MINUTES
Special Meeting of
Bell City Council

March 14, 2012

Bell Community Center
6250 Pine Avenue

Called to order by Mayor Saleh at 6:11 P.M.

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers:

Present: Councilmember Quintana, Councilmember Valencia, Vice Mayor Harber, and Mayor Saleh (4)

Absent: Councilmember Alvarez (1)*

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce, City Attorney Aleshire, and Interim City Clerk Healy

* Arrived at 6:33 P.M.

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Item

None

Closed session – Convened at 6:24 P.M.

1. The City Council recessed to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matter:

   (a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6. (Bell Police Officers Association MOU Negotiations)

*Councilmember Alvarez arrived during the Closed Session at 6:33 P.M.

   Reconvene Special Meeting at 7:10 P.M. – with all members present

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that instructions were given to the Labor Negotiator; there were no action(s) to be reported on this matter.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Joe Carmona

Communications from the Public on Agenda Items Only

Ismael Morales addressed the item on Budget policies and asked if any other logos were considered under Item 4; Alfred Areyan recommended keeping the current logo (Item 4); Sandy
Orozco announced to the Council and residents that March was Multiple Sclerosis Association of America "MS Awareness" month; Jose Moreno expressed concern that Council be frugal when considering contract negotiations; Norma Saenz noted that it was premature to look at a new logo for the city.

Special Meeting Agenda

2. Budget Policies - continued from the Special Meeting of February 22, 2012

Bill Statler, Budget Advisor, provided the Council with proposed Budget and Fiscal Policies in guiding preparation of the Preliminary Budget. It is anticipated that final adoption of the policies will be in June 2012 in conjunction with approval of the 2012-13 Budget. In his presentation he focused on six budget and fiscal policies: budget purpose and organization, revenue management, user fee cost recovery, minimum fund balance and reserves, financial reporting and budget administration, and, contracting for services. Following his presentation, Council discussion ensued and the Council conceptually approved the proposed budget policies in guiding preparation of the preliminary budget.

3. Consideration of establishing a Local Advisory Committee for the I-710 Freeway Corridor Project - continued from the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2012

Nancy Fong, Interim Community Development Director, provided the Council with background history on the status of the I-710 Corridor project and explained the value in forming a new Local Advisory Committee to monitor the status of the freeway project, review the project design and to provide feedback to Councilmember Quintana, the designated Bell representative, and subsequently, to Metro on local preferences and concerns. Following Ms. Fong’s presentation, Council discussion ensued. Bell residents and the business community were encouraged to apply to be appointed to the 5-member Local Advisory Committee.

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harber, to:
(a) Establish a 5-member Local Advisory Committee.
(b) Appoint five community members where two members are from the Bell business community and 3 members are Bell residents.
(c) Direct staff to proceed with advertising the call for committee members in local newspaper, the city’s website, Chamber of Commerce, and direct mailings to the interest list.
(d) Establish a deadline for application on April 2, 2012.
(e) Request the Gateway Cities Council of Government to supply staff support for the Bell Local Advisory Committee

was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

4. Review of New City of Bell Logo - continued from the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2012

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Magdalena Prado, Senior Management Analyst, presented background information on the efforts taken to identify a new logo design concept. She noted that Mayor Saleh, Councilmember Valencia and staff met with the City’s website administrators to provide background from which to base their initial design concepts. Three designs were presented to the City Council for their review and input. Following the presentation, Council discussion ensued and the Council debated whether a new logo was desirable at this time.

**Motion by Councilmember Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to:**

(a) Direct staff to add color options to the proposed four concepts; and

(b) Display the colorized versions on the City of Bell website to solicit public opinion via Survey Monkey, an online survey method, for a one-week period prior to a future Council Meeting, at which time the Council would select a new logo design.

*was adopted by the following vote:*

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez, Valencia, Mayor Saleh (3)
**Noes:** Councilmember Quintana, Vice-Mayor Harber (2)
**Abstained:** None (0)
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION ADOPTED**

5. Addendum No. 2 to City of Bell and Oldtimers Foundation Agreement for Paratransit Services for Bell Residents - *Continued from the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2012*

Pamela Easter, Co-interim Finance Director, provided the Council with background information of the status of the Oldtimers Foundation agreement for Paratransit service for Bell residents executed in 1996. She noted that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) audits the City’s expenditure of Proposition A and C as well as Measure R funds, and that MTA requires a Council approved agreement between the City and the Provider for the expenditure of funds to be allowed. For the period beginning July 1, 2010, such a Council approved agreement was not in place for Oldtimers Foundation. The addendum would provide the official Council action required for the period from July 1, 2010 through such time in 2012 a new Paratransit services contract is awarded. Council discussion ensued.

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Harber, seconded by Councilmember Quintana, to approve Addendum No. 2 to the City of Bell and Oldtimers Foundations’ Agreement that authorizes the provision of Paratransit Services for the period beginning on July 1, 2010 through to such time the City completes the bid process for continuation of services and the chosen provider, was adopted by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilmembers Alvarez and Quintana, Vice-Mayor Harber (3)
**Noes:** Mayor Saleh (1)
**Abstained:** Valencia (1)
**Absent:** None (0)

**MOTION ADOPTED**
6. Proposed Council Policies/Procedures

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Arne Croce reviewed the proposed draft City Council and Expense Reimbursement policies and procedures. Following his presentation, Council discussion ensued and Councilmembers provided comments and direction to staff on the draft Council and expense reimbursement policies and procedures for further consideration by the Council at a future Council meeting.

Adjournment – 9:15 P.M.


MINUTES APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

Ali Saleh
Mayor

I, Patricia Healy, CMC, Interim City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify the foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Bell at a regular meeting held on the 21st of March, 2012.

Patricia Healy, CMC
Interim City Clerk