CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

BELL CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 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:

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

Absent: Councilmembers Quintana and Valencia (2)*

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce

* Councilmember Quintana arrived at the meeting at 6:09 P.M.; and Councilmember Valencia arrived at the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fernando Chevarria

Communications from the Public on matters on the Agenda

The Mayor announced that an opportunity for the public to address the Council would be provided at a later time during the meeting

Agenda Items

1. 2012-13 Budget Preparation Update

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce presented a brief explanation of the process for the 2012/13 General Fund Budget Development, including the forecast assumptions and a summary of the working budget. He noted that budget gaps would need to be closed by reducing expenditures in the General Fund and that the Council must consider several options for closing that gap during the ensuing weeks when the Council deliberates on the budget for next fiscal year. Following this presentation, Council discussion ensued.

2. Capital Improvement Program Update

Terry Rodrigue, City Engineer presented an update on the Fiscal Year 2012/13 Capital Improvement Program. He explained that capital improvements fell in four categories: Transportation, Wastewater, Parks, and Facilities. He outlined the funding sources for Transportation projects, and listed the current projects. He outlined the prospective projects for 2012/13 Fiscal Year in all four categories. He noted that the City needed to develop a five year CIP program, identify funding gaps, pursue funding programs and grants, and update the CIP on a yearly basis. Following this presentation, Council discussion ensued.

3. Review of Human Resources Classification Study

David Morgan, Project Manager, and Debbie Owen, Technical Advisor form CPS HR Consulting provided an overview of the recently completed City Classification Study including the scope of work, study process and findings and a discussion of next steps. Ms. Owen explained that the scope of work included classification review and analysis of the City's non-sworn positions (33 employees, and 22 job classifications). For comparison purposes the organizational structure of other agencies was reviewed. She then detailed the study findings. Councilmembers asked questions and discussed the various findings.

At this time, the Mayor opened the public comment period. Fernando Chevarria made general comments related to the classification study and Alfred Areyan noted the need to generate additional revenue for the City

Councilmember Quintana announced that today was National Jeans Day, which is a campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about sexual assault.

Adjournment – 8:17 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 2, 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 May 16, 2012.

Patricia Healy, CMC
Interim City Clerk

Ali Saleh, Mayor