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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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chairperson Baca Del Rio

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Evelyn Fullmore  
Director of Library Services

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Fierro

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Olivieri

**APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation – Certificates of Appreciation to Participants of National Night Out 2008 and Plaque of Appreciation to Target for its Corporate Sponsorship

At the request of Mayor Baca Del Rio, the **City Council** will present Certificates of Appreciation to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains who participated in National Night Out 2008 by co-hosting 17 block parties throughout the City and a Plaque of Appreciation to Target for being a corporate sponsor of the event. The event was held on August 5, 2008, and resulted in a tremendous success with over 1,600 residents participating.

2. Acknowledgement – Monetary Donation to Motivating the Teen Spirit Program

The **City Council** will acknowledge Mr. Juan Mondragon, of Fresca's Restaurant, for his donation toward the Motivating the Teen Spirit Program. Motivating the Teen Spirit is an organization that offers workshops to help youth develop self awareness and improve their self esteem.

3. Commendation – Honoring Sergeant Ignacio Somoano of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

The **City Council** will present a Commendation to Sergeant Ignacio Somoano, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in recognition of his service to the City while serving in the capacity of dedicated sergeant.

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4. City of Commerce Customer Service Employee Recognition Program: Introduction of Third Quarter Award Recipient

The **City Council** will present a plaque to Maria Meneses, Administrative Secretary of Community Services, upon being selected as the award recipient of the newly implemented Citywide Employee Customer Service Recognition Program for the third quarter of the 2008 calendar year. This quarter's nominees will also receive a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for their outstanding and dedicated customer service. Teresa McAllister, Director of Human Resources, will present a status report on the City of Commerce Customer Service Employee Recognition Program.

### 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**.

5. Approval of Warrant Register No. 4, dated September 2, 2008

The **City Council** and **Commission** will consider for approval, respectively, the bills and claims set forth in Warrant Register No. 4, dated September 2, 2008.

6. Proclamation – “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month” – September 2008

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has proclaimed the month of September 2008 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”. CSAT works with addiction treatment

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organizations to identify, develop and support programs that enhance treatment services. Its aim is to assist communities with localized efforts to promote treatment effectiveness by encouraging them to invest in addiction treatment services. During September, the City will inform the community that substance abuse is a serious problem and will encourage residents to participate in appropriate programs and activities to support this year's theme, "Join the voices for recovery: real people, real recovery".

The **City Council** will consider proclaiming the month of September 2008 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in the City of Commerce.

7. Services Agreement with Linscott, Law & Greenspan, Engineers, to Prepare Traffic Study for Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project

The **City Council** will consider for approval a Services Agreement with Linscott, Law & Greenspan, Engineers, to prepare a traffic study in conjunction with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review currently underway for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.

8. Approval of Modular Building, Furniture and Equipment

The **City Council** will consider, and take the appropriate action with respect to, the purchase of a modular building for the Greenwood Branch Library, for the purpose of additional storage and staff office space.

In fiscal year 2006/07, the City Council allocated \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a modular building for the Greenwood Branch Library and to purchase furniture and equipment to furnish the modular building. Due to the limited space at the Greenwood Branch Library, an additional building would provide much needed storage space, relieve the cramped working conditions and open up more space in the public area of the library.

9. Appropriation of Funds for Removal and Abatement of Asbestos-containing Materials at Commission-owned Property Located at 4906 Jardine Street (APN 5244-022-008) and Approval of Services Agreement with J & J Environmental Construction Corporation Therefore

The **Commission** will consider for approval the appropriation of funds for the removal and abatement of asbestos-containing materials at Commission-owned property located at 4906 Jardine Street (APN 5244-022-008), previously owned by Joy Padilla, and the Services Agreement with J & J Environmental Construction Corporation therefore.

10. Appropriation of Funds for Residential Remodel of Commission-owned Property Located at 4906 Jardine Street (APN 5244-022-008) and Approval of the Agreement with California Quality Coating Therefore

The **Commission** will consider for approval the appropriation of funds for the residential remodel of Commission-owned property located at 4906 Jardine Street (APN 5244-022-008), previously owned by Joy Padilla, and the Agreement with California Quality Coating therefore.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

## SCHEDULED MATTERS

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11. Request for Re-allocation of Funds to Enable Parks and Recreation Department to Offer Motivating the Teen Spirit Program to Commerce Youth

At the request of Mayor Baca Del Rio, the **City Council** will consider for approval the reallocation of funds from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Parks and Recreation Department's Teen Center Cost Center to enable the Department to offer the Motivating the Teen Spirit Program to Commerce Youth. Motivating the Teen Spirit is an organization that offers workshops to help youth develop self-awareness and improve their self esteem.

12. Vernon Power Plant Vigil

The **City Council** will consider for approval several proposed staff recommended event activities for the Vernon Power Plant Vigil scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2008.

13. California Air Resources Board Rail Yard Mitigation Plan Meetings

The **City Council** will receive a report on, and take appropriate action with respect to, the California Air Resources Board's proposed schedule to hold two separate public meetings in the City of Commerce to discuss the preliminary drafts of mitigation plans to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions at the UPRR and BNSF rail yards, respectively.

14. Authorize City Administrator to Award Project to, and Execute Contract Agreement with, Lowest Responsible, Responsive Bidder for Landscaping of City Medians Containing Newly Installed Street Monuments

The **City Council** will consider authorizing the City Administrator to award the project to, and execute an Agreement with, the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the landscaping of City medians containing the newly installed street monuments.

15. Review of Potential Fiscal Impact of State Budget Crisis on City of Commerce

The **City Council** and **Commission** will receive a report on, and take the appropriate action with respect to, the potential fiscal impact the State budget crisis may have on the City of Commerce.

16. Commission and Committee Appointments

The **City Council** will make the appropriate appointments to the following Commissions and Committees: Youth Advisory Commission, Housing Committee and I-710 Local Advisory Committee.

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

### RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

17. 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

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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; Dura Carpet Supply Company, 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.

- 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.

**18.** 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 three 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.

**19.** Pursuant to Government Code §54957,

The **City Council** and **Commission** will conduct a six-month performance evaluation of the City Administrator/Executive Director

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn in memory Joe Herrera, longtime Commerce resident.

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