

CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES OF THE

BELL CITY COUNCIL/BELL COMMUNITY HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE BELL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

April 4, 2012

**Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue**

Called to Order by Mayor Saleh at 6:06 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: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana and 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 to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:
 - a.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION - Paul Martinez v. City of Bell; ADJ 7850172 and ADJ 7762099
 - b.) 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)
 - 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

- d.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION - *Luis Ramirez et al. v. City of Bell et al.*, LASC BC 474118
- e.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (four (4) potential cases)

Councilmember Valencia recused himself from participating in Item 1(c) and left the dais for this item only.

Reconvene Regular Meeting – 7:21 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 8345 of Greater Los Angeles

Mayor Saleh presented Certificates of Achievement to the Bell High Boys Basketball team members, coaches, and scorekeepers for winning the Eastern League Championship, the CIF Los Angeles City Division 3 Championship, and participating in the CIF State Championship Quarterfinals

Team Members: Daniel Lopez, Adolfo Alceda, Andy Contreras, Edward Sanchez, Keith Blackstone, Mychal Deas, Mario Torres, Jesus Chiquete, Angel Grimaldi, Cesar Cazares, Cesar Renteria, Alfredo Renteria

Coaches: Alexander Del Hierro, Head Coach; Alejandro De Santiago, Assistant Coach

Scorekeepers: Vanessa De Santiago, Annisa Garcia, Abrie Hernandez, Brenda Alamilla

Mayor Saleh presented Certificates of Achievement in recognition of Outstanding Performance in Auto Theft Investigations to Bell Police Officers James Dowdell, Chris Donahue and John Walker; he also presented a Certificate to Officer Dowdell for making 35 DUI arrests.

Communications from the Public on Non-Agenda Matters and Items on the Agenda

The following individuals addressed the City Council on both non-agenda items and items on the Agenda:

Juliana Chico (general); Alfred Areyan (general, Items 3, 8); Sandra Orozco (general); Erlinda Rodriguez (Item 8); Joe Carmona (Item 6, 8); Donna Gannon (Item 8); Marcos Olivo (general); Rosa Rodriguez (Item 8); Victor Portillo (Item 8)

Presentation by interim Director of Community Development on Department Activities and Organization

Interim Director of Community Development Nancy Fong presented a report relative to the Community Development Department and noted that this department guides the physical development of the community to meet the present and future needs of its citizens in a way that promotes good civic design, strengthens neighborhoods, promotes health and safety, and

expands the economy. She outlined the responsibilities of the Director and the Divisions within the department. Following the presentation, Council discussion ensued.

Annual Reorganization of the City Council

2. The Reorganization of the Bell City Council for the 2012-2013 Term in accordance with Charter Section 504

The Mayor opened discussion and asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Mayor for the 2012-13 term of office. Councilmember Quintana nominated Vice-Mayor Harber who declined the nomination; Councilmember Alvarez nominated Mayor Saleh, and, Councilmember Valencia nominated himself. Hearing no further nominations, the Mayor closed nominations and asked the City Clerk to take a roll call vote with each member identifying his/her choice for Mayor. The following reflects the results of the roll call vote:

Councilmember Alvarez voted for Mayor Saleh
Councilmember Quintana voted for Vice-Mayor Harber
Councilmember Valencia voted for Councilmember Valencia
Vice-Mayor Harber voted for Mayor Saleh
Mayor Saleh voted for Mayor Saleh

Mayor Saleh was elected as Mayor of the Bell City Council for the 2012-13 term

The Mayor opened discussion and asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Mayor for the 2012-13 term. Vice-Mayor Harber nominated Councilmember Quintana, and Councilmember Alvarez nominated herself. Hearing no further nominations, the Mayor closed nominations and asked the City Clerk to take a roll call vote with each member identifying his/her choice for Vice-Mayor. The following reflects the results of the roll call vote:

Councilmember Alvarez voted for Councilmember Alvarez
Councilmember Quintana voted for Councilmember Alvarez
Councilmember Valencia abstained
Vice-Mayor Harber abstained
Mayor Saleh voted for Councilmember Alvarez

Councilmember Alvarez was elected as Vice-Mayor of the Bell City Council and assumed this position for the 2012-13 term.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that all closed session items were discussed except 1(b.) and that status reports were given on each matter; there was no action taken to report out.

Consent Calendar

- Councilmember Valencia pulled Item No. 5 for further discussion
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council on March 21, 2012 **(Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority)**
- 4. Approval of General Warrants and Community Housing Authority and Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency Warrants dated April 4, 2012. **(Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority)**
- 5. 2011 Police Department Records Destruction Resolution **(Council)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-34 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, Approving the Destruction of Obsolete Police Records Pursuant to California Government Code Section 30490

- 6. Approve Contract Change Order No.1 for the Filmore Street Project, (04-525-3737-0922), to add Otis Avenue improvements from Florence Avenue to Walnut Street in the amount of \$73,200, and authorize the City Engineer to approve the expenditure of construction contingency of \$7,320 (10%) for other unforeseen construction work, an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for engineering design services, and \$3,400 for Construction Management (CM) and inspection, for a total expenditure of \$87,420. **(Council)**

Motion by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Vice-Mayor Alvarez to approve consent calendar items No. 3, 4 and 6 was approved by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Motion by Councilmember Valencia to retain the Police Department records (Item No. 5) failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to continue the matter until such time as staff can determine the costs of retaining the records (Item No. 5) was adopted by the following vote:

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

Absent: None (0)

MOTION ADOPTED

Council Business

7. City Council and Expense Reimbursement Policies and Procedures (**Council**)

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approve the City Council Policies and Procedures and the Expense Reimbursement Policies and Procedures was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Following the vote, each Councilmember signed the City Council Personal Code of Conduct as a symbol of each member's continuing commitment to abide by the principles of the code of conduct.

8. Consideration of directing staff to prepare a Municipal Code change regarding Yard Sales (**Council**)

Following a presentation by Interim Director of Community Development Nancy Fong, Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Valencia introduced a motion to direct staff to look at increasing the number of yard sales allowed per year. Councilmember Quintana asked him if he would consider an amendment to his motion to increase the number of yard sales from two to four. Discussion continued and Councilmember Valencia rejected the amendment and moved that staff be directed to amend the Municipal Code and recommend something other than two times yearly. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the City's Municipal Code changing the number of allowable yard sales from two to four annually was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor and City Council Communications

Councilmember Quintana

- Encouraged citizens to submit applications to serve on the I-710 Local Advisory Committee

Councilmember Harber

- Encouraged citizens to vote for a new City Logo on the City's website

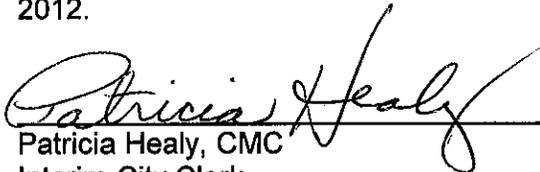
Mayor Saleh

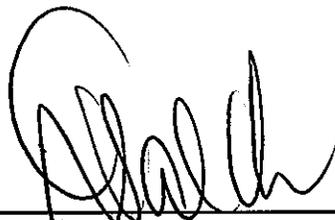
- Announced the following list of upcoming community events
 - Spring Festival at Veterans Park – April 7, 2012
 - YU-GI-OH Tournament at Veterans' Park – April 20, 2012
 - Earth Day – April 21, 2012

Adjourned at 9:17 P.M. - Celebration of the One Year Anniversary of the Bell City Council

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

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 April 18, 2012.


Patricia Healy, CMC
Interim City Clerk



Ali Saleh, Mayor