CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES OF THE

BELL CITY COUNCIL/BELL COMMUNITY HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE BELL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

April 18, 2012

6:00 P.M. Closed Session
7:00 P.M. Open Session

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/ Members of the Bell Community Housing Authority/ and, Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency:

Present: Councilmembers Harber and Quintana, Vice-Mayor Alvarez, and Mayor Saleh (4)

Absent: Valencia (1)*

Also Present: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Croce, City Attorney Aleshire, and Acting Deputy Clerk Perez

* Councilmember Valencia arrived at the Closed Session at 6:37 P.M.

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

None

The City Attorney announced that two potential litigation matters were brought to the City’s attention subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. To consider these items the Council by a 4/5 vote would need to make this finding.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Harber to add two items to Closed Session Item No. 1 d) and e) was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Harber and Quintana, Vice-Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh (4)

Noes: None (0)
Abstained: None (0)  
Absent: Valencia (1)

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Closed Session

1. The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies recess to a closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

   a.) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9); Name of Case: Bell v. Best Best & Krieger, LASC BC468436

   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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) (six (6) potential cases)

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Harber

Communications from the Public on Non-Agenda Matters and matters on the Agenda

The following individuals addressed the City Council on non-agenda items and items on the Agenda:

Victor Caballero (Item 7); Ismael Morales (Items 7 and General); Julianna Sanchez (General); Linda Rodrigues (Yard Sales); Victor Portillo (Yard Sales); Ricardo Gonzales; Maria Lopez; Nelida Sanchez (General); Maria Arizmendi (General); Maria Uribe (Yard Sales); Jose Moreno (General); Alfred Areyan (Items 7, 9, 10, 12); Richard Espiritu (Items 7, 12 and General); Dale Walker (Item 7); Janice Bass (Item 6); Carmen Bella (General); Irene Muro (General); Diane Oliva (Item 12); Margarita Limon (Items 7, 12); Trina Corado (Items 7, 9, 11, 12); Cesar Zaldivar-Motts (Item 6); Nora Saenz (Items 7, 9); Alejandra Castaneda (Item 7); Sandra Orozco (Items 12 and General); Alma Rico; Susana Lopez (Items 9, 12); Marcos Oliva (Items 7, 12)

Presentation by interim Director of Community Services on Department Activities and Organization
Interim Director of Community Services Debra Kurita presented a report relative to the Community Services Department and noted that the City Council's city-wide goal was to continue and enhance a balanced variety of high quality recreation and related programs for the community, with an emphasis on youth and seniors. Ms. Kurita outlined the responsibilities of the Director and the Divisions within the department. Following this presentation, Council discussion ensued.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney reported that all closed session items were discussed and that status reports were given on all matters; there was no action taken to report out.

Consent Calendar

2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council on March 31, 2012, and the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2012 (Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority)

3. Approval of General Warrants and Community Housing Authority and Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency Warrants dated April 18, 2012. (Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority)

4. Proposition C Capital Reserve Projects and Proposition 1B Projects

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-36 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Authorizing the Prop C Capital Projects for Submittal to LACMTA and Related Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-37 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Authorizing the Prop 1B Funded Capital Projects for Submittal to State Controller and Related Budget Amendments

5. Amended Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS)


Motion by Councilmember Harber, seconded by Councilmember Quintana to approve consent calendar items Nos. 2 through 5 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Harber, Quintana and Valencia, Vice-Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh (5)

Noes: None (0)

Abstained: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

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MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Business Calendar

6. City of Bell Technology Center Program

Motion by Vice-Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to:

(1) Approve an appropriation adjustment recognizing $43,200 of the revenues of a $200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education and allocating the funds to the Technology Center Program in FY 2011-12 with the balance to be budgeted in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14.

(2) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bell, the Southeast Community Development Corporation, and the Youth Policy Institute establishing a partnership for the purpose of introducing and improving the computer skills of youth in the community.

(3) Adopt Resolution No. 2012-35

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-35 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell establishing the City property located at 4357 East Gage Avenue as the City of Bell Technology Center

was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

7. Dial A Ride Public Transportation Request for Proposals

Motion by Councilmember Quintana to approve staff recommendations to reject all bids received for the Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate an agreement with the Oldtimers Foundation for a blend of para-transit and taxi based Dial-A-Ride Services failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Saleh, seconded by Vice-Mayor Alvarez to reject all bids received for the Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services and instruct staff to prepare a new Request for Proposals, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Harber and Valencia, Vice-Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Saleh (4)
Noes: None (0)
Abstained: Quintana (1)
Absent: None (0)

MOTION ADOPTED

8. Job Descriptions for City Department Head Positions

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber to approve job classification descriptions for the positions of Community Services Director, Community Development Director, Finance Director and Chief of Police, was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

9. City of Bell Logo Design

Motion by Councilmember Quintana, seconded by Councilmember Harber to table this item was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

10. New City of Bell Website

Motion by Vice-Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to approve a contract service agreement for website design development services with Vision Internet Providers, Inc. for a three-year period not to exceed $23,442.50 of which $17,860 would reflect the cost for website design development, and $5,582.50 for annual maintenance and website hosting, was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
11. Consideration of Urgency Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and temporary restrictions on cultivation of marijuana

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1185 – An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, and Imposing Temporary Restrictions on Cultivation of Medical Marijuana

Motion by Vice-Mayor Alvarez, seconded by Councilmember Valencia to adopt Urgency Ordinance No 1185 was adopted by the following vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

12. Phase One Study by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Office of providing police services to the City of Bell

Matter continued to the Regular Council Meeting of May 2, 2012 by unanimous consent

Adjournment – 10:26 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 2, 2012.

Patricia Healy, CMC
Interim City Clerk

Ali Saleh, Mayor