

## MINUTES

### Bell City Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority

February 15, 2012

6:00 P.M. Closed Session

7:00 P.M. Open Session

Bell Community Center  
6250 Pine Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:05 P.m.

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of the Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency. And, Bell Community Housing Authority:

**Present:** Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)

**Absent:** None (0)

**Also Present:** Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce, City Attorney Aleshire, and Interim City Clerk Healy

#### Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None

#### Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed to a closed session at 6:07 P.M. with all members present to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:
  - a.) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6. (Bell Police Officers Association MOU Negotiations)
  - b.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Mango v. City of Maywood*; USDC CV11-5641 G GW (FFMx)
  - c.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: *James Corcoran v. City of Bell* Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court BC442280 **(Councilmember Valencia recused himself from participation on this matter and left the dais for this item only)**

- d.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: *People v. Robert Rizzo, et al* Case No.: Los Angeles Superior Court BC445497
- e.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Lisa Ramirez, et al, County of Los Angeles, City of Bell, et al*; U.S. District Court Case No. CV 00457-JHN (M\_\_ X)
- f.) Bell v. BBK CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Bell v. Best Best & Krieger*; LASC BC466436

**City Council Reconvened at 7:22 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Ismael Morales

**City Attorney Report**

The City Attorney reported that all items on the Closed Session were discussed except Item (e) and that there was no action taken on the items discussed

**Communications from the Public on Agenda Items Only**

Michael Harriel addressed the Council and noted that he was the new representative for Bell from Southern California Gas Company; Alfred Areyan spoke on Item No. 4; Sonora Nick stated that he was a school bus driver and asked for access onto Loma Vista Place from Gage; Sandy Orozco spoke on Item 9; and Jose Moreno spoke on Item 8.

**Consent Calendar**

- Mayor Saleh pulled Item No. 3 for separate discussion.
- 2. Approval of Minutes dated January 25, 2012; Special Meeting Minutes of the City Council for January 28, 2012; and Minutes of the City Council for February 1, 2012. **(Council/Community Redevelopment Agency/successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority/Bell Public Financing Authority/Bell Surplus Property Authority/Bell Solid Waste Authority/Planning Commission)**
- 3. Approval of General Warrants and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated February 15, 2012. **(Council/Community Housing Authority)**

**Motion by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 2 as amended to reflect that Councilmember Valencia abstained from voting on Item 7.04, was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3, was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**Study Item**

4. Review of Solid Waste RFP

Mr. Bill Smith, Solid Waste Consultant, reviewed the major components proposed for inclusion in the RFP for a new solid waste franchise and requested input and direction from the City Council. Following questions and comments from the City Council, Mr. Smith noted that the final proposal for the RFP process would be scheduled for Council consideration on March 7, 2012.

**Public Hearing**

5. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant FY 2011-12 New Program American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Infrastructure Improvement Project Allocation **(Council)**

Debbie Kurita gave a presentation to the Council on the new program project allocation requested as part of the Community Development Block Grant FY 2011-12. Ms. Kurita and Terry Rodrique described the types of infrastructure enhancements that would improve access to City owned and operated facilities for disabled individuals in accordance with ADA provisions.

Following the staff presentation, Mayor Saleh opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke in support of ADA enhancements in the City: Alfred Areyan, Sandy Orozco, Alicia Montanez-Salas, Gerry Mayagoita, and Jose Moreno. Following public testimony, Mayor Saleh closed the public hearing.

Council discussion ensue; members asked staff questions about continuing funding after the 2011-12 Block Grant year, how determinations for funding were made, and the projects that would be included.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23 – A Resolution of the Bell City Council Approving the Establishment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Infrastructure Improvement Project as a New Program in the City's Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

***Motion by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-23 was adopted by the following vote:***

***Ayes: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)***  
***Noes: None (0)***  
***Abstained: None (0)***  
***Absent: None (0)***

***MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED***

### **Council/Successor Agency Business**

6. City of Bell Twitter Update (***Council***)

Magdalena Prado, Senior Management Analyst, informed the Council that the City of Bell has initiated a new Twitter account to announce City-related information to the general public. Following Ms. Prado's presentation, Council discussion ensued. The Council received and filed the report by unanimous consent.

7. Consideration to adopt the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) as required by AB1x26 (***Successor Agency***)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26 A Resolution of the City Council of City of Bell acting as Successor Agency to Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, adopting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177

***Motion by Councilmember Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to adopt Resolution No. 2012-26 was adopted by the following vote:***

***Ayes: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)***  
***Noes: None (0)***  
***Abstained: None (0)***  
***Absent: None (0)***

***MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED***

8. Resolution of the City Council adopting a Pay Schedule for Department Head Classifications (***Council***)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Adopting the Pay Schedules for City of Bell Department Head Classifications.

City Attorney Aleshire reported that subsequent to the posting of the Agenda for tonight's meeting, the City received information that an additional resolution would be required related to requesting employment extension for certain interim positions. He noted that a 4/5 vote would be required to make this finding and add **Item 8a** (Resolution No. 2012-27) to the Agenda.

**Motion by Councilmember Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to add Item No. 8a related to adopting a resolution requesting employment extension for certain interim employees was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Requesting Employment Extension Per Government Code Section 21221 (h)

**Motion by Councilmember Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to approve Item Nos. 8 and 8a (Resolution No. 2012-24 and Resolution No. 2012-27) was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

9. Merger of Police Sergeants into the Bell Police Officers' Association (**Council**)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Rescinding Resolution 2008-40 and amending Section 11 of Resolution 1987-46 designating Appropriate Units.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-25 was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

10. Agreement with SAESHE to provide grant administration services for the Regional Used Motor Oil Recycling Program. **(Council)**
- a.) Approve an appropriations adjustment allocating Regional Used Motor Oil Recycling Grant Funds of \$5,232 in Cycle 15, \$10,774 in Cycle OPP1 and \$1,582 in Cycle OPP1A for a total of \$17,588 from the State of California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery.
  - b.) Approve an agreement with SAESHE to provide grant administration services for the City of Bell's Regional Used Motor Oil Recycling Program in the amount of \$17,855.
  - c.) Authorize the City Manager to designate the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works as the lead agency for submitting applications and implementing the program for future funding for the Regional Used Motor Oil Recycling Grants.

**Motion by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez to approve an agreement with SAESHE was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (5)  
**Noes:** None (0)  
**Abstained:** None (0)  
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**Communications from the Public on Non-Agenda Matters**

None

**Mayor and City Council Communications**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1234, this is the time and place to provide a brief report on Meetings, Seminars and Conferences attended by Mayor and City Councilmembers.

11. Report out regarding Independent Cities Association (ICA) Conference – Councilmember Valencia reported that he attended the ICA conference held in Santa Barbara on February 3-5, 2012 and that the primary focus of the conference related to the realignment impacts pursuant to the order for the state to release prisoners in local communities. He noted that the conference was very enlightening and that the exchange of ideas with many representatives from local law enforcement agencies was beneficial

Councilmember Quintana

- Suggested that the City submit a Resolution to the Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District expressing concern related to the possible elimination of adult education. She noted that a new facility is being built in Bell as an

Occupational Center and the facility would be negatively impacted by the elimination of adult education. She further noted that there would be a Town Hall meeting on March 6, 2012 at Bell High Auditorium from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on this subject.

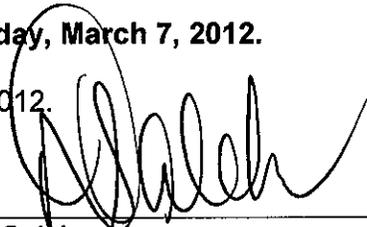
Councilmember Alvarez

- Asked that staff place the following items on a future Council agenda:
  - Stop signs installed on Otis from Florence to Bell
  - Timing for walk signal on Gage at Orchard
  - Update of City Code
  - Update on fees for yard sales

**Adjournment – 9:10 P.M.**

**Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 2012.**

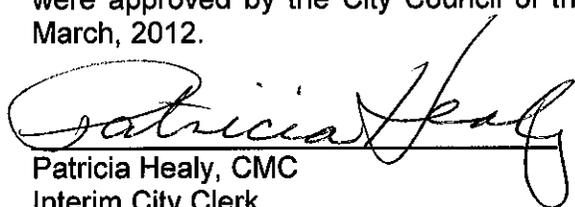
MINUTES APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.



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Ali Saleh  
Mayor

I, Patricia Healy, CMC, Interim City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bell at a regular meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 2012.



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Patricia Healy, CMC  
Interim City Clerk