

Minutes of the

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

August 15, 2012

**5:00 P.M. Closed Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting**

**Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue**

Call to Order at 5:07 PM by Mayor Saleh.

**Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all
Related Agencies:** Harber, Quintana, Valencia, Alvarez, and Saleh

Present: Harber, Quintana and Saleh (3)

Absent: Alvarez, Valencia (2)

Staff: City Manager Willmore, City Clerk Valdez, City Attorney Aleshire, Interim Chief of Police Belcher, City Engineer Rodrigue, Interim Community Development Director Fong, Interim Community Services Director Kurita, Interim Finance Director Lawrence, Assistant Planner Chacon, Consultant Boylan and Consultant Vogt (11)

*Vice Mayor Alvarez arrived at 5:09 PM , Councilmember Valencia arrived at 5:21 PM

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

The following individuals addressed the City Council on items on the Closed Session: Lorenzo Martinez , Antonia Gonzalez, Marina Acosta, Alfred Areyan, Margarita Limon, Sandy Orozco, Maria Arizmendi, Nelida Sanchez, Alma Rico, Velia Acosta.

Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed at 5:32 PM to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

- a) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)
Title: Community Development Director
Title: Community Services Director
Title: Police Chief
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6. (Bell City Employees Association)
- c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Randy Adams v. City of Bell and Pedro Carrillo - LASC Case No. BC489331*

- d) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.
Employee: City Manager
Employee: City Attorney
- e) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (one (1) potential case)

Reconvene Regular Meeting at 7:15PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Saleh.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that Item 1a) It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approve the appointment of Joe Perez as the new Community Development Director, the vote was 5-0; It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to approve the appointment of Pam Wasserman as the new Community Services Director, the vote was 5-0; there was no reportable action taken on the appointment of Police Chief; Items 1b-1e were not discussed.

Communications from the Public

The following individuals addressed the City Council on items on the agenda and/or items not on the agenda: Lorenzo Martinez, Rudy Perez, Sonnia Manzanilla, Sandy Orozco, Tedolfo Meraz, Alfredo Rubalcava and Brenda Lopez, Edel Williams, Hilda Rodriguez, Alfred Areyan, Maria Torres, Robert Arciniaga, Victor Portillo, Jose Gonzalez, Raquel Toscano, Jose Moreno,

Consent Calendar

Discussion ensued among the City Council regarding the consent calendar.

- 2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2012 (*Council and Related Agencies*)
- 3. Approval of General Warrants, Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency Warrants and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated August 15, 2012. (*Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency /Bell Community Housing Authority*)
- 4. Approval of Contract Change Orders, Accept the Filmore Street and Otis Avenue Rehabilitation Project as Complete, and Authorize Staff to Complete and File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder and Approve Resolution No. 2012-55.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-55: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell, County of Los Angeles, California, Accepting the Overlay Project as Complete, and Authorizing Staff to Prepare and File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

5. Approval Budget Adjustment Authorizing the Acceptance of up to \$75,000 in Revenue as a grant from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, (LACMTA), for the Review of the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS and Authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$75,000 in Staff and Consulting Time to Perform the Review.

Councilmember Quintana requested to correct the minutes as follow: page 3 of the minutes, item 5, Councilmember Quintana motioned and Councilmember Harber seconded.

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to approve consent calendar items 2 through 5, with the corrections made to the minutes, was approved by the following vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Item 6 of the consent calendar was pulled by Councilmember Valencia for further discussion. Kevin Boylan, Human Resources Consultant provided a brief report on item 6. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

6. Receive and File Certification of Recognized Employee Organization.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to receive and file item 6, was approved by the following vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Business Calendar

Interim Finance Director Lawrence provided a brief report on item 15. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

15. Consideration of the General Obligation Bond Work-Out Results. *(Council)*

It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to receive and file the report on the results of the general obligation bond work-out, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

16. Consideration of City Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds and Pension Obligations.
(Council)

Interim Finance Director Lawrence provided a brief report on item 16.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on item 16 of the business calendar: Sonia Manzanilla, Ismael Morales, Nora Saenz, Diane Oliva, Alma Rico, Miguel Contreras,

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to a) adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2012-59: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Adopting and Establishing the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Rate of the Annual Voter-Approved Property Tax Override to Fund Pension and Other Retiree Obligations and b) adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2012-58: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Adopting and Establishing the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Rate of the Annual Levy Rate to Meet the City of Bell General Obligation Bonds (Election of 2003), Series 2004 and Series 2007; with the corrections that the rate should be 152.859, was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion Passed.

7. Consideration of Adopting Resolution No. 2012-53 Approving a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, (JPA), between the City and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority, (Gateway Authority), and appointing Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer as the Board Member and Young Park, Senior Engineer as the Alternate. (Council)

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer provided a brief report on item 7. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-53 Approving a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, (JPA), Between the City of Bell and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Gateway Authority), and Appointing Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer as the Board Member and Young Park, Senior Engineer as the Alternate, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

8. Consideration of Adopting Resolution No. 2012-54 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), between the City and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, (LACMTA), for the Installation, Operations and Maintenance of a Signal Priority Project on Atlantic Avenue between Randolph Street and Florence Avenue. *(Council)*

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer provided a brief report on item 8. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-54 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority for the Installation, Operations and Maintenance of a Signal Priority Project on Atlantic Avenue and authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOU with LACMTA, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

City Council recessed at 9:00 PM and reconvened to open session at 9:20 PM.

9. Consideration of Proposition A Funds Exchange with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority. *(Council)*

Debbie Kurita, Interim Community Services Director provided a brief report on item 9. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to Approve an agreement with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority Exchanging \$467,000 in City of Bell Proposition A funds for \$350,000 of General Funds, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 4-1
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Vice Mayor
Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: Councilmember Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

10. Consideration to Accept the Student Project Proposal in Preparing a General Plan Update Study. *(Council)*

Nancy Fong, Interim Community Development Director, provided a brief report on item 10. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to Accept the student project proposal from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, was approved by the following vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11. Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-56 Approving the Bell Youth Hiring Program. *(Council)*

Debbie Kurita, Interim Community Services Director, provided a brief report on item 11.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to Adopt Resolution No. 2012-56 Approving the Bell Youth Hiring Program Guidelines and Criteria and Establishing the Position and Compensation for a Youth Aide Position, was approved by the following vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	5-0
Yes:	Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

12. Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-57 Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2012-13. *(Council)*

Anita Lawrence, Interim Finance Director, provided a brief report on item 12. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to Adopt Resolution No. 2012-57 Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2012-13, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

13. Consideration of Settlement Agreement with Consolidated Disposal (*Council*) *Item Continued from the August 1, 2012 meeting

City Attorney Dave Aleshire provided a brief report on item 13. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to Approve the settlement agreement with Consolidated Disposal Services ("CDS"), was approved by the following vote: .

Vote: 3-2
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana and Vice Mayor Alvarez
No: Councilmember Valencia and Mayor Saleh
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

14. Consideration of Agreement with Integrity Waste Management Consultants for Solid Waste Management Services. (*Council*)

Interim Community Services Director provided a brief report on item 14. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to Approve an Agreement with Integrity Waste Management Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$32,500 for Solid Waste Management Services, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

17. Discussion regarding Request for Proposal for Lobbyist Services. (*Requested by Councilmember Quintana*)

Discussion ensued among the City Council, regarding item 17.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to issue an RFP for Lobbyist Services and directed staff to prepare it

<u>Vote:</u>	3-2
Yes:	Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana and Mayor Saleh
No:	Councilmember Valencia and Vice Mayor Alvarez
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Passed.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Councilmember Valencia requested to revisit the yard sales issue.

Councilmember Quintana informed the City Council and the community of the Mutual Awareness through Art Photography class in Bell High School and of the upcoming Public Hearing on August 16, 2012 at Resurrection Church dealing with Toxic Substances taking place in the City of Vernon.

Mayor Saleh reminded the City Council and the community of upcoming events in the city.

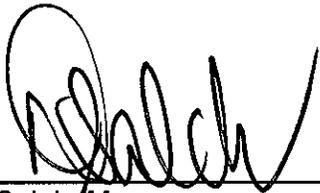
Adjournment

The City Council adjourned in memory of Petra Barrios at 10:11 PM.

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 September 12, 2012.



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk



Ali Saleh, Mayor