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

July 27, 2011
Closed Session-6:00 P.M.
Open Session-7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
6330 Pine Avenue

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:01:37 PM.

6:01:41 PM Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Valencia led.

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

Present:	Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez, City Engineer Alvarado, Captain Miranda and Assistant Planner Chacon

Communications From The Public on Closed Session Items

6:02:37 PM Jose Carmona, 7016 Crafton Avenue, expressed concern about the conflict of interest discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Carmona urged the council to make the right decision.

6:03:13 PM Councilwoman Alvarez arrived.

6:06:18 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, expressed concern about item 3.01 and expressed that they needed to find a new Interim CAO as soon as possible and asked them to make the right decision. He also requested the Council to move on making the decision on voting on the city attorney and thanked them for waiting on the FPPC's response. He also stated that Mr. Aleshire is an honest man and helped out the community.

6:09:17 PM Dr. Richard Espiritu, no address stated, expressed concern about the Interim CAO position and ended his comments with a quote from TS Lewis.

6:12:18 PM Sandy Orozco, 4108 E. 54th St., Maywood, expressed concern about the Council not appointing the Mr. Aleshire as the Attorney. She also stated that the city needs to move on, stop with the BASTA issue and the conflict of interest issue. Ms. Orozco also expressed concern about item 3.01 and requested the Council to appoint someone who has experience.

6:14:55 PM Councilman Valencia responded to Ms. Orozco's comments.

Closed Session

The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed to a closed session at 6:15:37 PM to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
Mango v. City of Maywood, et al.
US District Court, Central District, Case No.CV11-5641-GW

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
Ramirez, *et al.* v. County of Los Angeles, *et al.*
US District Court, Central District, Case No.CV11-04057-JHN

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

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

7:26:42 PM City Council reconvened to open session.

7:27:00 PM Interim City Attorney Casso provided a report from closed session:

Only item 3.01 was discussed. The Council on a 5-0 vote moved to appoint Mr. Ken Hampian as the Interim CAO. Mr. Hampian was to serve on July 28, 2011 until August 24, 2011 to assist the city in finding a longer term Interim CAO and the day to day functions of CAO. The City Council considered to

adjourned the meeting to Friday, July 29, 2011 at 7:30 AM, to approve the contract. Mr. Hampian would serve on a pro-bono basis and would be reimburse for the cost of his accommodations, receive a per diem on his meals, reimbursed for his mileage and be reimbursed for the use of a mobile phone.

7:29:18 PM Mayor Saleh stated that he had been in contact with the League of Cities, California City Management Association and other City Managers Associations. These agencies recommended Mr. Hampian to come in on a short term basis.

7:30:15 PM Mr. Hampian introduced himself to the City Council and the community. He stated that he grew up in the San Joaquin Valley, graduated from Fresno State. He stated that while he was in college the city of Fresno was going through some corruption at that time and that is what inspired him to get into government work. Mr. Hampian worked in the city of Oxnard and San Luis Obispo and stated that he is here to present the large group of professionals. This was a chance to demonstrate what the local management is about and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Communications From The Public on Agenda Items Only

7:33:30 PM Alfred Areyan, 7008 Vinevale Avenue, urged the Council to appoint the city attorney and thanked the new Interim CAO for coming out and helping out the community.

7:36:52 PM Dr. Richard Espiritu, expressed concern about items 9.01, 9.03 and 9.05. He also questioned item 6.02 and expressed concern about the budget.

7:40:40 PM Nora Saenz, no address stated, addressed the Mayor and Councilwoman Alvarez. She requested them to form a committee for the community to get input on the CAO position. Ms. Saenz also expressed concern about the budget.

7:44:27 PM Donna Gannon, 6601 Prospect Avenue, attended the meeting at the mobile home parks and expressed concern about the expenses there. She also expressed concern about the budget and requested for each council to thoroughly go through the budget.

7:48:42 PM Sandy R. Orozco, Maywood resident, introduce herself to Mr. Hampian and requested the Council to not approved the budget. She also requested them to approve the contract for Mr. Aleshire.

7:52:43 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern about the trailer parks, the condition of the city and businesses. She also expressed concern about the item of the city attorney and the police department.

7:56:13 PM Juanita Tajimaroa, 4702 Nevada Street, expressed concern about the budget and requested the council to fund more of the programs for the youth and older citizens.

7:58:07 PM Jose Moreno, no address stated, expressed concern about taxes, the 10% users fee, the garbage tax, and also the word levy. Also expressed concern about the budget and would like to have it cut by 20% and cuts in the police department.

8:01:40 PM Juliana Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, expressed concern about the taxes and high salaries.
8:03:43 PM Ignacio Marquez, 7027 Crafton Avenue, expressed concern about the budget and requested the Council to review the budget. He expressed concern about the Council receiving health benefits and welcomed the new City Manager.

8:06:26 PM Marcos Oliva, 6637 King Avenue, welcomed Mr. Hampian for lending his service to the city. Expressed concern about the budget and audit to take place and requested to have a committee of the community to have input on the budget. He also requested them to move forward on the city attorney.

8:09:09 PM Juan Ortiz, no address stated, expressed concern about not seeing and the problems over at the mobile home parks.

8:11:32 PM Lorenzo Martinez, 6319 Loma Vista Avenue, expressed concern about item 7.04 and requested the council to wait until they have a new City Attorney and a new City Manager.

8:12:54 PM Diane Oliva, no address stated, requested the council to not approve the budget as an audit has not been completed. She requested the new Interim CAO to do an evaluation on all new employees, not just the police department but all employees in the city. Ms. Oliva also expressed concern about the taxes in the city.

8:15:30 PM Ismael Morales, no address stated, expressed concern about the budget and requested the council not to approve the budget. He also requested to have community input and expressed concern about the salaries presented in the budget.

8:18:02 PM Gwilym McGrew, no address stated, expressed concern about the budget and suggested that the Council look into the bonds issue.

8:20:43 PM Jose Magallon, 6227 Vinevale Avenue, expressed concern about the meeting not being held at the Community Center, the taxes, the city charter, the police department and the salaries of employees.

Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Commission

8:24:53 PM Assistant Planner Chacon provided a staff report regarding the public hearing.

8:28:00 PM Councilman/Commissioner Valencia requested clarification regarding the notice of exemption.

8:28:54 PM Assistant Planner Chacon responded to Councilman/Commissioner Valencia's questions.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 8:30:14 PM regarding the Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-27 Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2011-01 to Allow the Installation of a New 12,000-gallon Underground Storage Tank and Designated Pump to Provide E85 (ethanol) and B5 (biodiesel) fuels to an Existing Fuel Service Station; Location: 4965 Florence Avenue, Bell, Ca 90201; 76 Gas Station.

8:30:23 PM Jason spoke in favor of the project.

8:31:25 PM Alfred Areyan, spoke in favor for the project.

8:32:06 PM Ignacio Marquez, expressed concern about the project being closed to the school.

8:34:39 PM Jose Moreno, spoke in favor of the project.

8:35:27 PM Poly Rico, spoke against the project.

Hearing no further testimony for or against this item, Mayor/Chair Saleh closed the Public Hearing at 8:36:55 PM.

8:37:01 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council/Planning Commission.

8:39:10 PM It was moved by Councilwoman/Commissioner Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor/Chair Harber, to approve Resolution No. 2011-27 Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2011-01 to Allow the Installation of a New 12,000-gallon Underground Storage Tank and Designated Pump to Provide E85 (ethanol) and B5 (biodiesel) fuels to an Existing Fuel Service Station; Location: 4965 Florence Avenue, Bell, Ca 90201; 76 Gas Station.

8:40:26 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

Public Hearing of the City Council

8:41:13 PM Assistant Planner Chacon provided a report on item 6.01.

8:45:22 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 8:46:23 PM regarding the Consideration of Resolution 2011-26 Finding the City of Bell to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in Accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

Hearing no further testimony for or against this item, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 8:46:47 PM.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve Resolution 2011-26 Finding the City of Bell to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in Accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

8:47:13 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.

8:48:09 PM City Engineer Alvarado provided a staff report regarding item 6.02.

9:00:11 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 9:02:11 PM regarding the Consideration of Resolution Nos. 2011-28 through 2011-31 Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levying of Assessment for the Following Districts for Fiscal Year 2011-2012:

1. Solid Waste Collection, Transfer and Disposal Service (Resolution No. 2011-28)
2. Integrated Waste Management Plan (Resolution No. 2011-29)
3. Landscape and Lighting (Resolution No. 2011-30)
4. Sanitation and Sewer System (Resolution No. 2011-31)

9:02:21 PM Nora Saenz, expressed concern about the assessments.

9:04:18 PM Donna Gannon, expressed concern about the levy's.

9:05:08 PM Ismael Morales, spoke against the assessments.

9:06:29 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue spoke against the assessments.

9:08:02 PM Dr. Richard Espiritu, expressed concern about the assessments.

9:09:50 PM Jose Moreno, expressed concern about the assessments.

Hearing no further testimony for or against this item, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 9:11:18 PM.

9:11:44 PM Councilman Valencia expressed concern about section two of the resolution.

9:12:40 PM City Engineer Alvarado addressed Councilman Valencia's questions and stated that the mailings were sent out to all properties owners.

9:15:12 PM Councilman Valencia expressed concern about having an accurate rate on how much it would cost for refuse.

9:15:49 PM City Engineer Alvarado addressed Councilman Valencia's question.

9:17:21 PM Councilwoman Quintana stated that Council received the budget at the same time it was available to the community and asked Mr. Bass to meet with the City Engineer to incorporate the assessments.

9:24:05 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to approve Resolution Nos. 2011-28 through 2011-31 Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levying of Assessment for the Following Districts for Fiscal Year 2011-2012:

1. Solid Waste Collection, Transfer and Disposal Service (Resolution No. 2011-28)
2. Integrated Waste Management Plan (Resolution No. 2011-29)
3. Landscape and Lighting (Resolution No. 2011-30)
4. Sanitation and Sewer System (Resolution No. 2011-31)

9:26:29 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

9:27:38 PM Councilwoman Quintana questioned the status of some directives stated in the minutes and have not been followed up.

9:28:51 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve the Bell City Council Minutes, Bell Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes, Bell Community Housing Authority Minutes, Bell Public Finance Authority Minutes and Bell Solid Waste Authority Minutes dated June 7, 2011 and Bell City Council Minutes, Bell Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes, Bell Community Housing Authority Minutes and Bell Public Finance Authority Minutes dated June 22, 2011.

9:29:27 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.

The following item was moved to the next Council meeting:

Consideration of Treasurer's Quarterly report ending March 31, 2011.

9:30:24 PM Councilman Valencia requested to have the Council meetings at 7:00 PM instead of 6PM.

9:30:59 PM Councilwoman Quintana expressed that she would like to have the meetings start at 5:00 PM.

9:31:53 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve Resolution No. 2011-32, establishing the City Council Meeting Schedule for the month of August 2011 and changing the meeting time to 7:00 PM.

9:32:37 PM

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

Motion Passed.

9:37:12 PM Mr. Dave Bass provided a brief report on the process of the budget.

9:48:46 PM Councilman Valencia stated that he would like to have a community meeting to have more input from the community.

9:50:46 PM Councilwoman Quintana requested to have a working session and that she would like to see more options and work on it collectively.

9:51:35 PM Interim CAO Hampian gave an example from his former city of adopting a two year budget. He stated that this process was done 11 months prior to the fiscal year. Interim CAO Hampian suggested that the best that they can is to adopt something now as a budget as it is needed, however have a study session, to explain to the Council and the public and address the budget.

9:54:29 PM Mr. Bass informed that he would be able to have something ready by next week but it is important to look at the goals of the city.

9:55:24 PM Interim CAO Hampian stated that he did not have any knowledge of the budget being presented and suggested to have a study session for further discussion.

9:56:56 PM Interim City Attorney Casso suggested to have a study session.
9:58:05 PM Councilwoman Quintana proposed to have a study session on August 5, 2011.

9:59:03 PM Mayor Saleh requested to have a calendar in the Council Chambers.

9:59:17 PM Interim CAO Hampian suggested to have the study session on August 8, 2011 as it would give more time to staff to prepare.

10:00:10 PM The following item was moved to August 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Bell Community Center:

Consideration of Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

10:02:03 PM Captain Miranda provided a staff report on item 7.05.

It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve Resolution No. 2011-33 Commending National Night Out for the Relationships and Partnerships it has Built in our Communities and Declaring August 2, 2011 to be "National Night Out Day" in the City of Bell.

10:05:17 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.

10:05:21 PM City Council recessed.

City Council reconvened to open session at 10:20PM.

It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Proposal for Audit Services with Macias, Gini & O'Connell.

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 Vice Mayor Harber to approve the warrants dated July 13-27, 2011.

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.

The following item was moved to the next Council meeting:

Consideration of Agreement with Independent Cities and Finance Authority (ICFA).

It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez to receive and file the staff report regarding Landscaping Providers to the City of Bell.

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 Councilwoman Alvarez to approve the Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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 Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to approve the City Hall Holiday Schedule.

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.

Item 7.12 was moved to after the closed session.

City Council reconvened to closed session at 10:55 PM to confer with legal counsel on the remaining items in closed session.

12:16:48 AM City Council reconvened to open session.

12:17:00 AM City Attorney Casso provided a report from closed session:

12:16:43 AM As to items 3.02 through 3.05 the only item that was discussed was item 3.05. There were two votes, the first vote was 2-3 and it was defeated. The two voting for it were Councilmembers Valencia and Quintana. There was a subsequent vote and that vote was 5-0.

12:17:28 AM Mayor Saleh asked Interim City Attorney to explain the subsequent vote.

12:17:30 AM Interim City Attorney Casso explained that the vote was to waive the attorney client work product and attorney client communication privilege regarding an analysis that was conducted by special counsel Roeca Hass and Hager on the conflict of interest issues involving the selection of Aleshire & Wynder. That document will be provided to members of the public. A summary of Mr. Haggar's analysis was to be reported once the Council got to item 7.12. No final action was taken and nothing further was reported

12:18:43 AM Mayor Saleh moved to discuss item 7.12.

12:19:04 AM Interim City Attorney Casso provided the staff report on item 7.12 and provided the summary of the analysis made by Mr. Haggar.

12:31:47 AM Mayor Saleh asked if Interim City Attorney had looked over the contract.

12:31:48 AM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Mayor Saleh's question.

12:31:49 AM Mayor Saleh questioned if Mr. Casso made any changes to the contract.

12:31:52 AM Interim City Attorney Casso stated that the changes were negotiated between Mr. Carrillo and Aleshire & Wynder law firm.

12:32:16 AM Councilman Valencia questioned if there were any not to exceed provisions.

12:32:24 AM Interim City Attorney Casso: no there are provisions with not to exceed

12:32:36 AM Councilman Valencia questioned if Mr. Casso was aware of any of the negotiations that took place.

12:32:38 AM Interim City Attorney Casso stated that he did not participate in any of the negotiations.

12:32:46 AM Councilman Valencia questioned who drafted the contract.

12:32:48 AM Interim City Attorney Casso responded that Aleshire & Wynder drafted the contract.

12:33:14 AM Councilman Valencia questioned the darkened provision on page 8 of the contract.

12:33:29 AM Interim City Attorney Casso responded that the provision was stricken during the negotiations.

12:34:18 AM Councilwoman Quintana provided the following directive for Mr. Aleshire to execute a valid waiver to be signed by both parties BASTA and the city.

12:36:57 AM Ed Bertrand, Aleshire & Wynder LLP, requested clarification if the waiver that Ms. Quintana was seeking was specific to the language that was in the outside opinion about matters including the Attorney General's lawsuit that would pertain to BASTA and follow on with Aleshire's interactions with BASTA.

12:38:03 AM Councilwoman Quintana questioned Mr. Bertrand which letter he was you referring to.

12:38:07 AM Mr. Bertrand responded it was the letter that Mr. Casso read.
12:38:07 AM Interim City Attorney Casso stated that Mr. Bertrand was referring to the letter from Haggar.

12:38:11 AM Mr. Bertrand again sought clarification from Councilwoman Quintana and questioned if the waiver she was proposing or requesting is a waiver that tracks Mr. Haggar's language limiting to the matters involving BASTA in the Attorney General's lawsuit or if she was seeking a broader waiver as to all matters.

12:38:59 AM Councilwoman Quintana responded that she would deferred that to the Council.

12:39:02 AM Mayor Saleh clarified that Mr. Bertrand was asking which waiver she was requesting.

12:39:08 AM Councilwoman Quintana referred to when there is a representation to adverse parties there are typical waivers that are signed.

12:39:21 AM Mr. Bertrand clarified if the waiver was to what Mr. Haggar inclined as the adverse and not broader than that.

12:39:24 AM Councilwoman Quintana responded yes.

12:39:24 AM Mayor Saleh clarified that the waiver Ms. Quintana was seeking was between BASTA and the city.

12:39:36 AM Interim City Attorney Casso stated that it was a conflict waiver that is executed by the City –BASTA and BASTA with regard to Aleshire & Wynder representation on the Attorney General's lawsuit.

12:39:57 AM Councilwoman Quintana stated that it was needed as the lawsuit is very much alive.

12:40:08 AM Mr. Bertrand proposed if it would be ok in the recitals to that waiver letter that Aleshire & Wynder deserve the right to memorialize the recital that they disagree with Mr. Haggar's opinion and would provide the waiver at the request of the Council.

12:40:35 AM Interim City Attorney Casso informed the Council that should a waiver be sought it would require direction from the entire Council on that issue.

12:40:48 AM Councilwoman Quintana clarified that this was a directive that was already given and that Mr. Aleshire agreed. However the waiver presented is not a valid waiver.

12:41:01 AM Interim City Attorney Casso responded that it was offered to the Council that a waiver could possibly address the concern. However it was never requested by either BASTA and/or the City sign on to it. Mr. Dale Walker from BASTA offered the waiver a meeting or two ago. The proper way would require the signature of both the city and BASTA on the same waiver letter.

12:42:35 AM Interim City Attorney Casso suggested to the Council that Mr. Haggar be involved in reviewing the waiver between BASTA and the city. It would be most appropriate that the waiver be prepare by Aleshire & Wynder and not necessarily his law firm.

12:43:45 AM Councilman Valencia asked Mr. Bertrand if they were willing to recluse themselves from any discussion or any negotiations with the POA.

12:44:22 AM Mr. Bertrand responded and stated that cannot recluse themselves unless the Council tells them that they want them not to participate in that.

12:44:45 AM Councilwoman Quintana clarified that Mr. Valencia was referring to refusing services or rejecting services.

12:44:47 AM Councilman Valencia stated that they can give that to someone else.

12:44:52 AM Mr. Bertrand responded that this is not something they have proposed. However if the Council should direct them otherwise they would follow Council's direction. The firm is in the opinion that there is not a conflict of interest and certainly not in the Police officers association interest and they would aggressively represent the city's best interest and look forward to representing the interest unless the City Council directs them otherwise.

12:46:03 AM Councilwoman Quintana clarified that in light of transparency and making everyone informed they waived the privilege to this document to be made available to the public.

12:46:26 AM Mr. Bertrand requested further clarification.

12:47:17 AM Interim City Attorney Casso suggested to the City Council to consider having Aleshire and Wynder draft a waiver. The waiver would then be submitted to Mr. Haggar for his review and once he signs off on it and it can be presented to BASTA. BASTA would then sign off on it. Then it would be presented to the Council to be accepted and signed off on it as to the AG's lawsuit. But it would not preclude Aleshire and Wynder from providing other services prior to the conclusion of and the execution of that document

12:48:07 AM Councilwoman Quintana clarified that Council voted to retain the services from Aleshire and Wynder on June 6, 2011. However on June 22, 2011 the process was delayed to get clearance.

12:49:05 AM Councilman Valencia expressed concern about the process.

12:49:54 AM Mr. Bertrand requested the Council to specified the effective date.

12:50:15 AM Councilwoman Alvarez questioned if the letter provided by BASTA was invalid.

12:50:26 AM Mayor Saleh clarified that the letter needed to be between both the city and BASTA.

12:50:57 AM Councilwoman Quintana stated that only Council has the authority.

12:51:09 AM Mayor Saleh asked Mr. Bertrand if he agreed that it should have been a conflict of waiver.

12:51:12 AM Mr. Bertrand did not respond and requested copy of Mr. Haggar's letter.

12:51:33 AM Mayor Saleh responded that he would provide his copy to him.

12:51:44 AM Councilwoman Alvarez questioned if this was something needed in order to hire a new attorney or if this was a new direction to go out to bid.

12:52:23 AM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber; seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez to the contract with Aleshire & Wynder for City Attorney Services beginning July 28, 2011.

12:53:38 AM Councilman Valencia clarified that it is not a blessing on the conflict of interest and therefore a waiver is needed.

12:54:46 AM Interim City Attorney Casso sought clarification if the motion also included a request that there be a conflict waiver.

12:54:53 AM Mayor Saleh responded that yes the waiver would be between BASTA and the city.

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

Motion Passed.

Community Redevelopment Agency

12:56:03 AM The Bell Community Redevelopment Agency convened to conduct their business meeting.

It was moved by Agency Member Quintana, seconded by Vice Chair Harber to not approve the reconsideration of Warrant No. 5460 and requested to not have it be brought back for approval until a new contract with the Bell Chamber of Commerce is in place.

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

12:58:01 AM Agency Member Valencia questions the status on the decisions being made in Sacramento.

12:58:27 AM Interim City Attorney Casso responded to Agency Member Valencia's questions.

12:59:33 AM Agency Member Quintana also requested to information on the League of Cities lawsuit.

Community Housing Authority

1:01:20 AM The Bell Community Housing Authority convened to conduct their business meeting.

1:01:55 AM It was moved by Commissioner Quintana, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the warrants dated July 13-27, 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.

1:02:17 AM The following items were moved to the next Council meeting:

Consideration of Maintenance Agreement with Jaime Lepe for Janitorial Services at Bell Mobile Home Park and Florence Village.

Consideration of Agreement with Betsy Balderama for After Hours Caretaker Services at Bell Mobile Home Park.

Consideration of Agreement with Olga Rodriguez for After Hours Caretaker Services at Florence Village Mobile Home Park.

Consideration of Agreement with Rudy and Juanita Davila for Interim Residential Managers at Florence Village Mobilehome Park.

No items were identified for the next Community Housing Authority meeting.

Bell Public Finance Authority

1:02:38 AM The Bell Public Finance Authority convened to conduct their business meeting.

No items were identified for the next Public Finance Authority Meeting.

Solid Waste Authority

1:03:38 AM The Bell Solid Waste Authority convened to conduct their business meeting.

1:04:12 AM Commissioner Valencia questioned the status on the refuse collection issues.

Communications From The Public

1:05:03 AM Ed Bertrand, informed the Council that there was a student from the High School that wanted to request from the Council the use of the Community Center for school dances as their facility is under construction.

1:06:34 AM Alfred Areyan, no address stated, thanked the Council for approving the contract with Mr. Aleshire.

1:08:27 AM Richard Espiritu, no address stated, expressed concern about the disaster plan of the city.

1:11:38 AM Sandy Orozco, no address stated, thanked the Council for approving the contract with Mr. Aleshire and thanked the new City Manager.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report

None.

Mayor and City Council Communications

1:13:47 AM Councilman Valencia invited the Council and members of the public to the Bell High School Alumni golf tournament on August 19, 2011.

1:15:18 AM Councilwoman Quintana thanked Larry Savala for providing the livestream services.

1:16:00 AM Councilwoman Alvarez provided a report on a workshop she attended provided by Assembly Member Ricardo Lara. She also requested to present certificates to two companies that complied with the requirements of the County Sanitation District.

1:17:31 AM Mayor Saleh thanked the Council for the opportunity of being the CAO for three days and was very happy that a new Interim CAO was appointed.

Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting.

None.

Adjournment

Interim City Attorney Casso requested to adjourn the meeting to Friday, July 29, 2011 at 7:30 AM at the Bell Council Chambers with the following items to be discussed:

Closed session items 3.02, 3.03 and 3.04 and in addition concurrent with the adjourned meeting the Council will have a special meeting to consider the agreement with Mr. Hampian setting forth his pro-bono services.

City Council meeting adjourned at 1:19:06 AM.

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: None

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk