



## City of Bell City Council Meeting Highlights Wednesday, January 12, 2012 Bell Community Center

***The official City Council Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Clerk's website at [www.bellcityclerk.org](http://www.bellcityclerk.org) upon approval by the Council. A complete agenda packet, including staff reports, can also be found on the Clerk's website prior to the Council meeting. The following summary provides the public an overview of the Wednesday, January 12 Bell City Council meeting.***

### Consent Calendar

All items on the consent calendar were approved by the Council including the issuance of the Dial-A-Ride Transit Services Request For Proposal (RFP) and the appointment of Ms. Pat Healy as the Interim City Clerk during Bell City Clerk Rebecca Valdez' maternity leave.

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget for 2012-2013 Funds

The Council held a public hearing and approved the 2012-2013 CDBG Budget and a Resolution approving the proposed projects. While the City is expected to receive \$462,230, or a 22% reduction in its federal funds, it will continue to operate its existing programs including the Lead Based Paint Hazard Test Abatement Program; Residential Rehabilitation Program; Handyworker Program; Code Compliance Program; and the Graffiti Removal Program.

### Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Recycling Facilities

The Council approved an Urgency Ordinance which established a Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, Issuance of Conditions or Special Use Permits, or Entitlements for all Recycling Facilities for a ten-month and 15-day period within the City of Bell boundaries.

### Approval of the Graffiti Abatement Contract

The Council approved a contract with Graffiti Control Systems for graffiti abatement services for the remainder of the fiscal year at a cost of \$39,000, with a two-year option not to exceed \$93,839.

### Presentation: Balancing the City's Checkbook- An Introduction to City Financial Management

City of Bell Financial Advisor, Bill Statler, provided the Council a basic, but informative overview of the City's current financial condition. Mr. Statler explained the City's various funding sources as well as its current financial obligations. This presentation will be made at an upcoming Bell staff meeting and an open community meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7 pm at the Bell Community Center. The community meeting is a precursor to the Special Budget Workshop Open Community Forum on the 2012-2013 Annual Budget.

### Community Redevelopment Agency Update

City Attorney Dave Aleshire provided the Council an update on the status of legislative changes to redevelopment agencies in the State of California. The City of Bell Redevelopment Agency will be impacted by these measures; however, the full extent of these impacts is still pending. The Council voted to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to State representatives in support of newly proposed legislation, Senate Bill 69, which would allow for a three-month extension of these proposed policy changes. For further information, a detailed staff report is available on the City Clerk's website on page 256.