

***Special Minutes of
Bell City Council***

***September 3, 2010– 8:00 A.M.
City Council Chambers
6330 Pine Avenue
Bell, California 90201***

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hernandez at 8:00 AM with Mr. Artiga, Mrs. Jacobo, Mr. Mirabal and Mr. Velez present in their capacities as Councilmembers.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Anthony Miranda, Captain.

Communications From The Public

George Francis Bass, 6812 Woodward Avenue, suggested to the City Council not get involved with the City of Maywood and to follow staff recommendation to terminate the JPA.

Donna Gannon, 6601 Prospect Avenue, expressed concern regarding the wording on item 5.03 and requested to be on the mailing list to receive the agenda.

Miguel Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, would like to be added to the agenda mailing list.

Margarita Limon, 4642 Bell Place, expressed concern with the time of the meeting.

Julia Siquimoni, 4871 Gage Avenue #64, disagreed with the previous speaker regarding the time of the meeting, expressed concern about the subpoena listed on the agenda and the mobile home parks.

Bill Fick, 6610 Heliotrope Avenue, expressed concern regarding the time of the meeting.

Marcelino Ceja, 6936 Prospect Avenue, expressed concern about the time of the meeting.

Nestor Valencia, 7115 San Luis Avenue, expressed concern about the agenda posting.

Arturo Lopez, 6800 Pala Avenue, expressed concern about the time of the meeting.

Luz Moya, 6917 Corona Avenue, expressed concern about the time and location of the meeting.

Willie Aguilar, 6929 Walker Avenue, expressed concern about City Council not resigning.

Lionel Franco, 6209 Pine Avenue, expressed concern about selling alcohol near a school.

Closed Session

The City Council recessed to a closed session at 8:44 AM to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: seven (7) cases.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: City of Bell v. Randy C. Sopp
Case No.: BC422467

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: City of Bell v. Los Angeles Unified School District

Case No.: BS124077

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: Interim Chief Administrative Office Pedro Carrillo and Interim City Attorney James M. Casso
Employee organization: Bell Police Officers' Association

The City Council reconvened to open session at 11:20 AM.

The Council recessed to closed session on the items listed on the agenda, 3.01 through 3.04.

As to item 3.01, the Council directed the City Attorney to recommend the retention of qualified special counsel to handle investigations and possible legal action involving prior employment contracts, legal counsel and consultants, and actions and transactions related to the current situation and crisis, and to present for City Council consideration and approval the appropriate contracts of engagement for such counsel, with such contracts to be approved in public. These items are to be considered at the September 20, 2010 Council meeting.

As to item 3.02, the Council directed the City Attorney to communicate the City Council's determination to reject the settlement proposal presented to the Court by former legal counsel Best Best and Krieger in the Sopp matter.

The Mayor appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on the retention of a Financial Advisor. Appointed were Vice Mayor Jacobo and Councilmember Velez

As to the other items, 3.03 and 3.04 there was no other reportable action was taken by the City Council in closed session.

Council Business

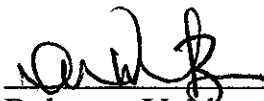
Councilman Artiga moved to terminate the Agreement for Joint Municipal Services with the City of Maywood, effective October 3, 2010. Second by Vice Mayor Jacobo. Vote proved unanimous.

Councilman Mirabal moved to approve the Termination of the Public Safety Joint Powers Authority. Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Councilman Mirabal moved to approve the issuance of legislative subpoena. Second by Vice Mayor Jacobo.

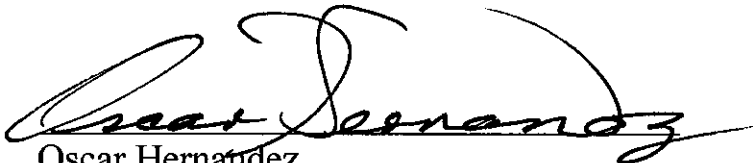
Adjournment

City Council adjourned at 11:35 AM.



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Oscar Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk