Meeting was called to order by at 7:02 PM.

Present: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez, City Engineer Alvarado and Captain Miranda

Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Treitler, Bell Police Department Chaplin.

Communications from the Public

Julia Juarez, Office of Assembly Member Ricardo Lara, presented a resolution to the Sanchez Family in memory of Miguel Sanchez.

The City Council also presented a letter to the Sanchez Family adjourning the meeting of April 11, 2011 in memory of Miguel Sanchez.

Jimmy Gutierrez, General Counsel to the Southeast Cities School Coalition, requested the City Council to table agenda item 3.13 and discussed continuing the participation with the Coalition.

7:26:53 PM Elizabeth Ramos, 4639 Live Oak Street, expressed concern about the safety at Nimitz Middle School and would like for the Police Department to provide more safety at the school.

7:35:13 PM Coco Ceja, 6936 Prospect Avenue, requested the Council provide full agenda packets to the residents and requested the Council to approve item 3.08.

7:39:47 PM Baldomero Marquez, 7025 Crafton Avenue, requested more time to review the agenda and expressed concerned about the high number of pages in the agenda.
7:42:22 PM Nora Saenz, 6251 Woodlawn Avenue, expressed concern about the closed session item regarding the Bell Police Officer’s Association (BPOA) and requested the Council to take citizens into consideration before signing any contract with the BPOA. She also requested to have more time to review the agenda.

7:44:43 PM Joe Carmona, 7016 Crafton, expressed concern regarding item 3.11.

7:46:34 PM Sandra Orozco, Maywood Resident, congratulated the new City Council and expressed concern regarding former Maywood CAO Angela Spaccia.

7:50:43 PM Donna Gannon, 6601 Prospect Avenue, expressed concern regarding item 3.01 and requested the Council to look into putting a cap on the accrual of vacation time. She also expressed concern on item 3.09 and requested the Council to look into the number of drivers providing service to the city.

7:53:29 PM Gwilym McGrew, no address stated, congratulated the new Council, expressed concern regarding the Southeast Cities School Coalition and expressed concern regarding the Oldtimers Foundation. He also expressed concern regarding Resolution 2011-04 and suggested to the City Council to slash the first two paragraphs of the resolution and requested a follow up on the complaint made against the Police Department.

8:00:07 PM Ignacio Marquez, 7027 Crafton Avenue, expressed concern regarding item 3.11.

8:01:04 PM Alex Paredes, 7101 California Avenue, expressed concern about item 3.01 and also expressed concern about a rumor of getting rid of the Police Department.

8:02:54 PM Jaime Luna, 7111 Heliotrope Avenue, wanted to discuss issues that were not on the agenda, however Mr. Luna will address it at the next regular meeting.

8:07:50 PM Julie Gonzalez, Bell Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the Council.

8:08:22 PM Bill Dewitt, City of Southgate Council Member, introduced himself to the Council and informed them that the City of Southgate is willing to assist the city in anything they can do.

8:10:43 PM Mario Rivas, 6336 Home Avenue, congratulated the City Council and expressed concern regarding items 3.01, 3.03, 3.04, 3.06 and 3.09. Mr. Rivas requested the Council to look into how much money the city is spending and to follow up on the complaint made against the Police Department.

8:16:20 PM Poly Rico, 6207 Wilcox Avenue, expressed concern regarding items 3.05, 3.11 and 3.12. He also expressed concern about the expenses for Police Department.

8:22:55 PM Daniel Crespo, City of Bell Gardens Council Member, introduce himself to the Council and informed the community to be patient with the Council and support them to work together.
8:30:17 PM Fernando Chavarria, no address stated, expressed concern regarding items 3.01 and 3.02 and requested the Council to table it until the next meeting. He also expressed concern regarding item 3.03 and suggested that given the financially situation, the Council should think about spending money for the project. He also expressed concern regarding the rubberized playground item, the warrant list, the rejecting of claims.

Council Business

8:45:04 PM The City Council moved the following item to after closed session:

Consideration of a Resolution Terminating Certain Post-Employment Benefits as of August 1, 2010 in the Interests of Fiscal Sustainability.

8:45:18 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve Resolution No. 2011-04 Establishing New Payment Procedures, Regarding All Payments and Amending Exhibit A to only Utility Vendors.

9:10:50 PM
Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9:14:52 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to Consideration of Resolution 2011-02 Regarding Employer Paid Member Contributions for CalPERS.

9:15:40 PM
Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

9:25:59 PM The following item was moved to the next council meeting:
Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 4 for the Rancho San Antonio/Bell Sports Complex and authorize the Interim CAO or his designee to execute all documents as necessary and appropriate, upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney.

9:40:58 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to Approve Professional Services Agreement with Public Engineering Services, Inc., for NPDES services and authorized the Interim CAO or his designee to execute all documents as necessary and appropriate, upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney.

9:42:47 PM Vote: 3-2
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: Councilwoman Alvarez and Vice Mayor Harber
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

9:43:21 PM City Council Recessed and reconvened at 10:02:00 PM.

10:15:15 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve the Contract Award for Veterans’ Memorial Park Installation of Rubberized Playground Surface Project and authorized the Interim CAO or his designee to execute all documents as necessary and appropriate, upon approval as to form by the Interim City Attorney.

10:16:09 PM Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

10:32:36 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber to Receive and File – Staff Report Regarding Approved warrants dated November 2010 through March 2011.
10:34:04 PM
Vote: 3-2
Yes: Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilwoman Quintana
No: Mayor Saleh and Councilman Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

10:45:09 PM It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to Consideration of a Resolution Setting the Dates and Times of the City Council’s Regular Meetings from May through July 01, 2011.

10:46:39 PM
Vote: 3-2
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber and Councilwoman Alvarez
No: Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

10:53:20 PM The City Council moved the following item to after closed session:


11:07:44 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to adopt Resolution 2011-08 Affirming June 29, 2010 Agreement for Para-transit Services with the Oldtimers Foundation and Directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to Terminate the June 29, 2010 Agreement and to Prepare and Issue a Request for Proposal for Para-transit Services.

11:09:56 PM
Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez
Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.
11:15:41 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve the bid award for the Florence No. 32-525-7006-0925.

11:16:40 PM
Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11:27:39 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Mayor Saleh, to adopt Resolution 2011-05 Acknowledging that the Bell Redevelopment Agency will Borrow $294,350 from the Agency’s Low-Moderate Income Housing Fund to Pay the State Mandated Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund and Authorized the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to so Inform the County Auditor.

11:28:08 PM
Vote: 5-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.

11:36:34 PM It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to adopt Resolution 2011-07 Terminating Participation with the Southeast Cities School Coalition.

11:37:39 PM
Vote: 4-0
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez and Councilman Valencia
No: None
Abstained: Councilwoman Quintana
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.
11:37:51 PM The City Council recessed to re-convene at the conclusion of the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

Community Redevelopment Agency

11:38:03 PM Community Redevelopment meeting was called to order.

Present: Chair Saleh, Vice Chair Harber, Agency Member Alvarez, Agency Member Quintana and Agency Member Valencia

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez, City Engineer Alvarado and Captain Miranda

11:40:12 PM It was moved by Agency Member Quintana, seconded by Vice Chair Harber, to Receive and File – Staff Report regarding approved warrants dated November 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011.

11:41:10 PM

Vote: 3-2
Yes: Vice Chair Harber, Agency Member Alvarez and Agency Member Quintana
No: Chair Saleh and Agency Member Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

11:41:59 PM It was moved by Vice Chair Harber, seconded by Agency Member Quintana, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-06 Authorizing the Agency to Borrow $294,350 from the Agency’s Low-Moderate Income Housing Fund to Pay the State-Mandated Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund.

11:42:10 PM

Vote: 5-0
Yes: Chair Saleh, Vice Chair Harber, Agency Member Alvarez, Agency Member Quintana, and Agency Member Valencia
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Unanimously Passed.
Agency Member Valencia requested to have a full accounting of the Community Redevelopment Agency for discussion.

Agency Member Valencia motioned to adjourned the Council meeting and moved the remainder of the agenda to Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Discussion ensued among the Chair, Agency Members and Interim City Attorney.

Agency Member Valencia’s motion died for lack of second.

Community Housing Authority

Community Housing Authority meeting was called to order.

Present: Chair Saleh, Vice Chair Harber, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Quintana and Commissioner Valencia

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez, Captain Miranda and City Engineer Alvarado

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana, seconded by Vice Chair Harber, to Receive and File – Staff Report regarding approved warrants dated November 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011.

Vote: 3-2
Yes: Vice Chair Harber, Commissioner Alvarez and Commissioner Quintana
No: Chair Saleh and Commissioner Valencia
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Valencia requested that community meetings and commissions be set up and that an independent audit be scheduled.

Public Finance Authority

Public Finance Authority meeting was called to order.
Present: Trustee Alvarez, Vice President Harber, Trustee Quintana, President Saleh and Trustee Valencia

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Carrillo, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Valdez, Captain Miranda and City Engineer Alvarado

No items were identified for the next Public Finance Authority meeting.

11:51:52 PM Interim CAO Carrillo, informed the Public Finance Authority that he will have several agenda items that were provided through the transition briefings for their recommendation and direction.

City Council Closed Session

11:53:01 PM City Council recessed to closed session.

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Robert McSweeney v. City of Bell, et al
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court BC406337

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Ismael Ambriz v. City of Bell
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court VC0567551

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Angelica Guevara v. Huntington Park Superior Court
Case No.: California Court of Appeal B223070
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: RG Construction v. Yang Ho Kim
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court VC051925

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Community Housing Authority v. John & Laura Lahti
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court HP 09U01500

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Montebello Unified School District v. County of Los Angeles, City of Bell, et al
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court BS127286

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Los Angeles Community College District v. County of Los Angeles, City of Bell, et al
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court BS 130308

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Robert Mann & Donald W. Cook v. Rosa Hernandez, et all
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court BC454053

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Olivia Camargo v. City of Bell
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court 11C00168

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: Granite State Insurance Company v. City of Bell
Case No.: Los Angeles County Superior Court 10C02353

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9),
Significant exposure to potential litigation: seven (7) cases

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6.
Labor Negotiator: Pedro Carrillo, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Employee Organization: Bell Police Officers Association
City Council reconvened to open session.

Interim City Attorney Casso reported the following from closed session:

As to items 7.01 and 7.02 there were no reportable actions.

2:58:18 AM As to item 7.03, the City Council approved a settlement of that litigation on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Ambriz will be compensated in the amount of $4999.00 for his claims against the city and no further action will be taken on this litigation.

2:58:58 AM As to items 7.04, 7.05, 7.06, 7.07, 7.08, 7.09, 7.10, 7.11 and 7.12, there were no reportable actions.

2:59:13 AM As to item 7.13, seven potential cases were discussed, as to four of those items Mayor Saleh appointed an Ad-hoc Committee consisting of himself and Councilwoman Quintana to explore options in hiring special legal counsel with regard to certain actions. Those recommendations will be made by the Ad-hoc Committee and report back to the Council. Council will take actions if any with regards to those issues in the appropriate forum. It may be in close session depending on how the legal matters go or it could be in open session, that is to be determined and we will make sure that it is in compliance with the brown act.

3:00:17 AM As to item 7.14 there was no reportable action.

City Council returned to Council Business to approve the items that were pulled to after closed session:

3:04:34 AM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to adopt Resolution 2011-01 Terminating Certain Post-Employment Benefits as of August 1, 2010 in the Interests of Fiscal Sustainability.

3:04:52 AM

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

Motion Unanimously Passed.

3:07:01 AM It was moved by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to Reject the claim of Randy Adams, Edinger Bonilla, George W. Cole, D&J Engineering, Eric Eggema, Facility Builders & Erectors, Oscar Hernandez, Teresa Jacobo, Gloria McGee, Ana Maloy, David Mango, Maria Mendez, Alan North, Robert Rizzo, Maria Servantes, Maria Soria and Angela Spaccia.
Motion Unanimously Passed.

**Interim Chief Administrative Officer’s Report**

3:07:32 AM Interim CAO Carrillo informed the City Council of the transition reports he provided to them and informed the Council that he will provide an executive report at the next meeting.

**Mayor and City Council Communications**

None.

**Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting.**

3:09:40 AM Mayor Saleh provided the following directives:

1) Requested a thorough presentation of the City’s current financial status and address the percentage of the budget. What outstanding liabilities the City of Bell currently has? What is the status of the current monetary reserve and what is the projected balance for the end of the year? Mayor Saleh also directed the Interim CAO to hold community venues to discuss the budget and receive input, before presenting the final recommendations to the City Council.

2) Requested a complete report of all expenses incurred by Meyers Nave since they were retained through April 10, 2011 and how much is still due. Also requested what was the approval process under the Charter or Municipal Code if bills were paid since the Council last met. Requested for the information to be reported back for the May 11, 2011 Council Meeting.

3) Requested information on the Bonds/Loans as follow: Who is the lender, terms of the loan, status on the loan, balance, re-payment structure, where is the revenue coming from to make payments? Also requested a supplemental report on any loans in technical or payment default, and how it is being addressed. Requested for the information to be reported back for the May 11, 2011 Council Meeting.

4) Informed the City Council that on April 14, 2011 Jaime Casso submitted his resignation letter stating that his term as Interim City Attorney would end as soon as his replacement was found. Mayor Saleh directed the Interim CAO to work with him to request RFP’s from several law
firms and have this item on the following council meeting scheduled for May 11, 2011. He encouraged Council Member to submit any names of firms they should request an RFP from within the next 2 days. Mayor Saleh made it clear that this is an interim position and in the near future they need to start the process to find a permanent City Attorney. The Mayor requested the process to include input of a professional human resources recruiter as well as the community.

5) Requested a follow up from the Interim CAO regarding the direction given by the previous administration to search and appoint an Interim Chief of Police.

6) Directed the Interim CAO to work with him to request RFP’s from several qualified individuals for Police Chief and have this item on the May 11, 2011 Council Meeting. The Mayor encouraged Council Members to submit any names of Police Chiefs they should request an RFP from by Monday, April 25, 2011. Mayor Saleh made it clear that it is an interim position and in the near future they need to start the process to find a Police Chief. The process should include input of a professional human resources recruiter as well as the community.

7) Directed the Interim CAO to work with city staff and make certain that all materials requested by the media and approved as public record from this point forward are made available online when handed to the requestor. Also requested all items previously made available to the media to be scanned and made available online.

8) Directed the Interim CAO to report back to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting, with options available to the city for the purpose to update and make the current website more user friendly. Suggested to review the website for the cities of Long Beach, West Hollywood, and Downey.

9) Acknowledged Councilman Valencia’s request to invite Ruben Vives and Jeff Gottlieb to the next City Council meeting to present them with a certificate of appreciation and proclaim a date in May "Reporter Appreciation Day".

3:16:46 AM Councilman Valencia provided a letter to the City Clerk with agenda items and stated that it be made a public record and be included as an attachment to the minutes.

_Adjournment of City Council and Related Agencies_

The City Council and Related Agencies adjourned at 3:18:59 AM in Memory of Miguel Sanchez.

APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY 2011.

[Signature]

Ali Saleh, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk

I, Rebecca Valdez, City Clerk of the City of Bell, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bell at a regular meeting held on this 25th day of May 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:  Councilmember Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber and Mayor Saleh

NAYES:  None

ABSENT:  None

ABSTAIN:  None

Rebecca Valdez, CMC, City Clerk
Date: April 19, 2011

To: Ali Saleh, Mayor
    Members of the Bell City Council
    Pedro Carrillo, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
    Rebecca Valdez, City of Bell Clerk

From: Nestor Valencia, Council Member

Re: Agenda Items

Please put the following issues/items on the agenda for the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening April 20th, 2011. As this is a Special Meeting of the City Council these items are within the 24 hour requirement for submission of agenda items.

1. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council approve holding 2 Special City Council Meetings a month for the next 3 months, in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly City Council Meeting to deal with the large number of issues facing the city. It is requested the Council calendar these meetings at the start of each month to allow the Council and Chief Administrative Officer sufficient preparation time to ensure productive meetings. In addition Councilman Valencia requests the City Council approve a Special Council Meeting to be held on a Saturday each quarter year for the next 3 quarters (starting in late May) at a venue sufficient to hold a large number of city residents, and that the Council allow this meeting to be a question and answer forum where in the general public may ask brief questions of the City Council members and receive brief answers.

2. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council thank Mr. Pedro Carrillo for his work during these difficult months and that the Council approve the appointment of a Human Resources Consultant to seek a replacement for Pedro Carrillo when his contract as Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) expires in July. In this regard, Councilman Valencia requests the City Council approve the appointment of a citizen's committee made up of one resident appointed by each Councilman or Councilwoman to advise the counsel on the selection of a new CAO once several candidates are identified.

3. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council thank Mr. Jamie Casso for his hard work during these difficult months and that the Council approve the appointment of a Human Resources Consultant to create an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a permanent and new City Attorney to replace the Interim City Attorney, Jamie Casso, in a timely and appropriate fashion.

4. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council approve the appointment of a Human Resources Consultant to seek a replacement for Rebecca Valdez as City Clerk and that appropriate notice be given to Ms. Valdez of her future separation of employment. Ms Valdez is to be respectfully given at minimum 90 days notice of termination by the CAO.

5. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council instruct Pedro Carrillo, the Chief Administrative Officer, to create a DETAILED proposed fiscal 2012 budget and place it before the City
Council within 14 days for review. Councilman Valencia requests the Council instruct two versions of the budget be prepared:

A. Version one would retain the Bell Police Department and its officers as the primary law enforcement force in the City. For this the CAO should consult with the Bell Police Department and the Bell Police Officers Association to negotiate the most cost effective method of retaining the force at a level that will still ensure maximum public safety. Any creative budget offsets needed to retain the Bell Police Department should be itemized as well.

B. Version two would disband the Bell Police Department and retain the LA County Sheriffs as the primary law enforcement force in the City at a level to ensure maximum public safety. The CAO should engage the Sheriffs Department and explore costs and other aspects of implementing this option. A detail of the cost savings should be itemized.

6. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council instruct the City Attorney and CAO to prepare a report as soon as possible on the City of Bell's current debts and financial obligations that are over $50,000. This report should highlight the state of current bond obligations and their status and offer a path to renegotiating these obligations if in default. It should list all other obligations, mortgages, or notes.

7. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council instruct the CAO to obtain a formal appraisal of the "Western Auto" properties and to provide report to the Council on the current status of this property.

8. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council instruct the CAO create an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a new financial auditor for the City of Bell as the fiscal year ends in a few weeks and a financial audit of this year's financial books is required by the City Charter.

9. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council invite Ruben Vives and Jeff Gottlick to the next City Council meeting to present them with a certificate of appreciation and proclaim a date in May "Reporter Appreciation Day."

10. Councilman Nestor Valencia requests the City Council approve certificates of appreciation to individuals and members of the news media for their assistance in ridding our City of the "old regime" and for challenging and exposing corruption. Councilman Valencia requests each Council member to create a short list of people worthy of this merit.