



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7100 GARFIELD AVENUE, BELL GARDENS, CA

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Daniel Crespo, Council/Commission Member
Sergio A. Infanzon, Council/Commission Member
Pedro Aceituno, Council/Commission Member
Jennifer Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair
Priscilla Flores, Mayor/Chair

PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Three minutes per person, subject to a total period of 30 minutes)

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1– 6)

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the City Council/Community Development Commission requested specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Items called for separate discussion will be heard as the next order of business.

1. General Motion to read all Ordinances by title only

In order to expedite the conduct of business at Council/Commission meetings, California State law (California Code Section 26934) allows Ordinances to be read by title if a majority of the legislative body supports the motion to waive the full reading.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council/Community Development Commission read all Ordinances by title only and waive the reading in full.

2. Minutes

January 11, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council/Community Development Commission approve the minutes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

3. Warrant Registers dated 12/28/09 and 01/05/10

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Community Development Commission receive and file the warrant registers dated 12/28/09 and 01/05/10. In approving the action of receiving and filing the warrant registers, the official minutes of the Bell Gardens Community Development Commission should state that each individual member of the Community Development Commission is not voting on, influencing the outcome of, or participating in approving, accepting, receiving, or filing any warrant which bears the name of the same Commission member, or pays for any costs or expenses, or otherwise benefits the same named Commission member. Each Commission member will not be participating, influencing, or voting on any such warrant bearing their name or which benefits the same named Commission member, but with that exception is voting in favor of receiving and filing all other warrants contained in this report, unless otherwise noted on the record at the time of the approval of the action required by this report.

4. Redevelopment Annual Report: Submission to Legislative Body

In accordance with the provisions of Community Redevelopment Law of the State of California, Health and Safety Code Section 33080, staff is required to present the Redevelopment Annual Report to the Commission. This report consists of documents articulating the financial condition and transactions of the agency, information about housing for low- and moderate- income persons, an independent financial audit report, a blight report, and a property report (the Bell Gardens Redevelopment Agency is currently exempt from submitting a loan report). The approval of the Annual Report by the Commission has no fiscal impact, nor does it involve the approval of any specific project or program cost. Future implementation activities will be subject to consideration by the Commission as a part of its annual budget process.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Community Development Commission receive and file the Redevelopment Annual Report as stipulated within redevelopment law.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

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6. Ordinance 827 – Amending Chapter 2.08 (City Manager)

This amendment is proposed to remove gender-biased language relative to the position of City Manager and to increase the effectiveness of the City Manager in relation to managing the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Department Directors.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) introduce upon first reading Ordinance No. 827, an Ordinance of the City of Bell Gardens amending Sections 2.08.050, 2.08.070, 2.08.080, 2.08.090, and 2.08.100 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code in order to apply gender-neutral terms to the position of City Manager and amend the City Manager's powers and duties in relation to the City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Department Directors.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS – (Item No. 7)

7. Councilmember Crespo's Request for Funding the Suva Intermediate School Washington, D.C. Field Trip

At the January 11, 2010 City Council meeting, Councilmember Crespo requested this item be placed on the next Regular Meeting agenda for Council consideration. Staff researched various funding options and concluded that CDBG regulations consider the school trip as an ineligible cost. The City also continues to be challenged to balance the General Fund budget due to declining revenue streams and the State "taking away" funds to balance its own budget. Funding the Washington D.C. school trip would add undue burden to an already stressed City fiscal year budget.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council not fund the Washington, D.C. field trip for Suva Intermediate School students as it would add undue burden to an already stressed City fiscal year budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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