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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 15, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairperson Baca Del Rio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Zarrilli,
Director of Community Development

INVOCATION

Councilmember/Commissioner Argumedo

ROLL CALL

City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Olivieri

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Tree City U.S.A. 2007 Award & Recognition of Arbor Day 2008 Poster Contest Winners

On behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation, a representative of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Forestry Division will recognize, and present the Tree City U.S.A. 2007 Award to, the City of Commerce Public Services Tree Division.

Recognition awards will also be presented to the winners of the Arbor Day 2008 poster contest from Bandini Elementary, Laguna Nueva and Rosewood Park Elementary Schools.

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 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.

2. Approval of Warrant Register No. 20, dated April 15, 2008

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Register No. 20, dated April 15, 2008.

3. Proclamation – Earthquake Preparedness Month

The **City Council** will consider designating the month of April 2008 as “Earthquake Preparedness Month” and encourage all citizens to enhance their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to follow before, during and after an earthquake.

4. Renewal of Soul Winners for Christ as 2008 City of Commerce Civic Organization

The **City Council** will consider for approval an application for renewal from the Soul Winners for Christ as an Official Civic Organization, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

5. Approval of Participation with Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) in Los Angeles River Watershed Metals TMDL Coordinated Monitoring Plan (CMP)

The **City Council** will consider, and take the appropriate action with respect to, participation with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) in the Los Angeles River Watershed Metals TMDL Coordinated Monitoring Plan (CMP).

6. Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for 2008 Fourth of July Celebration Aerial Fireworks Display

The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, an agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., for an aerial fireworks display for the 2008 Fourth of July Celebration.

7. Services Agreement with Paul Maurer d.b.a. Paul Maurer Shows for 2008 Fourth of July Celebration

The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, a Services Agreement with Paul Maurer d.b.a. Paul Maurer Shows for carnival services for the 2008 Fourth of July Celebration to be held at Rosewood Park.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

8. Update on City Projects

At the request of Mayor Baca Del Rio, the **City Council** will receive a presentation and update on all City projects, including all Capital Improvement Projects.

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9. Services Agreement with RTKL Associates, Inc. to Prepare Site Studies, Including Market Viability, for the Urban Entertainment Center Concept

The **Commission** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, a Services Agreement with RTKL Associates, Inc. to prepare site studies, including market viability, for the Urban Entertainment Center Concept along the Telegraph Road Corridor.

10. Services Agreement with Tierra West Advisors, Inc. for Redevelopment Plan Amendment Services for Project Area Nos. I, II, and III Regarding Tax Increment and Time Limits

The **Commission** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, a Services Agreement with Tierra West Advisors, Inc. to increase the tax increment cap for Project Area No. I, and to extend the plan life and the collection of tax increment for Project Area Nos. II and III.

11. First Amendment to Services Agreement between the City of Commerce and The Dardanelle Group, Inc.

The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, a First Amendment to Services Agreement with the Dardanelle Group, Inc. to prepare and provide support documentation relating to the Washington Boulevard Widening Project, continue to provide support to the City for the California Transportation Commission's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund and prepare grant proposals as required by the City for any available federal or State grants that become available during the term of the proposal.

12. Committee Appointment

The **City Council** will make the appropriate appointment to the following Committee: I-710 Local Advisory Committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

13. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, the **Commission** will confer with its real property negotiators, Jorge Rifa, Bob Zarrilli and John Yonai, with respect to real estate negotiations with:
 - A. 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 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.

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- B.** Silvestre Gonzales, of Casa De Gonzales Automotive Group, Inc., including proposed price and other terms, concerning property located at 6300 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California, commonly referred to as the Commerce Plaza Hotel property.

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

- A.** The **City Council** will confer with its legal counsel, and take the appropriate action, with respect to the pending litigation of Show Media, LLC, v. City of Commerce, a California Liability Company, Los Angeles Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC388013.

15. 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.

16. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6,

The **City Council** will confer with its labor negotiators, Jorge Rifa, Linda Kay Olivieri, Vilko Domic, Teresa McAllister and Richard Kreisler, with respect to labor negotiations pertaining to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding presented by the City of Commerce Employees Association on behalf of the mid-management and non-management full-time employees and part-time employees.

ADJOURNMENT

**LARGE PRINTS OF THIS AGENDA ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, MONDAY-FRIDAY,
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**