Minutes of
Bell City Council
Bell Community Redevelopment Agency
Bell Community Housing Authority
Bell Public Finance Authority
Bell Solid Waste Authority

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:09:31 PM by Mayor Saleh.

7:09:43 PM Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Treitler, Bell Police Chaplin.

Roll call of City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers, Community Redevelopment Agency Members, Community Housing Authority Commissioners, Public Finance Authority Trustees, and Solid Waste Authority Commissioners.

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

Joint Meeting of Bell City Council and Solid Waste Authority

7:10:54 PM Presentation from Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC with reference to Franchise Agreement by and between the City of Bell and Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC.

7:42:10 PM David Aleshire, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, provided a presentation to the City Council regarding Interim City Attorney Services.

7:51:50 PM Edward Burtran, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, introduced himself to the City Council and provided a presentation regarding his experience.

7:53:37 PM Mily C. Huntley, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, introduced herself to the City Council and provided a presentation regarding her experience.

It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to table the following items:

Consideration of Change Order No. 4 to Shawnan Corporation Agreement for the Rancho San Antonio/Bell Sports Complex Off-Site Improvements at Chanslor Avenue and Service Road, Project Account No. 50-521-1004-0235.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 4 to Shawnan Corporation Agreement for the Rancho San Antonio/Bell Sports Complex and authorize the Interim CAO or his designee to execute all documents as necessary and appropriate, upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney.

Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with RSCC Engineering, for Interim City Engineering Services effective until June 30, 2011. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to Prepare and Issue a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services.

Recommendation: Authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to execute a professional services agreement with RSCC Engineering, Inc. for engineering services, effective until June 30, 2011 upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney and Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to Prepare and Issue a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services.

Consideration of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments regarding the administration and cost sharing to undertake scientific studies to develop site specific objectives applicable to the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals (TMDL).

Recommendation: Approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute.

Consideration of Service Agreement with City of Inglewood for Parking Citation Processing.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute.

Consideration to Adopt Resolution 2011-09 to rescind Resolution 2011-04 and modify the list of payments that may be made without prior City Council to include utilities, payroll, payroll taxes, insurance premiums and workers' compensation expenses.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution.

Receive and File City of Bell's Invoices for Legal Services Staff Report.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Receive and File Status Report on the Recruitment of an Interim Chief of Police.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Receive and File Status Report regarding the updating of the city's website.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

8:24:14 PM

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

Motion Passed.

Communications From The Public (on agenda items)

8:25:40 PM Sam Perdomo, 3900 Whiteside Street, Los Angeles, expressed concern about item 4.01 and commented to the City Council not to renew the contract with Consolidated Disposal.

8:29:13 PM Steve Brown, 5162 Florence Avenue #2, expressed concern about the large agenda and the budget.

8:32:37 PM Stephen Rogers, 820 Church Street, Redlands, provided a report to the City Council and expressed concern with D&J Engineering, 3.03 and 3.08.

8:37:31 PM Mario Rivas, 6336 Home Avenue, expressed concern about the budget, the bonds and high taxes.

8:42:05 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, expressed concern about the presentation by David Aleshire as they were consultants to BASTA and the Bell Police Officers Association. She also expressed concern about long agendas and the time limit for public comments.

8:46:35 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, expressed his concern for the community to be patient with the City Council and commented on the presentation by Mr. Aleshire.

8:49:14 PM Alma Rico, no address stated, expressed concern about the warrants in regard to Club Azucar, soccer and baseball expenses.

8:54:27 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern about item 3.02.

Council Business

It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve Bell City Council Special Minutes Dated April 11, 2011 and table Bell City Council Minutes, Bell Community Redevelopment Minutes, Bell Community Housing Authority Minutes and Bell Public Finance Authority Minutes dated November 1, 2010; Bell City Council Special Minutes dated December 1, 2010; Bell City Council Minutes, Bell Community Redevelopment Minutes, Bell Community Housing Authority Minutes and Bell Public Finance Authority Minutes dated December 13, 2010.

8:59:44 PM

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

Motion Passed.

It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to remove the warrant for Oldtimers Foundation for review and approve the remainder of the warrants through April 2011 and May 1-11, 2011.

9:30:37 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Ratification of Mayor's appointment of Representatives and/or Alternates for the following Agencies, Boards and Committees:

Councilwoman Alvarez was appointed as the alternate to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

Vice Mayor Harber was appointed to a 2 year term effective January 1, 2011 as its representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and Councilman Valencia was appointed as the alternate.

Councilwoman Quintana was appointed as the delegate to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Councilman Valencia was appointed as the alternate.

Mayor Saleh was appointed as the delegate to the Bell Cudahy Telecommunications Authority and Vice Mayor Harber was appointed as the alternate.

Councilwoman Alvarez was appointed as the delegate to the Orangeline Development Authority and Councilwoman Quintana was appointed as the alternate.

Councilwoman Quintana was appointed as the delegate to the Local Advisory Committee Member 710 Freeway and Vice Mayor Harber was appointed as the alternate.

Mayor Saleh was appointed as the voting delegate for Contract Cities and Councilwoman Alvarez was appointed as the alternate.

Councilman Valencia was appointed as the voting delegate for Independent Cities and Vice Mayor Harber was appointed as the alternate.

Councilwoman Alvarez was appointed as the voting delegate for the League of California Cities and Councilman Valencia was appointed as the alternate.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Street Rehabilitation (Prop 1B Funded) on a) Otis Avenue, between Florence Avenue to Bell Avenue; b) Weik Avenue between Otis Avenue to Corona Avenue; c) Woodward Avenue between Gage Avenue to Randolph Street; d) Randolph Street between Otis Avenue to Pine Avenue and extending it one additional block to Clarkson Avenue and further authorized the City Engineer's office to complete plans and specifications at a cost not to exceed per attached proposal.

9:55:50 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve the extension of the Tolling Agreement with County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District related to storm water discharges and authorized the Interim CAO to execute the Tolling Agreement.

10:02:17 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to Receive and File City of Bell's Status on Bonds/Loans.

10:07:59 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to Receive and File Status Report on Request for Proposals for Legal Services and modifying the time frame to 2004 on page 9 of the RFP.

10:28:02 PM

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

Motion Passed.

10:27:47 PM City Council recessed.

10:43:06 PM City council reconvened to open session.

10:43:16 PM The following items were moved to the next City Council meeting:

Consideration of Community Redevelopment Agency warrants through May 1-11, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants.

Consideration of Community Housing Authority warrants through May 1-11, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants.

Communications From The Public (non-agenda items)

10:44:51 PM Miguel Angel Contreras, 6243 Vinevale Avenue, expressed concern about the long wait to speak, taxes on utilities, trash and properties. Expressed concern about Oldtimers Foundation, the salaries of employees and the salaries for City Council.

10:49:42 PM Julie Gonzalez, Bell Chamber of Commerce, informed the City Council of the youth camp in August and presented a package that will be provided to the youth.

10:54:11 PM Mr. Pinckett, Bell Chamber of Commerce, provided information on the youth camp in August.

10:56:10 PM Juan Montanez, Enrique Curiel and Dennis Azevedo, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented a flag to the Vice Mayor for his service. They also provided business cards to Captain Miranda.

10:59:28 PM Ismael Morales, no address stated, congratulated the new City Council, he also requested to have email addresses on the website. Mr. Morales also expressed concern about the budget and the policy for public speakers.

11:01:50 PM Juliana Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, congratulated the new City Council and commented for them to respect one another. She also requested to see transparency, the police contract and the problems in Bell High school.

11:05:11 PM Lydia Gutierrez, Candidate for Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, introduced herself to the City Council and requested the Council and residents support.

11:07:53 PM Sandy Orozco, 4110 E. 54th Street, Maywood,, expressed concern about Councilmember Felipe Aguirre and informed the council of the press conference on May 12, 2011.

11:10:44 PM Alfredo Vasquez, 4874 Gage Avenue, expressed concern about the changes made to the mobile home parks and the safety in the mobile parks. He also expressed concern about the agenda.

11:13:35 PM Willie Aguilar, 6925 Walker Avenue, congratulated the City Council, expressed concern about the City Engineering position, Mr. Casso, Mr. Carrillo, Ms. Valdez and Ms. Garcia.

11:17:48 PM Jose Magallon, 6227 Vinevale Avenue, requested the Council to work together and requested for the Resident's Club and BASTA to be dissolved as they were political organizations. He also expressed concern about the salaries.

11:20:39 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, requested to increase public speaking time to five (5) minutes and to search for a Chief of Police in house. He also expressed concern about the civil suit and abandoned buildings. Mr. Areyan also commented on the presentation given by Mr. Aleshire.

11:24:00 PM Dale Walker, 6815 Otis Avenue #D, commented he understood the reason for postponing items and would prefer the Council to make decisions when they are rested. He also commented on the presentation given by Mr. Aleshire.

11:27:05 PM Dennise Rodarte, 6802 King Avenue, requested the Council to consider Mr. Aleshire as its City Attorney.
11:27:31 PM Lorenzo Martinez, 6319 Loma Vista Avenue, requested the City Council to consider Dave Aleshire and to make the decision in open session. He also expressed concern about the current law firm.

11:29:40 PM City Council recessed to closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANITICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9
(Three (3) potential cases).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9
(Two (2) potential cases).

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Title: (Interim City Attorney)

1:35:09 AM City Council reconvened to open session.

Interim City Attorney Casso reported the following from closed session:

1:35:05 AM As to item 8.01 three (3) potential matters were discussed and direction was given with no final action taken.

1:35:17 AM As to item 8.02, two (2) items were discussed. On one matter, direction was given to legal counsel on a 3-0-2 vote. The two abstained votes were Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia. The second item was continued to the next Council meeting.

1:35:58 AM as item 8.03, on a vote of 3-2 the two votes being Councilwoman Alvarez and Mayor Saleh, no action was taken on the appointment.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report

None.

Mayor and City Council Communications

1:37:19 AM Councilwoman Quintana provided a report on the Educational Forum regarding citizenship and immigration.

1:45:10 AM Mayor Saleh provided a brief report on the Democratic Convention he attended in Sacramento.

The City Council reconvened to identify items they wished to discuss at the next meeting. These items were not acted on at this meeting, only identified for the next meeting.

Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting

1:39:19 AM Councilman Valencia expressed concern about graffiti removal and requested to have something remembering Memorial Day on the next agenda along with a report for the upcoming fireworks stands. He also wanted direction from staff regarding city letter head and expressed concern about a Bell Chamber of Commerce flyer.

1:43:31 AM Councilwoman Alvarez requested to have Code Enforcement staff or personnel walk the city streets to see if there are any items that need to be changed or improved.

1:46:33 AM Councilwoman Quintana requested a staff report regarding the options of a General Law City and a City Charter with the options of amending the Charter.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 1:48:36 AM in memory of Omar Ahmad.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE 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 7th day of June 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