

MINUTES

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

March 21, 2012

Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

Called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:03 P.M.

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

Present: Councilmember Alvarez, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (3)

Absent: Councilmembers Quintana and Valencia (2)*

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

* Councilmembers Quintana and Valencia arrived at the Meeting during Closed Session at 6:05 P.M.

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None

Closed Session

1. **The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies will recess to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:**
 - a.) 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)
 - b.) 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
 - c.) 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)

- d.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *D&J Engineering v. Bell*; LASC VC059415.
- e.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Richard Fisher Associates v. Bell*; LASC BC 466983.
- f.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: *Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.*; USDC 11-CV04057
- g.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (three (3) potential cases)

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Saleh

Mayor Saleh presented a proclamation recognizing the Month of March as Multiple Sclerosis Association of America "MS Awareness" month and presented the award to local activist Ms. Sandra Orozco

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that all items on the Closed Session Agenda were discussed except Items 1 (f) and (g) and that there was no action taken on the items discussed.

Presentation by interim Chief of Police on the Organization of the Bell Police Department

Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher present the Bell Police Department Annual Report, an informational document produced to inform and educate the public about their Police Department. Chief Belcher provided descriptions of the various divisions and units, special units, programs and detailed crime information for the previous year. Following his presentation, Council discussion ensued.

Communications from the Public on Agenda Items Only

Twenty – seven speakers addressed the Council relative to items on the Council Agenda. Many of these speakers spoke in support or opposition to Item # 8 – Negotiations with the City of Cudahy for the City of Bell to provide police services. The following speakers addressed the Council: Donna Gannon, Ignacio Marquez, Alfred Areyan, Richard Espirita, Sandra Orozco, Maria Torres, Dolle Walker, Dennis Alvedos, Willie Aguilar, Margarita Limon, Diana Velasco, Hilda Rodriguez, Carmen Bella, Marcos Olivos, Juliana Chico, Joe Carmona, Nora Saenz, Christina Alvarado, Baldomiro Marquez, Mario Rivas, Ismael Morales, Gerardo Mayagoita, Nelida Sanchez, Maria Arizmendi, Diane Oliva, Jose Moreno, and Luz Martinez.

Consent Calendar

2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council on March 7, 2012,, and Minutes of the Special Meetings of the City Council on March 12, and March 14, 2012 **(Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority)**
3. Approval of General Warrants and Community Housing Authority and Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency Warrants dated March 21, 2012. **(Council/Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency/Community Housing Authority)**
4. Award of a Construction Contract to E.C. Construction, Inc. for the Florence Avenue Street Rehabilitation Project (Walker Street to I-710 Freeway), Federal Aid Project No. STPL-5272 (011) in the amount of \$229,409 ; authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to execute a construction contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney, and authorize the City Engineer to approve the expenditure of a construction contingency, if necessary, not to exceed 10% of the contract amount or \$22,941 for change orders and other unforeseen construction work **(Council)**
5. Approval of Resolution No. 2012-31 authorizing a new Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Account **(Council)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-31 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, approving a New local Agency Investment Fund Account in the California State Treasury for Investing Funds Associated with the City's Role as Successor Agency to the Former Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Bell.

6. Approval of Resolution No. 2012-33 Accepting the Street Rehabilitation at Various Locations Project as Complete and File Notice of Completion.**(Council)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-33 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, Approving Street Rehabilitation at Various Locations Project Improvements as Complete, and Authorizing Staff to Prepare and File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

7. Allocation of FY 2011-12 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Funds and approving an appropriation adjustment recognizing and allocating grant funds of \$9,842 from the State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Project. **(Council)**

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 7, 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 Business

8. Negotiations with the City of Cudahy for the City of Bell to provide police services for the City of Cudahy. **(Council)**

This item was left on the table so that the remaining items on the agenda could be considered at this time. Following a recess and the reconvening of the Council meeting at 9:46 p.m., Interim Chief Administrative Officer Arne Croce presented the proposal related to negotiating with the City of Cudahy for the City of Bell to provide police services. Following his presentation Council discussion and debate ensued. Councilmember Valencia suggested that the City pursue this proposal on the agenda, and also simultaneously pursuing phase one of the proposal for police services for Bell to be provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff. Mayor Saleh commented that it would not be appropriate to pursue both proposals at the same time. Councilmember Quintana suggested that staff should report findings to the Council on the City's analysis of the cost estimates for services provided by the Sheriff's Office. Discussion continued.

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to work with a City Council Committee and enter into negotiations with the City of Cudahy whereby the City of Bell would provide police services for the City of Cudahy with the contingency that the City of Bell have the opportunity to verify the findings in staff's analysis on the cost breakdowns associated with each option for police services available to the City, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Quintana, Valencia, Vice-Mayor Harber , Mayor Saleh (4)
Noes: Alvarez (1)
Abstained: None (0)
Absent: None (0)

MOTION ADOPTED

Following the vote on this item, the Mayor announced, with the consent of the council, that Councilmembers Alvarez and Valencia would serve on the City Council Committee which will work with staff on negotiations with the City of Cudahy

9. Consideration of the current Municipal Codes on Yard Sales Permits **(Council)**

Nancy Fong, Interim Director of Community Development, presented the report on the recommendations related to Yard Sales Permits. Following her presentation Council discussion ensued.

Motion by Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to direct staff to administer the current Codes on yard sale permits and to charge a \$10 fee for each yard sale permit consistent with the fee schedule, 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 UPRR and LAUSD to install automatic at-grade crossing improvements on Pine Street (**Council**)

Recommendation:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, (Attachment 1), with UPRR and LAUSD to install automatic at-grade crossing improvements on Pine Street

This item was taken off the Agenda, and continued to an unspecified date

11. Check and Wire Transfer Signing Authority (**Council**)

Anita Lawrence, Interim Co-Finance Director presented a report on this item. Following her presentation, Council discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez to adopt Resolution No. 2012-32 was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice-Mayor Harber (4)
Noes: Saleh (1)
Abstained: None (0)
Absent: None (0)

MOTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2012-32 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, setting forth check signing and wire and Intra-Bank Transfer Authority.

Communications from the Public on Non-Agenda Matters

Gloria Medina, representing the Bell Chamber of Commerce announced several upcoming events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce including workshops for the month of April on immigration and social media; Ismael Morales, Nora Saenz, Alma Rico, Dennis Azevedo, Mario Rivas, Donna Gannon, Fernando Chaverria, Carmen Bello and Willie Aguilar addressed the Council relative to general matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Councilmember Valencia

- Announced that Resident Carmen Bella would be honored by the Bell Residents Club upon the occasion of her being named a Distinguished Woman of the Year
- Announced that April 21st is Earth Day and there would be several events sponsored by the City
- Asked that staff prepare a certificate of citizenship to Hilda Martinez upon the occasion of her retirement

Councilmember Quintana

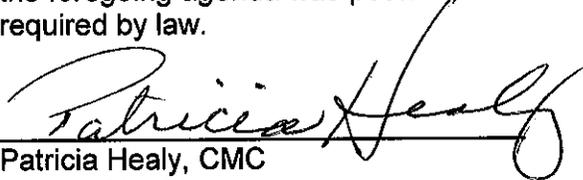
- Encouraged residents to communicate the importance of the Adult and Career Education Center being constructed in Bell to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and urge the board to continue adult and career education

Adjournment – 11:21 P.M.

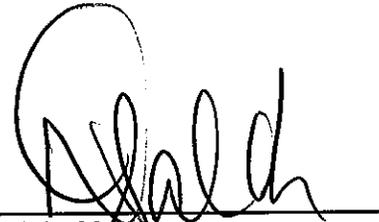
In Memory of Arlene Savage

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

I, Patricia Healy, CMC, Interim City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on March 16, 2012, seventy-two hours prior to the meeting as required by law.



Patricia Healy, CMC
Interim City Clerk



Ali Saleh, Mayor