*Special Minutes of*
*Bell City Council*

*June 3, 2011*
*7:00 P.M.*

*Bell Community Center*
*6250 Pine Avenue*

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 7:05:21 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Frank Leoleo 7:05:29 PM

Roll call of City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers and Authority and Agency Board Members.

7:07:23 PM

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| Present: | Mayor Saleh, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilwoman Quintana |
| Absent: | None |
| Also Present: | Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim Assistant City Attorney Duran, Deputy City Clerk Garcia. |

***Communications From The Public***

Vice Mayor Harber arrived at 7:07:36 PM.

7:08:00 PM Willie Aguilar, 6929 Walker Avenue, wanted to wait and hear the presentation before asking questions.

7:08:28 PM Dona Gannon, 6651 Prospect Avenue, asked why the budget is not kept on track if there is a monthly treasury report. Ms. Gannon also inquired about the order of the agenda and how the resolutions with levy affect the budget.

7:10:45 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, wished to wait until after the presentation before asking questions.

Councilman Valencia arrived at 7:10:43 PM.

7:10:54 PM Gwilym McGrew, no address stated, requested to post the financial status of each quarter within 6-8 weeks on the city website. Mr. McGrew then expressed the importance of having a full audit.

7:11:53 PM Lorenzo Martinez, 6314 Loma Vista Avenue, inquired on an issue that was not on an agenda item.

7:12:24 PM Mayor Saleh informed Mr. Martinez that this item was not on the agenda.

### *Study Session, Budget Workshop*

7:12:42 PM: Pedro Carillo, Interim CAO, provided a staff presentation and report regarding the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Bell.

### *Communications From The Public*

8:09:46 PM Willie Aguilar, 6929 Walker Avenue, expressed concern over expenditures regarding a law firm and whether people in administration may be overlooking funds.

8:11:10 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, asked why the city has not been prepared for the budget if the deadline was due. Ms. Saenz expressed concern regarding wasteful spending and cited the Oldtimers Foundation. Ms. Saenz also wanted to express support for the recommendation for quarterly reports and requested a progress report for the community.

8:19:48 PM Lorenzo Martinez, 6314 Loma Vista Avenue, thanked the city for the budget presentation. Mr. Martinez inquired if another group will replace the Oldtimers Foundation and if a study had been done to see if the Oldtimers Foundation were charging properly. Lastly, he asked if there was a more efficient way to improve the staff reports for the community and expressed his support for an audit.

8:21:31 PM Alfred Areyan, no address stated, informed the City Council that he learned a lot with the budget presentation and expressed his support for them. Mr. Areyan also expressed his concern of generating revenue and hoped that the city makes the right decisions.

8:22:50 PM Gwilym McGrew, no address stated, inquired the status of the bonds and provided some recommendation to the City Council.

8:26:30 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern about City Council Members knowing how to balance the budget.

8:29:16 PM Julia Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, expressed concern regarding more businesses in the city and requested to have more officers and less sheriffs.

8:31:02 PM Dona Gannon, 6651 Prospect Avenue, inquired if the city is still paying 75% of college tuitions and taxes for officers. Ms. Gannon asked if officers were still receiving salary increases every year and stated that the city and community could not afford this.

8:34:20 PM Sandy Orozco, no address stated, expressed concern regarding the City of Maywood Police Department, the change of attitude towards the Bell Police Department and their salaries.

8:37:55 PM Councilman Valencia expressed that the audience would like to be involved in the budget process and noted there are liabilities that need to be rectified. He also noted a big concern from the audience was the need for the council to have a fiscally responsible budget with common sense.

8:40:02 PM Vice Mayor Harber, stated he attended a Los Angeles County meeting without any trouble and liked the lay out as he had no difficulty there.

8:41:09 PM Councilwoman Alvarez had a meeting with Assembly Member Ricardo Lara and informed the Council that Assembly Member Lara is always in contact and ready to help out the city at any time.

8:41:58 PM Councilwoman Quintana thanked the community for attending on a Friday night and was content with the budget workshop.

***Adjournment***

City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:42:51 PM

8:42:57 PM Mayor Saleh announced the next special meeting regarding the law firms to be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7 PM and an Ad-hoc committee will come in on Monday at 5 PM for a closed session.

8:46:30 PM Councilman Valencia asked if the law firms could be interviewed in public.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY 2011.

Ali Saleh, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

I, John Garcia, Deputy 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 13th day of July 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber and Mayor Saleh

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

John Garcia, Deputy City Clerk