Special Minutes of the
Bell City Council

July 22, 2011–6:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers
6330 Pine Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:02:43 PM.

Roll call of City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers.

6:03:00 PM

Present:	Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilwoman Quintana
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez and Captain Miranda.

Communications from the Public

6:03:36 PM Trina Corado, no address stated, thanked Mr. Carrillo for his time as the Interim CAO and also thanked Mr. Casso. Ms. Corado expressed that it was time for Mr. Carrillo to move on and hire a new CAO.

6:05:57 PM Ismael Morales, no address stated, stated that he knew that Mr. Carrillo was hired on this day and a year later there is now a transition into a new city manager. Mr. Morales expressed concern about the process and stated that it should have been done a long time ago.

6:07:43 PM Antonia Gonzalez, 6303 Bear Avenue, thanked Mr. Carrillo for his time and his work. She stated that she trusts that the council will put a good administrator.

6:09:38 PM Donna Gannon, no address stated, expressed concern about the past Council and she also expressed that the community wants a lot and with many changes coming up, she encouraged the council to make decisions on what is needed instead of what is wanted.

6:10:59 PM Sandy Orozco, 4108 E. 54th St., expressed that she had previously come in and shared her thoughts on Mr. Carrillo. She requested the Council to make a good decision and not extend the contract with Mr. Carrillo. She also expressed concern about certain individuals that are still working for the city and expressed concern about comments made from Councilman Valencia.

6:13:50 PM Alfredo Meza, 4874 Gage Avenue, requested a status from the Council if they had met any of their goals.

6:16:42 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern about Mr. Carrillo and the complaints many business have raised regarding their signs taken away.

6:19:12 PM Susana Lopez, no address stated, expressed concern about Mr. Carrillo and requested the Council not to extend his contract.

Councilman Valencia arrived at 6:20:24 PM.

6:09:20 PM Nora Saenz, no address stated, expressed concern about the CAO position.

6:13:42 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, expressed concern about Mr. Carrillo and hoped that the Council make a good decision. Mr. Areyan also asked people to be patient as Council is doing their job.

6:15:15 PM Jose Moreno, no address stated, reminded the audience that when this blew up a year ago, a lot of people were involved, he personally knew that it was going to take at least 6 months or year to make changes. Mr. Moreno requested that the Council be frugal with the community's money and that they make a good decision. He also expressed concern about the high salaries and benefits.

6:17:55 PM Juliana Chico, no address stated, expressed concern about the City Manager the high property taxes and asked the Council that they make commissions and get the input of the community

6:19:48 PM Coco Ceja, 6936 Prospect Avenue, stated that she was glad that the contract with Mr. Carrillo. Expressed concern that there are too many delays and politics, it takes time and time is of the essence and asked the Council to take the recommendations and advice provided.

6:22:35 PM Willie Aguilar, no address stated, commended the council for taking the initiative. Informed the Council that the community is here to support them and requested that they take the recommendations of the community.

6:25:27 PM Councilman Valencia, asked if they were any City managers in the room. He informed the residents that no one here is qualified for the position. He stated that there is a process to get another Interim CAO and then move on to a permanent CAO. He expressed that he lost sleep over the decisions the Council was about to make and that told the community that they have the right to feel how they feel however it does take time

Closed Session

The City Council recessed at **6:29:48 PM** to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Interim Chief Administrative Officer

7:43:22 PM The City Council reconvened to open session.

7:43:28 PM Interim City Attorney Casso provided a report from closed sessions:

As to item 3.01, no appointment was made at this time, per the charter the position would fall to the mayor to serve as the CAO. Mr. Casso advised the Council that they need to consider the brown act and that there were 3 votes with regard to direction. All votes were 5-0. One direction was to the Mayor as the CAO and one direction was given to the Interim City Attorney.

7:45:15 PM Mayor Saleh stated that they are in contact with different leagues to assist the city with the process and that they should have someone soon.

7:46:17 PM Councilwoman Quintana requested the residents that have cameras to provide a copy of the video so that she may post it on her website.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 7:46:57 PM.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 14th day of September 2011 by the following vote.

AYES: Councilmember Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia and Mayor Saleh

NAES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Harber

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk