

**Minutes of
Bell City Council
Bell Community Redevelopment Agency
Bell Community Housing Authority**

**September 20, 2010– 7:15 P.M.
Bell High School
4328 Bell Avenue**

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by Acting Mayor George Mirabal with Mr. Artiga and Mr. Velez present in their capacities as Councilmembers, Community Redevelopment Agency Members and Community Housing Authority Commissioners. Mayor Hernandez and Vice Mayor Jacobo were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Anthony Miranda, Captain.

Communications From The Public

Hector De La Torre, Assembly Member, thanked the City Council for having the meeting at the high school. He also expressed concern regarding the Attorney General Complaint.

Rosario Sanchez, 6320 Corona Avenue, expressed concern regarding the sports program in Bell and inquired on the status on the Sports Complex.

Dennis Azevedo, 4317 Slauson Avenue, Maywood, thanked BASTA and Nestor Valencia. He also expressed concern about Maywood City Council and Angela Spaccia.

Miguel Angel Contreras, 6243 Vinevale Avenue, requested the City Council to resign, to get a new Police Department and new city employees.

Jaime Luna, 7111 Heliotrope Avenue, thanked Councilman Velez and Councilman Artiga for listening to the residents.

Dale Walker, 6815 Otis Avenue #D, addressed issues regarding Mayor Hernandez and BASTA members being harassed by gang members and expressed concern regarding the time limit allowed to speak.

Sabas Cortes, 6510 Flora Avenue #Q, requested the City Council to resign.

Juliana Chico Sanchez, 6920 Woodward Avenue, questioned Councilman Mirabal if he authorize Mayor Hernandez to signed a contract.

Carmen Bella, 6332 Palm Avenue, expressed concern about the situation in Bell and the City Council.

Ali Saleh, 6630 Otis Avenue, expressed concern regarding the Los Angeles Times article and requested for salaries to be reduced.

Mario Estrada, 6834 Otis Avenue, expressed concern regarding the Western Auto Property and all the vacant properties in Bell.

Jose Moreno, 6235 Corona Avenue, expressed concern about taxes, contracts, and requested to have pensions voided.

Estela Mota, 6922 Otis Avenue, expressed concern about Mayor Hernandez and Vice Mayor Jacobo not being present at the meeting.

Violeta Alvarez, 6834 Otis Avenue, expressed concern about the Business Coordinator and the City Engineer.

Keith Savage, no address stated, expressed concern about the corruption in Bell and the pensions.

Victor Silva, 6839 Vinevale Avenue, expressed concern about the improvement taxes in 1987.

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

Rachel Villanueva, 4931 Brompton Avenue, expressed that she can longer trust the city.

Ernest Moore, no address stated, expressed concern about not having African American employees.

Manuel Gomez, 6521 Loma Vista Place, expressed concern about BASTA and people fearing retaliation.

Alfredo Vasquez, 4874 Gage Avenue, thanked Assembly Member Hector De La Torre for assisting in the mobile home parks issues.

Gisela Cole, no address stated, requested to have her job back.

Luz Meza, no address stated, expressed concern about the mobile home parks.

Delores Boles, 6517 Loma Vista Place, expressed concern about the intersection on Gage and Loma Vista.

Martin McGrew, 4701 Almidor Avenue, Woodlawn Hills, requested the audit reports.

Consent Calendar

Nestor Valencia, 7115 expressed concerned with item 3.02.

Mario Rivas, 6336 Home Avenue, expressed concerned with item 3.02.

Councilman Mirabal requested for items to be voted on separately.

Councilman Artiga moved the Rejection of the Claims of Martin Valenzuela, Raquel Basadre, Olivia Camargo, Raul Garcia, Maria E. Godoy, and Eliza Roman. Second by Councilman Velez. Vote proved unanimous.

Councilman Velez moved approval of Resolution Adopting a Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Bell.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-30

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL APPROVING AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY, RE-DESIGNATING THE FILING OFFICER AND ADDING DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS.

Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Council Business

Councilman Velez moved approval to authorize the allocation of Measure “R” funds approved by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the current fiscal year (2010-2011) for the following projects:

1. Weik Ave. A.C. Overlay from Wilcox Ave. to Heliotrope Ave.
2. Brompton Ave. A.C. Overlay from Atlantic Ave. to Mayflower Ave.
3. Vinevale Ave. A.C. Overlay from Florence Ave. to Bell Ave.

Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Councilman Velez moved approval of Form A’s from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and authorize the Interim CAO to execute forms to allocate Prop. “C” funds for the current fiscal year (2010-2011) for the following projects:

1. Florence Ave. & Bear Ave.-Video Detection & Emergency Vehicles Pre-Emption-Installation.
2. Bridge Repairs – Slauson Ave., Gage Ave. & Florence Ave. Seal Cracks repairs, Street Lights, Paint Rocker Bearings.
3. Otis Ave. A.C. Overlay – Florence Ave. Southerly Rehabilitation.
4. Striping Project-Gage Ave., Atlantic Ave. & Florence Ave.

Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Councilman Artiga moved approval of Warrants dated September 20, 2010 in the amount of \$2,258,485.92 (152 checks and 5 Wire Transfers) with the exception of the following warrant number 46499, 46540, 46548 and 46562. Second by Councilman Velez. Vote proved unanimous.

The following item was moved to be approved after closed session:

Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with the law firm of Adorno Yoss Alvarado & Smith to Provide Special Counsel Legal Services.

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement to retain the law firm of Adorno Yoss Alvarado & Smith to provide special counsel legal services to the City.

Councilman Artiga moved approval of Bell City Council, Bell Community Redevelopment Agency and Bell Community Housing Authority minutes dated July 19, 2010; Bell City Council Special Minutes dated July 22, 2010; Bell City Council Adjourned Minutes dated July 26, 2010; Bell City Council Special Minutes dated August 4, 2010; Bell City Council, Bell Community Redevelopment Agency and Bell Community Housing Authority minutes dated August, 16, 2010; and Bell City Council Special Minutes dated September 3, 2010. Second by Councilman Velez. Vote proved unanimous.

Community Redevelopment Agency

Community Redevelopment Agency meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mirabal at 11:02 PM with Agency Member Artiga and Agency Member Velez present. Chair Hernandez and Vice Chair Jacobo were excused.

Agency Member Velez moved approval of Warrants dated September 20, 2010 in the amount of \$59,742.50 (6 checks and 4 Wire Transfers). Second by Agency Member Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

No items were identified for the next Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

Community Redevelopment Agency meeting adjourned at 11:28 PM.

Community Housing Authority

Community Housing Authority Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mirabal at 11:28 PM with Commissioner Artiga and Commissioner Velez present. Chair Hernandez and Vice Chair Jacobo were excused.

Commissioner Velez moved approval of Warrants dated September 20, 2010 in the amount of \$3,520.81 (11 checks). Second by Commissioner Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Acting Chair Mirabal requested to provide the warrant run to residents. He also requested to look into the Mobile Home Parks issues.

Commissioner Velez requested to look into the low income housing.

Community Housing Authority meeting adjourned at 11:36 PM.

Chief Interim Administrative Officer's Report

The Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Pedro Carrillo provided a verbal report to the City Council on on-going matters related to the City.

Closed Session

The City Council recessed to a closed session at 11:40 PM 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—PENDING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Owens v. City of Bell

Case No.: Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 09-56585

Conference with Real Property Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Address: 6515 Atlantic Boulevard

Agency Negotiator: Pedro Carrillo

Negotiating Parties: Yang Ho Kim and Young Ae Kim

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

The City Council reconvened to open session at 1:49 AM.

As to item 8.01, there was no reportable action.

As to item, 8.02, the City Council accepted the settlement with Kurt Owens in the amount of \$20,000 and to return to field officer training.

Councilman Velez moved approval to receive and file. Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

As to item, 8.03, negotiations have been terminated.

Councilman Velez moved approval of an Agreement with the law firm of Adorno Yoss Alvarado & Smith to Provide Special Counsel Legal Services. Second by Councilman Artiga. Vote proved unanimous.

Identification of Items for Next City Council Meeting.

Councilman Velez requested to continue to have the meetings at the high school.

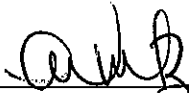
Councilman Mirabal thanked folks for allowing him to act as Mayor for the last time.

Mayor and City Council Communications

None.

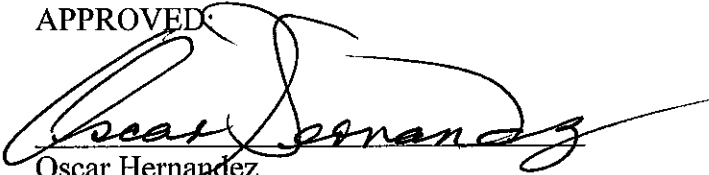
Adjournment

City Council adjourned at 1:55 AM.




Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Oscar Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Valdez, CMC
City Clerk