Meeting was called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:33:13 PM.

Roll call of City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers, Community Redevelopment Agency Members, Community Housing Authority Commissioners and Planning Commissioners.

6:33:45 PM
Present: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber, Councilwoman Alvarez, Councilwoman Quintana and Councilman Valencia

Absent: None

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

Communications From The Public on Closed Session Items

None.

Closed Session

The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recessed to a closed session at 6:34:06 PM to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: Sipple v. Alameda; LASC BC432270

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of case: Bell v. Best Best & Krieger; LASC BC466436

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (8)
Councilman Valencia arrived at 6:43 PM.

7:51 PM City Council reconvened to open session.

City Attorney Aleshire reported the following from closed session: the Sipple v. City of Alameda matter was not discussed; the Bell v. Best Best & Krieger and Drexia Credit Local v. City of Bell, Bell Public Financing Authority matters were discussed, no reportable action taken; only two matters from anticipated litigation were discussed no reportable action was taken.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Peter Quirarte, Bell High School Football Team Captain.

Presentations

Presentation to the Bell High School Football Team for Winning the Mayor’s Trophy Against South Gate High School.

Presentation on I-710 Local Advisory Committee.

8:15:48 PM Mayor Saleh informed the community about the special meeting on November 1, 2011. Communications From The Public on Agenda Items Only

8:16:48 PM The following individuals spoke during communications from the public: Ismael Morales, Carmen Bella, Sandy Orozco and Fernando Chavarria.

Council Business

8:33:57 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Quintana, seconded by Councilman Valencia, to approve the Special Bell City Council Minutes and Bell City Council and Bell Community Housing Authority Minutes dated August 24, 2011.

8:34:33 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.

8:38:16 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve the General Warrants, Community Redevelopment Warrants and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated October 12, 2011 through October 26, 2011.

8:38:44 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.

8:42:20 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council.

8:50:52 PM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Extension of Services Agreement for West Coast Arborists, Inc. from July 1-June 30, 2012.

8:51:24 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.

9:06:32 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, to approve Ordinance No. 1181 and Accompanying Urgency Measure to Commit the City of Bell to Annual Remittances to the County Auditor-Controller in Compliance with ABX1 27.

9:07:08 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.

9:08:45 PM Discussion ensued among the City Council regarding the Notice of Completion for the Florence Avenue Rehabilitation Project from Wilcox and Walker Avenue.

9:10:08 PM It was moved by Vice Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilwoman Alvarez, to approve the Notice of Completion for the Florence Avenue Rehabilitation Project from Wilcox Avenue to Walker Avenue, accept all road rehabilitation work performed under this contract with Sully Miller and file the Notice of Completion.

9:10:48 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.

9:18:25 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Councilwoman Quintana, approved and authorized the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with CPS (Cooperative Personnel Services) not to exceed $34,000 to conduct a Classification and Compensation study for the City of Bell.

9:19:12 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.

9:27:08 PM It was moved by Councilman Valencia, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to Approve an Appropriations Adjustment recognizing $57,482.32 in 2007 General Obligation Bond Proceeds (account no. 50-103) and allocating the funds to Veterans’ Memorial Park for playground surface repairs (account no. 50-521-1006-0925).

9:27:47 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.

Planning Commission

9:53:42 PM It was moved by Councilwoman Alvarez, seconded by Vice Mayor Harber, to approve Resolution No. 2011-42 Approving Conditional Use Permit 2011-02 to Allow a Religious Worship and Education Center known as Bell Islamic Center; Location 5232-5250 Gage Avenue, Bell, CA 90201.

9:54:41 PM
Vote: 3-1
Yes: Mayor Saleh, Vice Mayor Harber and Councilwoman Alvarez
No: Councilman Valencia

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Abstained: Councilwoman Quintana
Absent: None

Motion Passed.

The following item was moved to the meeting of November 22, 2011:

Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-47 Approving a Conditional Use Permit No. 2011-06 to Consider a Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity to Allow the Sale for Off-premises Consumption of Beer and Wine at a Proposed Retail Grocery Located within an Existing 4,000 Square Foot Building on an 11,362 Square Foot Lot: Location: 6399 Atlantic Avenue, Bell, CA 90201.

Communications From The Public

9:56:00 PM The following individuals spoke during communications from the public: Alfred Areyan, Carmen Bella and Fernando Chavarria.

Mayor and City Council Communications

10:07:17 PM Councilman Valencia reminded folks that 10/28/11 is immigrants day, thanked the 163 people who showed up to the Residents Club townhall meeting. Thank Assembly Member Cedillo for passing the Dream Act.

10:10:33 PM City Council adjourned to closed session.

10:45:39 PM City Council reconvened to open session.

10:45:47 PM City Attorney Alsheire reported the following out of closed session: the Sipple matter was discussed, no reportable action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

10:46:11 PM City Council meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2012.

Ali Saleh
Mayor

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 11th day of January 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:     Councilmember Alvarez, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber and Mayor Saleh
NAES:     None
ABSTAIN:  None
ABSENT:   None

[Signature]
Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk