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

September 14, 2011
7:00 PM

Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 7:25:53 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Valencia.

Moment of Remembrance for those who parished on September 11, 2001.

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

7:28:22 PM

Present:	Mayor Saleh, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
Absent:	Vice Mayor Harber
Also Present:	Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce, City Attorney Aleshire, City Clerk Valdez, City Engineer Alvarado and Captain Miranda

Presentation

Presentation of certificates to Bell High School Teacher Ms. Cindy Herrera and Bell High School students Rebecca Sanchez, Bryant Gaxiola, Ernesto Figueroa and Josefina Ortiz on the Student Exposition.

Communications From The Public on Agenda Items Only

7:34:51 PM Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue welcomed the new CAO and requested the Council to have the community more involved and be kept more informed.

7:39:16 PM Sandy Orozco, Maywood resident, expressed concern about item 5.04 and requested the Council to keep the Bell Police Department.

7:43:15 PM Alfred Areyan, expressed concern about item 5.04 and requested the Council to keep the Bell Police Department.

7:44:41 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, expressed concern about the tax increase by the water company, the programs available for the kids in the community and a letter that was circulated attacking two of the Council Members. She also commended Arne Croce for the work program he placed on the agenda.

7:48:01 PM Dennis Azevedo, spoke in favor of keeping the Bell Police Department.

7:49:36 PM Ignacio Marquez, 7027 Crafton Avenue, expressed concern about the increase from the water company and requested the Council to consider what is right for the city and the community.

7:52:19 PM Margarita Limon, 4642 Bell Place, expressed concern about not keeping the police department and the high salaries.

7:55:55 PM Trina Corado, supported the recommendation from Mr. Croce and requested to keep the Bell Police Department.

7:56:52 PM Diane Oliva, expressed concern about item 5.04.

8:00:16 PM Mario Rivas, in support of item 5.04 and expressed concern about the taxes.

8:03:13 PM Jose Moreno, expressed concern about the taxes and expenses.

8:07:07 PM City council recessed.

8:33:17PM City Council reconvened to open session.

8:34:36 PM Sonnia Manzanilla, expressed concern about not keeping the police department and the taxes.

8:37:08 PM Susana Lopez, expressed concern about item 5.04 and spoke in favor of keeping the police department.

8:38:40 PM Alma Rico, 6207 Wilcox Avenue, expressed concern about item 5.04 and stated that she was in favor of doing the studies, however, was concern as to how much is going to cost to hire a Chief of Police.

8:40:29 PM Poly Rico, 6207 Wilcox Avenue, expressed concern about item 5.04 and requested to lower the taxes.

8:43:03 PM Betty Rodriguez, 6838 San Luis Avenue, Senior Class President of Bell High School, requested the Council to use the city facilities for some high school activities without charge. Also invited the Council to the homecoming game on November 4, 2011.

8:45:14 PM Richard Espiritu, in favor of 4.01 but expressed concern about the parking spaces.

8:46:43 PM Donna Gannon, 6601 Prospect Avenue, in favor of item 5.04 and expressed concern about the taxes.

8:49:41 PM Ismael Morales, in support of Mr. Croce's advice.

8:53:01 PM City Council recessed.

9:06:35 PM City Council reconvened to open session.

9:07:23 PM Willie Aguilar, 6925 Walker Avenue, expressed concern about taxes and spoke in favor of keeping the Police Department.

Public Hearing of the Planning Commission

9:11:17 PM Carlos Chacon, Assistant City Planner provided the staff report on item 4.01.

9:17:49 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing at 9:22:38 PM regarding the approval of Resolution No. 2011-39 Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2011-03 to allow a Private Vocational Nursing School (CIT Nursing College) to be established at 4126 Gage Avenue, Bell, Ca 90201.

9:22:52 PM Jose Moreno, spoke against the project.

9:24:43 PM Alfred Areyan, spoke in favor of the project.

9:25:42 PM Ismael Morales, in favor of the project.

9:26:24 PM Fernando Chavarria, expressed concern about the project.

9:28:14 PM Andy Rodriguez, expressed concern about the project.

9:28:55 PM Nora Saenz, expressed concern about the project.

Hearing no further discussion for or against this project, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing at 9:30:49 PM.

9:30:54 PM Rene Aguero, Director of the School, spoke in favor of the project.

9:35:09 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

9:52:08 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to approve Resolution No. 2011-39 and approved Conditional Use Permit No. 2011-03 to Allow a Private Vocational Nursing School (CIT Nursing College) to be Established at 4126 Gage Avenue, Bell, Ca 90201 with the condition that they get accredited within 18 months to 2 years.

9:54:04 PM

Vote:	3-0
Yes:	Mayor Saleh, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilman Valencia
No:	None
Abstained:	Councilwoman Quintana
Absent:	Vice Mayor Harber

Motion Passed.

Council Business

It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to approve the Bell City Council Special Minutes dated July 22, 2011 and Bell City Council, Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, Bell Community Housing Authority, Planning Commission, Bell Public Finance Authority and Bell Solid Waste Authority Minutes dated July 27, 2011 with the following corrections: amending the vote on page 15 of the July 27, 2011 Minutes to reflect motion passed.

9:56:12 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9:56:30 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve the Warrants dated August 24, 2011 through September 14, 2011.

9:57:31 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9:57:41 PM The following item was moved to the next City Council meeting:

> Consideration of Agreement with a Financial Advisor With Reference to Bond Workout Plan.

9:58:06 PM Interim CAO Croce provided a report on work program objectives for 2011-12 and long term objectives.

10:30:03 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

10:45:41 PM There was consensus from the Council to move forward on the priority and long term objectives recommended by the Interim CAO.

Community Redevelopment Agency

10:47:56 PM The Bell Community Redevelopment Agency convened to conduct their business meeting.

10:51:26 PM It was moved by Agency Member Alvarez, seconded by Agency Member Quintana, to approve the warrants Dated August 24, 2011 through September 14, 2011.

10:52:42 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

10:53:22 PM Agency Member Quintana requested to look at the properties that the Redevelopment owns and provide feedback to eliminate the empty lots.

10:54:58 PM Chair Saleh requested to look into the rent collection and the empty properties.

Community Housing Authority

10:55:58 PM The Bell Community Housing Authority convened to conduct their business meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana, seconded by Commissioner Valencia, to approve the warrants Dated August 24, 2011 through September 14, 2011.

10:56:58 PM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

10:57:31 PM Commissioner Quintana asked Mr. Aleshire to look into the mobile home parks issues and provide feedback.

Communications From The Public

10:58:42 PM Ken Letourneau Bellflower resident, provided information to the Council on collecting loss revenue.

11:00:59 PM Mayor Saleh expressed concern about the water fees going up.

11:01:47 PM Juliana Chico, 6920 Woodward Avenue, expressed concern about the water fees and taxes.

11:02:59 PM Mario Rivas, expressed concern about changing the city charter and expressed concern about the interruptions in the meeting.

Mayor and City Council Communications

None.

Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting.

11:06:27 PM Councilman Valencia, expressed the concern of residents on the property maintenance on Florence and Walker. He requested to invite the water company to speak to the community on the increase in taxes. He also expressed concern about the POA letter.

11:13:12 PM Councilwoman Quintana stated that she would like the city go back to a general law city and than a charter city.

11:15:28 PM Captain Miranda stated that the Bell Police Officers Association letter was independent from the police department

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 11:17:39 PM.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 9th day of November 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