MINUTES OF THE
Bell City Council/Bell Community Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/ Bell Public Finance Authority/Bell Planning Commission

September 19, 2012
6:00 P.M. Closed Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

Call to Order by Mayor Saleh at 6:05 PM

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all Related Agencies: Harber, Quintana, Valencia, Alvarez, and Saleh

Present: Harber, Quintana, Alvarez and Saleh (4)

Absent: *Valencia (1)

Staff: City Manager Willmore, Assistant City Attorney Soltani, City Clerk Valdez, Community Services Director Wasserman, Interim Finance Director Easter, Former Interim Community Director Fong, Account Clerk Perez, Assistant Planner Chacon, Captain Miranda, City Treasurer Hernandez, Consultant Flickin, Lieutenant Henshaw, Recreation Supervisor Hurtado and Senior Management Analyst Prado (14)

*Councilmember Valencia arrived at 6:32 PM.

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None.

Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed at 6:07 PM to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

a) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.
   Employee: City Manager

b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Dexia Credit Local v. City of Bell, Bell Public Financing Authority

c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: David Mango v. City of Maywood et. al. (Case No. CV 11-05641 GW (FFMX))
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (one (1) potential case)

Reconvened Regular Meeting at 7:12 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Heileen Marin, Bell High School student.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported the following from closed sessions: Item a) was continued; Item b) and Item c) were discussed, no reportable action was taken.

Communications from the Public

The following individuals address the City Council on items that are on the agenda and on non-agenda items: Lorenzo Martinez, Miguel Contreras, Juliana Chico-Sanchez, Joe Carmona, Nora Saenz, Carmen Bella, Alfred Areyan, Alex Paredes, Jose Gonzalez, Velia Acosta, Irene Muro, Sandy Orozco, Martin Nava and Ben Flores.

Presentations

Presentation by the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Liliana Arguenio.  (Requested by Councilmember Quintana)

Consent Calendar

2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2012. (Council)

3. Approval of General Warrants, Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency Warrants and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated September 19, 2012. (Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency /Bell Community Housing Authority)

4. Approval to Accept the Florence Avenue Resurfacing Project as Complete, and Authorize Staff to Complete and File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Council)

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to approve Items 2 through 4 from the consent calendar, was approved by the following vote:

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.
Item 2) Minutes of Special Meeting of September 12, 2012. *(Council and Related Agencies)* was pulled from the consent calendar by Councilmember Valencia for further discussion. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting of September 12, 2012, was approved by the following vote:

**Vote:** 5-0  
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  

Motion Unanimously Passed.

**Public Hearing**

5. Consideration of Development of a Proposed 3,735 Square Foot Retail Building, located at 4714 Gage Avenue. Applicant: Angelo Karmos. *(Planning Commission)*

Item 5 was continued.

**Business Calendar**


Nancy Fong, former Interim Community Development Director provided a brief report on item 6. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to approve a three-year contract agreement with Interwest Consulting Group to provide building and safety services; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract agreement in amount not to exceed $699,775.

**Vote:** 5-0  
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  

Motion Unanimously Passed.


Vernon Ficklin, Consultant, provided the staff report on Item 7. Discussion ensued among the City Council.
Councilmember Quintana motioned to not reject the bid from Oldtimers Foundation and reconsider their current contract. The motioned failed for lack of a second. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Valencia, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to 1) Deny the request by the Oldtimers Foundation for a Waiver from submitting a price for a taxi based component in their proposal made and reject the Oldtimers’ Proposal as incomplete; and 2) Approve an agreement with Global Pratransit, Inc. for Fixed Route Bus Service Advanced Reservation Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Service and Demand Based Taxi Based Dial-A-Ride transportation services in the amount of $384,000.00

Vote: 4-1
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: Councilmember Quintana
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

City Council recessed at 8:52 PM and reconvened to open session at 9:09 PM

8. Consideration to Purchase a Virtual Server Equipment for City’s Information Technology System.

Pam Easter, Interim Finance Director and the Bell IT Steering Committee provided a staff report on item 8. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia, to approve the purchase of two Hewlett Packard (HP) virtual servers and related hardware/software equipment to continue the improvements being made to the City’s Information Technology system. This equipment will be purchased through government purchasing contracts that the City of Brea utilizes in its support to twelve local government agencies. The purchase amount will not exceed $46,000 and will be funded by 2012-13 City Budget funds allocated for information technology system improvements.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9. Consideration of Creation of New Employee Classifications and Bargaining Units, Confirmation of Existing Bargaining Units, Amendments to the Compensation Levels of Employee Classifications, and Implementation of Provisions of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget.
Doug Willmore, City Manager, provided a staff report on item 9. Discussion ensued among the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-66 designating certain employee classifications as unrepresented employees and Resolution No. 2012-68 designating new bargaining units and confirming existing units for certain employee classifications, all of which implement the organizational changes recommended in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget.


Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.


It was moved by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-67 identifying staff positions and compensation levels for employee classifications for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013, all of which implement the organizational changes recommended in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget, including the following changes to the resolution: Deleting the third whereas, changing the fourth whereas to reflect that the past City Council had adopted the previous resolution stated, include a whereas indicating that Cal-PERS has requested this resolution, and the last whereas to reflect that the City Council is acknowledging the compensation levels of the positions as of July 1, 2012.

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Councilmember Harber, Councilmember Quintana,
Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

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Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

10. Discussion regarding Council Meeting dates.
   Item 10 was continued to the next meeting.

11. Consideration of Resolution to Support Bell Senior High School as a Gifted and Highly Ability School.

Council Member Quintana provided an update and informed that Bell High School did get recognized as a Highly Gifted Magnet school and will take two years to be implemented.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Councilmember Valencia, requested to have the staff to contact Independent Cities Association to provide city pins. He also requested an agenda item to report back the utility users tax revenue for fiscal years 2008-2011 and asked the City Attorney to look into options for Council to approve a reduction on utility users tax.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM

I, Rebecca Valdez, 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 October 3, 2012.

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Rebecca Valdez, CMC  Ali Saleh, Mayor
City Clerk