

CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES THE

**Bell City Council/Bell Community Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Bell
Community Redevelopment Agency/ Bell Public Finance Authority**

July 18, 2012

5:00 P.M. Closed Session

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

**Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue**

Call to Order by Mayor Saleh at 5:08 P.M.

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all Related Agencies:

Present: Harber, Quintana, Saleh (3)

Absent: Alvarez, Valencia* (2)

Also Present: City Manager Willmore, City Attorney Aleshire, City Clerk Valdez, City Engineer Rodrigue, Captain Miranda, Interim Community Development Director Fong, Interim Community Services Director Kurita, Interim Finance Director Easter and Interim Finance Director Lawrence

*Councilmember Valencia arrived during the Closed Session at 5:30 P.M.

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None

Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies will recess to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:
 - a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *David Mango v. City of Maywood et. al.* (Case No. CV 11-05641 GW (FFMX))
 - b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: *Dexia Credit Local v. City of Bell, Bell Public Financing Authority*

- c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Bell v. Best Best & Krieger*, LASC BC466436
- d) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Lisa Ramirez, et al, County of Los Angeles, City of Bell, et al*; U.S. District Court Case No. CV 00457-JHN (M__ X)
- e) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (four (4) potential case)

Reconvene Regular Meeting at 7:18 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ingrid Marie.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that all items on the closed session agenda were discussed except item 1 a.) and one case from 1 e.), status reports were given; no reportable actions were taken.

Communications from the Public

The following individuals addressed the City Council on items on the Agenda and/or items not on the agenda: Juan Montanez, Marcos Oliva, Zulemeya Rubio, Alfred Areyan, Victor Portillo, Eduardo Cruz, Elizabeth Martinez, Joe Carmona, Larry Savala, Lorenzo Martinez, Ismael Morales and Juliana Chico Sanchez.

Presentations

Presentation by Southern California Gas was presented by Mike Hammiel.

Presentation by Habitat for Humanity was presented by Erin Rank.

Presentation by Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) was presented by Michael Kodama.

Certificate of Appreciation In memory of Juan D. Arias.

Consent Calendar

- 2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2012 (*Council and Related Agencies*)
- 3. Approval of General Warrants and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated July 18, 2012. (*Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency /Bell Community Housing Authority*)
- 5. Approval of City Hall Holiday Schedule. (*Council*)

6. Approval of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Holiday Schedule. *(Council)*

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approve Consent Calendar Items 2, 3, 5 and 6, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Item 4 from the Consent Calendar was pulled for further discussion.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 2012-51, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Appointing New Members to the Administrative Committee of the Supplemental Retirement Plan and Trust. *(Council)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-51: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Appointing New Members to the Administrative Committee of the Supplemental Retirement Plan and Trust.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Quintana to approve Item 4 of the Consent Calendar and directing staff to provide a follow up report in a month, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Public Hearing

7. Conduct the Public Hearing for the Purpose of Hearing Protest or Objections and Consideration of Adopting Resolutions Confirming the Assessments and Ordering the Levying of Assessments for the Landscape and Lighting District and Sewer Maintenance Districts for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. *(Council)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-49: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Confirming the Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levying of Assessments within the City of Bell Landscaping and Lighting District for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-50: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Confirming the Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levying of

Assessments within the City of Bell Sewer Maintenance District for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer provided a brief report on the adoption of resolutions confirming the assessments and ordering the levying of assessments for the Landscape and Lighting District and Sewer Maintenance Districts for fiscal year 2012/2013.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 8:37 PM.

The following individuals spoke against this item: Jose Moreno, Ismael Morales, Mr. Malecon, Alfred Areyan and Juliana Chico Sanchez.

The following individuals spoke in favor of this item: Merli Alejandre and Marcos Oliva.

Hearing no further testimony for or against this item, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 8:59 PM.

Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to approve Adopt Resolutions numbers 2012-49 and 2012-50 confirming the diagrams and assessments and ordering the levy of assessments for the Landscape and Lighting District and Sewer Maintenance District for fiscal year 2012/2013, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 3-1
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana and Mayor Saleh,
No: Councilmember Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Passed.

Business Calendar

8. Consideration of Skate Park Budget Allocation Changes. *(Council)*

Debbie Kurita, Interim Director of Community Services provided a brief report on the Skate Park Budget allocation changes. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to a) Authorize the Community Services Director to Post Permanent Signs at the Skate Park Informing the Public of the Rules and Regulations of the Facility, in accordance with State Law, with the amendment to extend the park hours to 9 PM. And b) approve an Appropriations Adjustment Reducing the Skate Park Budget Allocation for Personnel by \$15,000 and Allocating that amount to the Youth Sports Activities Account for Other Events and Programs, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintna, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9. Consideration to amend the contract agreement for City Engineer Services with Interwest Consulting Group. *(Council)*

Nancy Fong, Interim Community Development Director provided a brief report on the amendment to the City Engineer Services with Interwest Consulting Group. Discussion ensued among the City Council

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to approve the contract agreement amendment to the City Engineer Services with Interwest Consulting Group, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 3-1
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: Councilmember Valencia
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Passed.

10. Award of Contract for Street Sweeping , Bus Shelter Cleaning and Sidewalk Cleaning. *(Council)*

Vernon Flickin, Consultant, provided a brief report on the Street Sweeping, Bus Shelter Cleaning and Sidewalk Cleaning contract. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to Approve an Agreement with Nationwide Environmental Services for Street Sweeping, Bus Shelter Cleaning and Sidewalk Cleaning in the amount of \$285,513.75, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh,
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11. Consideration of Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to Provide Funding to the City of Bell for the Review of the I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). *(Council)*

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer provided a brief report on this item. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Attached Agreement with the LACMTA to Provide \$75,000 in

Funding to the City for the Review of the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

12. Consideration of Contract for Risk Management Assistance. *(Council)*

Doug Willmore, City Manager, provided a brief report for this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to Approve an Agreement, not to Exceed \$25,000, to Cover the Cost of Contract for Risk Management Services for the Period of July 23, 2012 through December 31, 2012, with the change in Exhibit B (II) to not applicable, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

13. Consideration of Contract for Human Resource Consultant. *(Council)*

Doug Willmore, City Manager, provided a brief report for this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to Approve an Agreement, not to Exceed \$25,000 to Cover the Cost of Contract for Human Resources Consulting Services for the period of July 23, 2012 through December 31, 2012 adding a provision for work product and Quintana wanted to add a provision for work product and the change in Exhibit B (II) to not applicable, was approved by the following vote: ,

Vote: 4-0
Yes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Alvarez

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1234, this was the time and place to provide a brief report on Meetings, Seminars and Conferences attended by the Mayor and City Councilmembers

Councilmember Valencia thanked the community and staff for their help with the Relay for Life. Also informed that he attended an farewell event for student attending a trip to Secoya National Park, a meeting with John Kelly with TNT, and event with the Army Reserve. Informed that the Lions, Club will have the officer installation, LAUSD will be having a community meeting and the Chamber of Commerce will be having their installation dinner. Also informed that the Mayor and himself had lunch with Bill Stoner and that he attended the Independent Cities Conference in San Diego

Councilmember Quintana informed that the Bell Regional Occupational School will open on August 14, 2012.

Councilmember Harber informed that he participated in the Relay for Life.

Mayor Saleh informed that he also participated in the Relay for Life and informed of upcoming events in the city.

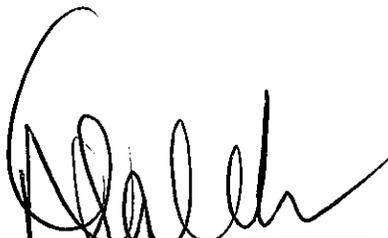
Adjournment

The City Council at 10:48 PM will adjourn in memory of Juan D. Arias.

I, Rebecca Valdez, City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bell at a regular meeting held on July 18, 2012.



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk


Ali Saleh, Mayor