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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, FEBRUARY 17, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairperson Argumedo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vilko Domic
Director of Finance

INVOCATION

Councilmember/Commissioner Lopez

ROLL CALL

City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Olivieri

APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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.

1. Approval of Minutes

The **City Council and Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the minutes of the Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, April 1, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.; Concurrent Regular Meetings of Tuesday, April 15, 2008, held at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Warrant Register No. 14, dated February 17, 2009

The **City Council and Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Register No. 14, dated February 17, 2009.

3. 2009 Youth Education and Service Program (YES Program)

The **City Council** will consider for approval the operation of the 2009 Youth Education and Service Program. The summer employment program for City of Commerce youth will begin in June 2009 and end September 1, 2009. As in all past years, the selection process will be competitive for the 100 slots available.

4. Retiree Commendations

The **City Council** will consider for approval Commendations for four (4) retiring City employees who retired in the year 2008 and one (1) who is retiring in March 2009. The retiring employees are Corrine R. Ledesma (Transportation), Margarito Gaspar (Public Services Division of the Community Development Department), Leopoldo Marquez (Public Services Division of the Community Development Department), Caroline M. Matz (Library Services) and Rosalina G. Lopez (City Council). The Retirement Commendations will be presented at the Annual Services Awards and Recognition Dinner to be held on March 14, 2009.

5. 2009 Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Session Dates and Approval of Engagement Letter from RJA Management Services, Inc. for Facilitation Services in Connection Therewith

The **City Council** will consider setting Saturday, April 4, 2009, and Saturday, April 18, 2009, as the dates for the 2009 Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Sessions for the City Council and Management Staff and approving the engagement letter from RJA Management Services, Inc. for facilitation services in connection therewith.

6. Acceptance of Phase One of the City Council Chambers and Access Channel Production Facility Audio/Video Equipment Improvement and Integration Project

The **City Council** will consider accepting the work performed by Spinitar, of La Mirada, California, for Phase One of the project named above, as being satisfactory and complete; authorizing staff to file the "Notice of Completion" with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County

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Clerk's Office and, thirty-five (35) days thereafter, make final payment of the 10% retention.

7. Acceptance of Cash Contract No. 0801 – Annual Residential Street Rehabilitation and Resurfacing in the Bandini Area Project in the City of Commerce

The **City Council** will consider accepting the work performed by All American Asphalt Inc., of Corona, California, under Cash Contract No. 0801, as named above, as being satisfactory and complete; authorizing staff to file the "Notice of Completion" with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office and, thirty-five (35) days thereafter, make final payment of the 10% retention.

8. Acceptance of Cash Contract No. 0807 – Street Median Improvement Project at Various Locations in the City of Commerce

The **City Council** will consider accepting the work performed by Green Tech Landscape, of Whittier, California, under Cash Contract No. 0807, as named above, as being satisfactory and complete; authorizing staff to file the "Notice of Completion" with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office and, thirty-five (35) days thereafter, make final payment of the 10% retention.

9. Adoption of Revised City of Commerce Personnel Policy and Procedure

The **City Council** will consider adopting the revised Pre-employment Medical Examinations Policy I-11 and authorizing the City Administrator and the Director of Human Resources to execute the revised policy.

10. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce Approving the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Thus Authorizing the City's Membership in the LA-RICS Authority; and Authorization to Execute The JPA Agreement

The LA-RICS was established to improve communications between various agencies, including law enforcement and fire, during an emergency or disaster. It will provide more efficiency and good coordination between agencies, which can be crucial to the safety of local communities.

The **City Council** will consider for approval and adoption a proposed Resolution approving the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), thus authorizing the City's membership in the LA-RICS Authority, and authorizing the execution of said agreement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Public Hearing – Abatement of Noxious or Dangerous Weeds – Hearing of Protests

The City Council declared, by approving Resolution No. 09-6 on February 3, 2009, that weeds, brush, rubbish and refuse upon or in front or specified properties in the City are a seasonal and recurring public nuisance and further declared its intention to provide for the abatement of said nuisance.

The public hearing is held annually to allow those property owners affected by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures' weed abatement program to protest the inclusion of their properties within the program.

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Following the public hearing, the **City Council** will consider for approval the Abatement Order directing the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commission/Director of Weights and Measures to abate the public nuisance as outlined above.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

12. Update on Employment Opportunities for Commerce Residents in Conjunction with the Proposed Costco Business Center

At the request of Commissioner Fierro, the **Commission** will receive an update from staff regarding the employment opportunities for Commerce residents in conjunction with the proposed Costco Business Center.

13. LNG/CNG Fueling Station Design-Build Agreement

The **City Council** will consider for approval, and authorizing the execution of, the LNG/CNG Fueling Station Design-Build Agreement with General Physics Corporation.

14. Approval of "Keep Commerce Beautiful" Logo

The **City Council** will consider for approval the "Keep Commerce Beautiful" logo.

15. Sponsorship of 16th Annual 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition

The **City Council** will consider a financial contribution in the amount of \$3,000 ("Renaissance Sponsor") toward the sponsorship of the 16th Annual 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition. As a Renaissance Sponsor, the City will be recognized at the exhibit opening reception and awards presentation in April 2009, as well as mentioned in the reception program booklet.

16. Update on Installation of Security Cameras

At the request of Mayor Argumedo, the **City Council** will receive a status report on the installation of security cameras at the Triggs Street Pedestrian Overcrossing, Leonis Street Pedestrian Tunnel and Bandini Boulevard Pedestrian Overcrossing.

17. Commission and Committee Appointments

The City Council will make the appropriate appointments to the following City Commission and Committee: Parks and Recreation Commission and I-710 Local Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc).

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18. 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

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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.

- 19.** 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.
- 20.** 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 two potential cases.
- 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 in memory of Frank Mercado, husband of Terry Mercado, Officer and Troop Leader of Commerce Service Organization Girl Scout Troop #336 of the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles.

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