Special Minutes of
Bell City Council

April 11, 2011– 7:00 P.M.
Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

Meeting was called to order by City Clerk Valdez at 7:07:08 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Ana Maria Quintana.

7:07:53 PM

Present:	Councilman Saleh, Councilman Valencia, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilman Harber, Councilwoman Quintana
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez and Captain Miranda

Communications From The Public

7:08:13 PM Jaime Luna, 7111 Heliotrope Avenue, congratulated the new City Council.

7:09:16 PM Julie Gonzalez, Bell Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the new City Council and introduced herself to the Council.

7:10:11 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, requested to extend the time for public comment from 3 minutes to 5 minutes, a bilingual interpreter for all meetings, a camera and also requested to keep the Bell Police Department.

7:11:11 PM Dennis Azevedo, no address stated, congratulated the new City Council and requested the Council to keep the Police Department and informed them that he's had the opportunity to speak Tony Miranda and discussed ways to save the city money.

7:12:31 PM Alex Paredes, 7101 California Avenue, expressed concern about the treatment he received from the inspector and requested to be considered as a e commissioners.

7:14:45 PM Richard Fierro, Consolidated Disposal, introduce himself to the Council and congratulated them.

7:15:47 PM Miguel Angel Lopez, 6822 San Luis Avenue, congratulated the new City Council.

7:16:33 PM Roger Ramirez, 4918 Beck Avenue, congratulated the New City Council and informed them and the residents on patriotism.

7:18:19 PM Jose Moreno, 6235 Corona Avenue, requested the City Council to be transparent and to involve the residents in committees.

7:21:08 PM Dr. Richard Espiritu, no address stated, congratulated the City Council and expressed concern regarding the disaster plan.

7:22:43 PM Jose Magallon, 6227 Vinevale Avenue, congratulated the City Council and requested them to include the residents in making decisions.

7:24:51 PM Herbert Molano, no address stated, congratulated and commended the City Council.

7:26:43 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern with residents not coming out to vote and requested the City Council to do a good job and to not lie to the residents.

7:29:16 PM Donna Gannon, 6601 Prospect Avenue, congratulated the City Council and expressed concern regarding flyers from the Police Department and also expressed concern about the Police Department's salaries.

7:30:40 PM Dale Walker, 6815 Otis Avenue, welcomed and congratulated the new City Council and expressed that he is willing to work with them. He also requested the Council to make a good decision in choosing the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

7:33:22 PM Coco Ceja, 6936 Prospect Avenue, congratulated the Council and provided advice to the Council.

7:34:46 PM Juliana Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, requested to recognize the memory of her son and his vision to give each other a hug, fight for the truth and everyone would be equal.

7:38:06 PM Julia Juarez, Assembly Member Ricardo Lara's Representative, congratulated the City Council on behalf of the Assembly Member and informed them that his office is available should they need any assistance.

Annual Reorganization

City Clerk Valdez entertained nominations for the Office of Mayor.

After discussion and deliberation Councilman Saleh was appointed Mayor by the City Council for the 2011-2012 term.

Mayor Saleh entertained nominations for the Office of Vice Mayor.

7:42:38 PM After discussion and deliberation Councilman Harber was appointed Vice Mayor by the City Council for the 2011-2012 term.

7:46:04 PM Mayor Saleh, thanked the City Council for the nomination and recognized all the challenges that are ahead of them and requested the entire city to work together to become a model city and rebuild the city.

7:46:46 PM Vice Mayor Harber, thanked the City Council for the nomination and stated that he would like to start taking care of city business.

7:48:03 PM Councilman Valencia, thanked residents for being there and requested to have Council meetings at the Community Center and to continue translation services. He also expressed concern about obtaining signatures for the special meeting notice and requested to have all Councilmembers considered.

7:50:04 PM Mayor Saleh requested Interim City Attorney Casso to respond to Councilman Valencia's comments regarding the requirements on special meeting notices.

7:53:08 PM Councilwoman Alvarez, thanked residents for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to get involved.

7:53:33 PM Councilwoman Quintana, informed the City Council and residents that the meetings are being recorded and will shown on her campaign website until the City Council decides how to livestream the meetings. She also informed of a workshop she will be hosting on April 19, 2011 to discuss the Charter and Brown Act. She also informed of the Job Fair at the Bell Community Center on April 29, 2011.

Adjournment

Special City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58:18 PM in memory of Miguel Alejandro Sanchez.

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2011.

Ali Saleh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk

I, Rebecca Valdez, City Clerk of the City of Bell, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bell at a regular meeting held on this 11th day of May 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber and Mayor Saleh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk