide a brief report on the per capita matrix used in the Library Journal's survey to rate the libraries and provide their version as to why the Commerce Public Library System received this prestigious recognition.

15. Presentation on Central Library Renovation Project

The **City Council** will receive a presentation from Adrian-Gaus Architects, Incorporated on the Central Library Renovation Project and direct staff to take the appropriate action with respect thereto.

16. Request for Financial Participation with California Redevelopment Association (CRA) in Conjunction with CRA, et al. v. Michael C. Genest, Director, State Department of Finance

The **Commission** will consider for approval, and authorizing the payment of, a one-time fee to California Redevelopment Association (CRA) in the amount of \$6,250.00 for representation in the matter of CRA, et al. v. Michael C. Genest, involving the remittance by redevelopment agencies of the predetermined, proportional share of redevelopment funds to the State as a result of the recently adopted 2008/09 State budget (AB 1389).

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17. City Commission/Committee Appointments

The City Council will make the appropriate appointments to the following City Commissions and Committees: Education Commission, Library Commission, Senior Citizens Commission, Traffic Commission, Youth Advisory Commission, Beautification Committee, Housing Committee, Pageant Steering Committee, I-710 Local Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc), Community Railroad Task Force (Ad Hoc) and Environmental Justice Advisory Task Force.

18. Delegate and Alternate Appointments

The City Council annually selects from among its members who will serve as delegate and as alternate on various boards.

The **City Council** will make the following delegate and alternate appointments for the period April 2009 to April 2010, unless otherwise specified:

California Contract Cities Association, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Central Basin Water Association, Child Care Council Sub-committee, City Selection Committee, Commerce Refuse to Energy Authority, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Employment Task Force, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG), Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, I-5 Consortium, I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee, League of California Cities, National League of Cities, Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

19. Presentation and Review of Proposed 2009-2010 Fiscal Budget Year

The **City Council** and **Commission** will receive, and consider appropriate action with respect to, the City Administrator/Executive Director's proposed operating budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The **City Council** and **Commission** will adjourn to Thursday, April 9, 2009, to consider this matter.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

20. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8,

- A. The Commission will confer with its real property negotiators, Jorge Rifa, Bob Zarrilli and John Yonai, with respect to real estate negotiations, including proposed price and other terms, concerning the proposed Commerce Boardwalk (Urban Entertainment Center) Project, located along Telegraph Road, South of Gaspar Avenue and North of the Commerce Casino [Tubeway Avenue], at 5809, 5819, 5823, 5901/5903, 5933, 5959, 6001, 6003 and 6051 Telegraph Road; 2240 Gaspar Avenue; 2311, 2322 and 2366 Travers Avenue and 2331 Tubeway Avenue, Commerce California; Frazee Commerce Properties, Ltd, including proposed price and other terms, concerning 2366 Travers Avenue, Commerce, California; Justman Family Trust, Morley Justman Co., Trustee, including proposed price and other terms, concerning 5823

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Telegraph Road, Commerce, California; Russell E. Justman, including proposed price and other terms, concerning 5819 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California, and California Commerce Club, Inc., including proposed price and other terms concerning 6051 Telegraph Road and 2331 Tubeway Avenue, Commerce, California.

- B. Commerce Hyundai, including proposed price and other terms, concerning real property located at 5440 and 5540 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California.
- C. Bakura, Inc., including proposed price and other terms, concerning real property located at 4560 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, California.

21. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a),

- A. The Commission will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of Commerce Community Development Commission v. Zvi (AKA Harry) Ryzman and Betty Ryzman, as Trustees of the Ryzman Family Trust, U/D/T August 20, 1989, F/B/O The Ryzman Family, et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central District, Case No. BC343619.

22. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b),

- A. The City Council will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to significant exposure to litigation in one potential case.
- B. The Commission will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to significant exposure to litigation in one potential case.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Emergency Operations Center in memory of Esther Herrera, long time Commerce resident and Beautification Committee Member.

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FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, MONDAY-FRIDAY,
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**