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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, DECEMBER 2, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairperson Baca Del Rio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian Wolfson
Public Information Officer

INVOCATION

Councilmember/Commissioner Lopez

ROLL CALL

City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Olivieri

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Plaque to Pastor Jerry Bloom

The **City Council** will present a plaque to Pastor Jerry Bloom, of Greenwood Community Church, in appreciation of his community outreach and for partnering with the Greenwood Branch Library to sponsor the Family Night – Back to School Program.

2. Commendation – Honoring Terry Salas Ortiz Upon Being Selected as “Teacher of the Year” by Rio Hondo Boys and Girls Club

At the request of Mayor Pro Tempore Aguilar, the **City Council** will present a Commendation to City employee Terry Salas Ortiz who is a teacher at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, in recognition of her selection as “Teacher of the Year” by the Rio Hondo Boys and Girls Club.

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/

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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.

3. Approval of Minutes

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the minutes of the Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, February 5, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.; Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, February 19, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.; Concurrent Adjourned Regular Meetings of Tuesday, February 26, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.; Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, March 4, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.; Special Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2008, held at 7:00 p.m. [Council only] and Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, March 18, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.

4. Approval of Warrant Register No. 9 dated December 2, 2008

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Register No. 9, dated December 2, 2008.

5. Financial Report Through September 30, 2008

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for receipt and filling, respectively, the financial reports through September 30, 2008.

6. City Treasurer's Report Through September 30, 2008

The **City Council** will consider for receipt and filling the City Treasurer's report through September 30, 2008.

7. Agreement with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) Program

The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, an Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) Program. The STAR Program provides anti-drug education for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade children at Rosewood, Bandini and Laguna Nueva Elementary Schools.

8. Services Agreement with Black O'Dowd and Associates, Inc. for Aquatorium Locker Room Rehabilitation Project

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The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, a Services Agreement with Black O'Dowd and Associates, Inc. for architectural design and project support services to the City of Commerce in connection with the Aquatorium Locker Room Rehabilitation Project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California Amending the Zoning Provisions of the Municipal Code to Change the Zoning of Certain Parcels of Land from M-1 to R-2 and R-3 to R-2 (Zone Change No. 08-01) – First Reading

The **City Council** will conduct a public hearing on, and thereafter consider for first reading, a proposed Ordinance amending the zoning provisions of the Commerce Municipal Code to change the zoning of certain parcels of land from M-1 to R-2 and R-3 to R-2 (Zone Change No. 08-01). The properties are located in the Bristow Park area of the City. The proposed amended zoning provisions will allow for the construction of single-family homes and duplexes on the subject sites.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

10. Status Report - Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 615 as Required by Section 65858 (d) of the Government Code and Setting a Public Hearing

The **City Council** will consider issuing a report as its compliance with Government Code Section 65858 (d) for Ordinance No. 615, and setting a public hearing for December 16, 2008 to consider the extension of said Ordinance. Ordinance No. 615, adopted on November 12, 2008, placed a moratorium on the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries and on the distribution of medical marijuana at existing businesses.

11. City Tree Removal Policy Consideration

At the request of Mayor Baca Del Rio, the **City Council** will consider, and take the appropriate action with respect to, directing staff to proceed with the preparation of an updated tree removal policy that will include a process for public participation and will address issues confronting the City and the public in connection with the removal of trees in the City of Commerce.

12. Revision of City Council/Commission Vehicle Use or Car Allowance Policy

At the request of Councilmember/Commissioner Fierro, the **City Council** and **Commission** will consider reversing the current City Council/Commission Vehicle Use or Car Allowance Policy, adopted on June 13, 2007, and approve the reinstatement of the former City Council Vehicle Use Policy as revised, effective January 1, 2009.

13. Committee Appointments

The **City Council** will make the appropriate appointments to the following Committees: Pageant Steering Committee and I-710 Local Advisory Committee.

14. Special 2008-2009 Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule for City Hall and Other City Facilities

The **City Council** will consider, and take the appropriate action with respect to, authorizing the closure of City Hall and other City facilities at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 (Christmas Eve), all day on

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Friday, December 26, 2008, and at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 (New Year's Eve), with staff hours for the two weeks to be adjusted accordingly, as recommended by the City Administrator.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Amending Ordinance No. 614, Amending Title 6 ("Health and Sanitation") of the Commerce Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 6.19 ("Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion") – First Reading

The **City Council** will consider for first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 614, amending Title 6 ("Health and Sanitation") of the Commerce Municipal Code, by adding Chapter 6.19 ("Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion").

CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

16. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a),
- A. The **City Council and Commission** will confer with their 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.
17. 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

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.