Minutes of
Bell City Council
Bell Community Redevelopment Agency
Bell Community Housing Authority
Planning Commission

July 13, 2011
Closed Session-6:00 P.M.
Open Session-7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
6330 Pine Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 5:53:49 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Miranda.

Roll call of City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers, Community Redevelopment Agency Members, Community Housing Authority Commissioners, and Planning Commissioners.

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

Communications From The Public on Closed Session Items

5:55:29 PM Diane Oliva, 6637 King Avenue, expressed support for Aleshire & Wynder and urged the council to vote on their behalf.

5:56:52 PM Sandy Orozco, no address stated, expressed support for Aleshire & Wynder and stated that she found no conflict of interest with this group.

5:59:20 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, expressed support for Mr. David Aleshire and stated that Mr. Aleshire is in the best interest of the community.

Closed Session

City Council recessed to closed session at 6:01:40 PM.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: City Attorney

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation
(Bell Community Housing Authority)
(Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
(One (1) potential case)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
(Three (3) potential cases)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
(Two (2) potential cases)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
Olivia Camargo v. City of Bell
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 11C00168

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
People of the State of California v. Manuel Lopez, Los Angeles County Superior Court
Case No. 1SE05126

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:49:32 PM.

Interim City Attorney Casso provided a report from closed session.

As to item 3.01 was discussed. There was one vote and it was 2-2. There was no reportable action and that item was continued later on that evening. In this item Mayor Saleh did not participate in this matter.

As to item 3.02, it was not discussed.

As to item 3.03 there was no reportable action

As to items 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, these items were not discussed and were continued until after open session.

Communications From The Public on Agenda Items Only

7:50:58 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, expressed support for the community and Mr. David Aleshire.

7:54:13 PM Joe Carmona, 7016 Crafton Avenue, expressed concern regarding a conflict of interest with Aleshire & Wynder.

7:57:04 PM Margarita Limon, 4642 Bell Place, expressed concern over Councilmembers not approving the contract with Aleshire & Wynder.

8:00:58 PM Dale Walker, 6815 Otis Avenue, presented a waiver to the City Council on behalf of BASTA for Mr. David Aleshire and expressed support for Aleshire & Wynder as a Bell community member.

8:04:29 PM Trina Corado, 4641 Bell Avenue, expressed concern over the approval of the Aleshire & Wynder contract and urged the Council to approve it. Ms. Corado then expressed concern over the budget and urged the Council to hire an audit firm.

8:07:06 PM Irene Muro, Oldtimers Foundation, presented herself to the City Council and informed them that she came in case they have any questions.

8:07:26 PM Ismael Morales, no address stated, expressed his concern regarding Aleshire & Wynder's response to the contract and expressed concern about the Council not reading the material.

8:09:59 PM Councilwoman Alvarez responded to Mr. Morales's comments.

Public Hearing of the Planning Commission

8:11:12 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided a staff report regarding the public hearing of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 8:11:55 PM regarding Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-03 to Allow the On-Site Sale of Beer and Wine for On-Site Consumption in Conjunction with an Existing Bona Fide Eating Place; Location: 4030 Gage Avenue, Bell, Ca 90201; Las Casita Mexican Restaurant and Approving Resolution 2011-25.

8:12:29 PM Carmen Bella, spoke in favor of the item.

8:13:45 PM Jaime Martin, La Casita Mexicana, spoke in favor of the item.

8:15:50 PM Nora Saenz, spoke in favor of the item.

8:17:14 PM Sandy Orozco, spoke in favor of the item.

8:18:57 PM Ismael Morales, spoke in favor of the item.

8:20:20 PM Eva Veronica Centeno, spoke in favor of the item.

8:21:14 PM Juliana Chico, spoke in favor of the item.

8:22:24 PM Carlos Gonzalez, spoke in favor of the item.

8:23:05 PM Dale Walker, spoke in favor of the item.

8:23:52 PM Jose Vasquez, Savas Tires, spoke in favor of the item.

Hearing no further testimony for or against this item, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 8:26:40 PM.

8:26:54 PM Councilman Valencia expressed concern regarding the parking for the local businesses.

8:28:14 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded to Councilman Valencia's concern and stated that they are working on the issue but that this item currently concerns only the sale of alcohol.

8:29:38 PM Councilman Valencia expressed concern about the parking spaces.

8:30:45 PM Interim CAO Carrillo stated that parking issues are important to address, and that the business does have the minimum requirement of spaces. Stated that what was being presented was only focused on beer and wine.

8:31:45 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked if a cork fee had been considered.

8:32:55 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded to Councilwoman Quintana's questions.

8:33:14 PM Councilwoman Alvarez, asked if they were considering expanding their business.

8:33:36 PM Mayor Saleh responded that he had met with this business and would like for them to expand.

8:34:15 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve the Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-03 to Allow the On-Site Sale of Beer and Wine for On-Site Consumption in Conjunction with an Existing Bona Fide Eating Place; Location: 4030 Gage Avenue, Bell, CA 90201; La Casita Mexican Restaurant and approve Resolution No. 2011-25.

8:34:59 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.

Council Business

8:35:15 PM Councilman Valencia, asked if there was a closed session on the dates presented in the minutes.

8:35:56 PM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Councilman Valencia's question.

8:36:02 PM Councilman Valencia asked who John Garcia was.

8:36:20 PM Interim CAO Carrillo, responded to Councilman Valencia's question.

8:36:59 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve the Bell City Council Special Minutes dated June 3, 2011 and Bell City Council Special Minutes dated June 6, 2011.

8:37:32 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.

8:37:41 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided a staff report regarding item 6.02.

8:39:33 PM Councilman Valencia asked if there had been any negotiation on the fees.

8:40:00 PM Interim CAO Carrillo addressed Councilman Valencia's question.

8:40:50 PM Councilwoman Quintana stated that the amendment ends in November and the Council should consider keeping the new one.

8:41:21 PM Vice Mayor Harber stated that they have the option to extend two years.

8:41:38 PM Councilwoman Quintana clarified the matter of contract extension.

8:41:55 PM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the Service Agreement with City of Inglewood for Parking Citation Processing.

8:42:32 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.

8:43:09 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided a staff report on item 6.03.

8:44:13 PM Councilman Valencia expressed concern over contractual issues regarding the City Engineer.

8:44:37 PM Interim CAO Carrillo addressed Councilman Valencia's concern.

8:45:29 PM Vice Mayor Harber expressed concern regarding the State Mandates.

8:45:33 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded that they were reacting to the State Controller's advice.

8:45:51 PM Councilwoman Quintana questioned the employees listed by the City Engineer.

8:46:20 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded to Councilwoman Quintana's question.

8:47:21 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to Authorized the Interim CAO to execute a professional services agreement with RSCC Engineering, Inc. for engineering services, effective until July 31, 2011 upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney and Directed the Interim CAO to Prepare and Issue a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services.

8:48:32 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.

8:49:01 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided an update on the Financial Reporting Independent Review & Retention Specialized Consultants for the Budget & CAFR Preparation.

8:50:58 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked a question concerning the firms.

8:51:30 PM Interim CAO Carrillo stated that Macias Gini O'Conner is one of the top CPA firms in the country.

8:53:50 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked under whose direction the two firms would be working.

8:55:16 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded that Dave Bass would be under the CAO's direction.

8:55:49 PM Councilwoman Quintana requested for the scope of services to be included.

8:57:19 PM Vice Mayor Harber expressed his concern that the council should have been notified before hiring the firms.

8:59:37 PM Councilwoman Alvarez asked how the two individuals were chosen.

8:59:59 PM Interim CAO Carrillo stated that he reached out to the Finance Directors Associations, several cities and elected officials before finding the two individuals.

9:03:47 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the agreement with Dave Bass and IntelliBridge Partners.

9:04:48 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9:05:11 PM Interim City Attorney Casso gave a staff report on item 6.05.

9:07:15 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked if the Attorney could provide an assessment to their bond rating status.

9:07:58 PM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Councilwoman Quintana's inquiry and stated that the rating agencies are determined by Standards and Poor and Moody's

9:09:20 PM Councilwoman Quintana gave a directive to the Interim City Attorney to find out how to get an accurate bond rating when he works with the attorneys.

9:09:49 PM Interim CAO Carrillo addressed the issues raised by Councilwoman Quintana.

9:11:08 PM Councilwoman Quintana clarified that there had been a few counselors who were going to come in and help the city on behalf of the League of Cities organization. She also had a question if anyone had contacted the city in regards to a novation.

9:12:41 PM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Councilwoman Quintana's question and stated that one bond holder had contacted the city.

9:13:28 PM Councilman Valencia, questioned if these are the bonds that have several complications and in doing so would they validate the bonds.

9:14:38 PM Vice Mayor Harber asked if the bond process is like selling one mortgage to another company.

9:14:46 PM Interim City Attorney responded to Vice Mayor Harber's question, stating that his analogy was fair.

9:15:10 PM Councilman Valencia asked if by transferring from one company to another, the Council would therefore be declaring the former actions were valid.

9:16:20 PM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Councilman Valencia's question.

9:18:10 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to take insurance over for bonds and approved the Novation Agreement.

9:18:20 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.

9:20:18 PM Councilwoman Quintana briefly stepped out of the Council Meeting.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Quarterly report ending March 31, 2011.

9:22:14 PM Councilwoman Quintana returned to the Council Meeting.

9:22:56 PM

Vote:	2-0-3
Yes:	Vice Mayor Harber and Councilwoman Alvarez
No:	None

Abstained:	Mayor Saleh, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
Absent:	None

Mayor Saleh moved this item to the next meeting.

9:22:59 PM Mayor Saleh announced he would recluse himself from Consideration of for City Attorney Services with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP.

9:25:39 PM Vice Mayor Harber became the presiding officer.

9:27:39 PM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber to move the Contract for City Attorney Services with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP to the next meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez.

9:28:28 PM Councilwoman Quintana addressed the issue regarding the possibilities of conflict of interest. She stated that the firms were asked to disclose any possible conflicts of interests during the RFP process.

9:33:23 PM Councilman Valencia voiced his perspective on the questions over conflict of interests.

9:36:55 PM Councilwoman Quintana, addressed comments from Ms. Limon and stated she was not involved with United for Bell or Justice for Bell organizations. She then recommended moving forward with consideration of the contract with Aleshire & Wynder.

9:40:33 PM Councilman Valencia recommended the Council to show the residents they could follow the laws and even do better.

9:42:10 PM Councilwoman Alvarez asked for clarification if Councilwoman Quintana was protecting Mayor Saleh in the legal case.

9:43:18 PM Councilwoman Quintana responded to Councilwoman Alvarez's question.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to move the consideration of Contract for City Attorney Services with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP to the next meeting.

9:46:30 PM

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

Motion Failed.

9:47:50 PM Councilwoman Quintana looked for consensus on direction as to what the Council should do in consideration of the Contract for City Attorney Services with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP.

9:48:44 PM Interim City Attorney Casso stated the Council is at a deadlock at this point, and recommended to wait for the FPPC response.

The City Council went to recess at 9:49:51 PM.

The City Council reconvened to open session at 10:00:57 PM.

10:01:53 PM Interim CAO Carillo gave a staff report considering Para-transit services.

10:04:07 PM Councilman Valencia asked if the city has a list of all the residents that would be affected by the transition of Para-transit services.

10:05:25 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded to Councilman Valencia's concerns.

10:06:53 PM Vice Mayor Harber asked that if the services were interrupted, would there be a directive that the Council could limit the number of times someone could obtain rides. He then asked who owns the three vehicles used by that group.

10:07:42 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded that the city owns the vehicles.

10:08:32 PM Mayor Saleh raised concern that the Old-timers Foundation stated that it owned the vehicles.

10:08:54 PM Interim City Attorney Casso clarified that title is held by the city and stated he met with the Old-timers Foundation.

10:10:08 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked why there was a delay in the process of the RFP.

10:10:36 PM Mayor Saleh stated that the RFP was requested in April.

10:10:56 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded that although the RFP for Para-transit services was one of the first actions requested, there were other directions given by the council and those issues had to be addressed first.

10:14:50 PM Councilwoman Quintana recommended having the RFP sent out now.

10:17:09 PM Councilman Valencia asked if Metro would provide the services at the same cost or lower

10:17:27 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded that the RFP process would get the Council a better idea of services and costs.

10:18:09 PM Quintana recommended vetting the report given by the Interim CAO in regards to the RFP for Para-transit services.

10:20:23 PM Interim City Attorney Casso clarified concerns regarding the contract with the Old-timers Foundation.

10:22:12 PM Councilwoman Alvarez asked if approximately 60 residents were serviced by the Old-Timers Foundation at a cost of roughly 35, 000 monthly.

10:23:13 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded to Councilwoman Alvarez's concern and referenced the invoice of services provided by the Old-Timers Foundation.

10:26:35 PM Mayor Saleh asked to have a city-owned phone number in order to route the calls for Para-transit services and requested to have the matter of costs and services continued on the next meeting.

10:28:31 PM Interim City Attorney Casso stated that if the Council were to adopt this amendment then it will be for one month, and if the Council wished to provide a notice of termination then it would be effective starting August 13, 2011.

10:29:00 PM Mayor Saleh asked if there is a contract with the Old-Timers Foundation between July 1-July 13.

10:31:16 PM Irene Muro, representing the Old-Timers Foundation, requested to have enough time to run this information by the board of directors and clarified that the flyer handed out to the community was only to inform the residents they may need to find another method of transportation.

10:33:33 PM Interim CAO Carrillo stated the Old-Timers Foundation provided a letter stating that they will provide month to month service until they were told otherwise.

10:34:32 PM It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to only approve the proceeding with the RFP.

10:35:28 PM Councilman Valencia requested for the Old-Timers Foundation to show publicly who makes up their board of directors.

10:36:56 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.

10:38:11 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided a staff report regarding the Request for Proposal for Public Works Maintenance Services and made a correction to the Agreement Section 10, stating that the term should be effective 07/01/10.

10:40:26 PM Councilman Valencia asked how long Mr. Medina had been working for the city.

10:40:44 PM Mayor Saleh responded that Mr. Medina had been working for the city since 2011.

10:41:46 PM Councilwoman Alvarez asked a question regarding the process for having a certain number of the personnel of the Public Works firm come from the City of Bell.

10:43:04 PM Interim City Attorney Casso clarified that one could adopt a local preference hiring policy but several factors could make that a challenge, but a memorandum can be issued.

10:43:39 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to Authorize the Mayor to execute a general maintenance services agreement with Medina Construction for public works maintenance services, effective until August 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 Public Works Maintenance Services with an amendment to include a memorandum regarding the local preference hiring policy as requested by Councilwoman Alvarez.

10:44:21 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.

10:44:31 PM Interim City Attorney Casso provided a staff report Considering Rejecting the claim of Richard Fisher Associates.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to reject the claim of Richard Fisher Associates.

10:47:07 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.

10:48:16 PM Mayor Saleh provided a directive to have an RFP for landscape services.

10:48:34 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez to approve the Warrants Dated June 22-July 13, 2011 and Warrant Nos. 47717, 47870, 47967, 47969, and 47973.

10:52:51 PM Vice Mayor Harber asked to pull the Medina Construction Warrant No. 47967.

10:53:24 PM Interim CAO Carillo clarified that Medina did have GPC step in and help in a project, although the city was not charged extra.

10:56:29 PM Mayor Saleh asked a question regarding the lien on the buses.

10:56:59 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded to Mayor Saleh's concern.

10:58:55 PM Councilwoman Quintana motion except of 47969.

11:00:24 PM Motion of Councilwoman Quintana died for lack for a second.

11:00:49 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Mayor Saleh, to approve the warrants dated June 22-July 13, 2011 and Warrant Nos. 47717, 47870, 47967, 47969, and 47973.

11:01:54 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.

11:02:57 PM Interim CAO Carrillo provided a staff report concerning the Wire Payments from July 2010 and May 2011.

11:03:08 PM Councilwoman Quintana asked which processes are in place to prevent the issue from arising again.

11:03:46 PM Interim CAO Carrillo responded to Councilwoman Quintana's questions.

11:04:31 PM Mayor Saleh stepped out of the Council Meeting.

11:04:39 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Wire Payments from July 2010 and May 2011.

11:05:22 PM

Vote:	3-1
Yes:	Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilwoman Quintana
No:	Councilman Valencia
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Mayor Saleh

Motion Passed.

11:06:23 PM Mayor Saleh stepped back to the meeting.

Community Redevelopment Agency

11:06:49 PM Agency Member Valencia asked to have a name clarified.

11:07:06 PM Interim CAO responded to Agency Member Valencia's question.

11:07:21 PM Agency Member Quintana stepped out of the meeting.

11:07:27 PM It was moved by Chair Saleh, seconded by Vice Chair Harber, to approve the warrants dated June 22-July 13, 2011 with the amendment to pull Chamber of Commerce Warrant No. 5460.

11:08:14 PM

Vote:	4-0
Yes:	Chair Saleh, Vice Chair Harber, Agency Member Alvarez and Agency Member Valencia
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Agency Member Quintana

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11:08:17 PM Vice Chair Harber asked if anyone had met with the Chamber of Commerce.

11:08:21 PM Interim CAO Carillo responded to Vice Chair Harber's concern regarding a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

11:09:30 PM Agency Member Quintana stepped back into the meeting.

No items were identified for the next Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

Community Housing Authority

11:10:58 PM Chair Saleh requested a report on the landscaping services.

11:11:27 PM Vice Chair Harber asked if Javier Castillo and J. Castillo might be the same person.

11:12:36 PM It was moved by Vice Chair Harber, seconded by Chair Saleh, to approve the warrants dated June 22-July 13, 2011.

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11:13:35 PM Commissioner Valencia requested to have all three water companies, Golden State, Tract 180 and Maywood Mutual Water to come in and give a presentation on the rate increases.

11:15:02 PM Commissioner Quintana, inquired the status of the directive on providing a report on the housing issues.

Communications From The Public

11:18:25 PM Sandy Orozco , 4108 61st Street, Maywood, thanked the Mayor and Vice Mayor. Expressed concern about Mr. Carrillo, Mr. Valencia and stated that the city should keep the Bell Police Department.

11:22:41 PM Councilman Valencia, address the comments made by Ms. Orozco.

11:23:28 PM Richard Espiritu, no address stated, expressed concern about the Council Chambers not being in compliance with the disability act.

11:26:52 PM Donna Gannon, no address stated, expressed concern about the warrants, the budget, and the Bell Police Department.
11:31:47 PM Mr. Phillips, no address stated, congratulated the Council for their new appointment. Expressed concern about their property tax billed, Mr. Carrillo and Mr. Casso and apologized to Councilwoman Quintana.

11:38:18 PM Ken Letourneau, City of Torrance resident, introduced himself to the City Council and informed them of a program that can assist the city in their revenues.

11:41:38 PM Ismael Morales, no address stated, inquired about the process of replacing the Interim CAO position as Mr. Carrillo's term was up soon.

11:47:07 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, informed the City Council of an article in the news paper. Expressed concern regarding the water rate increase.

11:52:37 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, expressed concern about the change of the venue to the meeting. Ms. Saenz inquired on the process of hiring the new Interim CAO as Mr. Carrillo would be leaning and also requested the City Council to move the meetings back to the Community Center.

11:55:08 PM Mayor Saleh address Ms. Saenz Concerns.

11:55:30 PM Councilwoman Quintana, stated that she is having the meeting live streamed and broadcasted.

11:56:59 PM Juliana Chico Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, expressed concern regarding the change in location for the meeting and expressed concern about the BASTA issues.

11:59:55 PM Diane Oliva, no address stated, expressed concern regarding the change in location and the rate increases in the water billing. Ms. Oliva also expressed concern regarding the recent hired of part time employees and requested for the positions to be posted on the website.

12:05:51 AM Susana Lopez, no address stated, addressed Mr. Carrillo and questioned the people he has hired since.

12:08:11 AM Juan Lopez, 6800 Pala Avenue, expressed concern about the conduct of the meeting and the change of location.

12:11:58 AM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, thanked the Council for prolonging the matter with Dave Aleshire and waiting for the response from FPPC. Mr. Areyan read a statement provided from Mr. Aleshire.
12:15:41 AM Larry, no address stated, informed the Council that he has provided microphones to the Council and informed them that they had 104 viewers. Asked the residents to please allow the Council time to do their job, would like for them to adjourn the meeting in honor of Alhambra officer Ryan Stringer.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report

None.

Mayor and City Council Communications

12:17:16 AM Councilwoman Alvarez inquired on the status report on the use of the high school swimming pool

12:17:45 AM Magdalena Prado provided a report to the Council.

12:19:05 AM Councilwoman Alvarez also wanted to know if the city can become a non-profit organization to begin a volunteer program. Also inquired about the yard sale permits and requested to go back to twice a year and charge a $10 fee.

12:25:33 AM Councilwoman Quintana requested to enforce to prohibit the sale of new items and not charge the $10.

12:25:57 AM Councilman Valencia asked that residents be informed of the new changes and not have Code Enforcement confiscate the residents belongings.

12:26:36 AM Vice Mayor Harber suggested having yard sales allow twice a year with no charge and charge the $10.00 fee thereafter.

12:27:39 AM Councilman Valencia invited the community to come in front of City Hall for the one year anniversary. He also attended a health fair with the Assembly Member. He thanked city staff for the 4th of July celebration.

12:29:19 AM Vice Mayor Harber informed the Council that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the VFW in the City of Bell Gardens.

Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting.

12:30:17 AM Councilwoman Quintana requested to have a report on the directives given.

12:31:41 AM City Council recessed to closed session on the remaining of the items.

1:14:42 AM City Council reconvened to open session.

1:14:43 AM Interim City Attorney provided a report from closed session. As to item 3.01, no action was taken as this it was previously discussed. As to item 3.02 there was a vote taken, the vote was 5-0 and direction was given to the City Attorney's office, no final action was taken. As to item 3.03 direction was give to the Interim CAO on a 5-0 vote. As to item 3.04 no action was taken and the item was moved to the next Council meeting. As to item 3.05 there was a vote taken of 4-0-1, the abstention was Councilwoman Quintana on direction to the City Attorney's office. As to item 3.06, the vote was 5-0, on this matter the City Council gave direction to the Mayor and City Attorney to enter into a general release of liability.

1:16:06 AM City Council meeting adjourned in memory of Alhambra Officer Ryan Stringer.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 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 24th day of August 2011 by the following vote.

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

NAES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk