

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE

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

September 12, 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 5:09 PM

**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 and Valencia (2)*

Staff: City Manager Willmore, City Attorney Aleshire, City Clerk Valdez, Chief Belcher, City Engineer Rodrigue, Community Development Director Perez, Community Services Director Wasserman, Interim Finance Director Lawrence, Senior Management Analyst Prado and Assistant Planner Chacon (10)

*Vice Mayor Alvarez arrived at 5:11 PM and Councilmember Valencia arrived at 5:50 PM

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None.

Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed at 5:10 PM 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: *Luis Ramirez v. Bell (Supplemental Retirement Plan) BC 474118.*
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Eric Eggena v. City of Bell, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC487522*
- 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) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of Case: *Randy Adams v. City of Bell, LASC Case No. BC470794*
- e) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *D&J Engineering v. Bell; LASC VC059415.*
- f) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: *Pier'Angela Spaccia v. City of Bell Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2012020198*
- g) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9), Complaint filed under seal.
- h) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (one (1) potential case)

Reconvened Regular Meeting at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Saleh.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported the following out of Closed Session: All matters were discussed and no reportable action was taken. Closed Session Item h was not discussed.

Communications from the Public

The following individuals addressed the City Council/Members of All Related Agencies only on the items that were listed on the Agenda: Alfred Areyan, Lorenzo Martinez, Jose Moreno, Juliana Chico, Maria Gonzalez and Sandy Orozco.

Presentations

Presentation to Parents on Patrol (POP).

Presentation to Bell Police Explorers was moved to the next Council meeting.

Consent Calendar

- 2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2012, Minutes of Special Meeting of August 15 2012 and Minute of the Special Meeting of August 22, 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 September 12, 2012. (*Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency /Bell Community Housing Authority*)

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approved items 2 and 3 from the Consent Calendar, 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.

Business Calendar

4. Consideration to Approve a Three Building and Safety Contract with Interwest Consulting Group. *(Council)*

Item 4 was moved to the next council meeting.

5. Consideration to Reduce the City-Wide Landscape and Lighting District Assessment by an Additional 12.7% to a Total Reduction of Approximately 24% for Fiscal year 2012-13. of Landscape & Lighting District. *(Council)*

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer provided a brief presentation on item 5. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to Adopt Resolution No. 2012-62 approving the revised engineer's report and establishing an additional 12.7% decrease to the City Wide Landscape and Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, 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.

6. Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2012-65, Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Comment Letter to Caltrans Concerning the I-710 Freeway Corridor Project EIR/EIS. *(Council)*

Terry Rodrigue City Engineer, provided a staff report on item 6. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

There was consensus from the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2012-65 and directing the City Manager to work with the two I-710 Committee Representatives to revise the attached comment letter to Caltrans concerning the I-710 Freeway Corridor Project EIR/EIS and

authorized the City Manager to signed the letter in a form approved by the City Attorney and submit it to Cal-Trans.

7. Consideration of Street Tree Maintenance Contract Amendment. *(Council)*

Pam Wasserman, Community Services Director, provided a brief report on item 7. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with West Coast Arborist for Street Tree Maintenance Services for FY 2012-13 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 with two one-year options, 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.

8. Receive the Pavement Management Program-Update Report and Provide Direction to Staff to Return to Council with a 5 Year Work Plan.

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 Quintana, to receive the Pavement Management Program update report and direct staff to prepare a 5 year work plan which will include 2-year list of specific priorities of fundable maintenance projects

<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.

9. Discussion on Election Reform. *(Requested by Mayor Saleh)*

There was consensus from the City Council to direct the City Manager to bring back a sample ordinance for Council discussion.

10. Discussion on Resolution to Support the Designation of Bell Senior High School as a Gifted and High Ability Magnet School. *(Requested by Councilmember Quintana)*

Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to direct staff to bring back a resolution to support the designation of Bell Senior High School as a Gifted and High Ability Magnet School with the supporting documentation that was submitted to LAUSD.

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.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Councilmember Valencia informed the City Council that he attended the League of California Cities Conference September 5-7, 2012.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 9:29:14 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 19, 2012.



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk



Ali Saleh, Mayor