



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - CLOSED SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009, 5:00 P.M.
AGENDA

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

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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CLOSED SESSION:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
(Government Code section 54956.9(b).)
One Case

- b. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property - 5720 and 5722 Clara Street, Bell Gardens, CA
Negotiating Parties - Bell Gardens Community Development Commission/Abode Communities (formerly known as the Los Angeles Community Design Center)
Commission Negotiators - Steve Simonian, Carmen Morales, and Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman
Under Negotiations - Terms of Transaction

ADJOURNMENT

Any writings or documents provided to the majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Receptionist Counter, City Hall, 7100 S. Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA, during normal business hours



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INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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PRESENTATIONS:

- Haig Kelegian, The Bicycle Casino, to present a \$5,000 check for Bell Gardens High School Scholarships
- Bell Gardens High School Six (6) Year Accreditation
- Bell Gardens High School Student Newspaper "Lancer Scroll"

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No 1 – 10)

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: Read all Ordinances by title only and waive the reading in full.

2. Minutes

February 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

3. Warrants

Warrant Registers dated 3/09/09 (CK#11990-11995, \$66,262.57) for a total amount of \$99,262.57.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

4. Warrants

Warrant Registers dated 2/12/09 (CK#127648-127694, \$240,712.23), Wire transfer dated 2/12/09 (CK#709-711, \$468,967.08) for a total amount of \$709,679.08.

Warrant Registers dated 3/09/09 (CK#127695-127817, \$225,156.86) for a total amount of \$225,156.86.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

5. Los Angeles Radio Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Currently, local and regional police and fire departments do not have the capability for effective inter-agency communications. As a result, the “Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System” (LA-RICS), was developed to design and implement a modern, integrated wireless voice and data communications system that will support the communication needs of the more than 34,000 first responders within the Los Angeles County. The LA-RICS Steering Committee drafted a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which requires all “Member Cities” approve the JPA document following the approval of Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles, which have both recently approved the JPA. Approval of the JPA is required at this point to proceed with this county-wide project; however, the city may opt-out at any time if not in agreement with the funding plan eventually developed by LA-RICS.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-07; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens approving the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) thus authorization the city’s membership in the LA-RICS authority; and authorization the City Manager to execute the JPA agreement.

6. Resolution No. 2009-08 Adoption of a Police Captain Salary Range

Currently the position of Police Captain has a single salary step, unlike all other classified positions which have five incremental steps, thus creating a “salary range” for the particular position. This item seeks to develop a salary range for the position of Police Captain due to a current vacancy, and the police department intent to recruit for the position and attract the most qualified candidates possible. Based on comparison to local agencies the Bell Gardens Police Captain salary is currently at the bottom, making it financially unattractive for suitably qualified candidates. Through reorganization during the FY 08/09 budget the department has been able to create a salary savings to offset the recommended change in the salary structure.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-08; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens amending Resolution No. 2008-15 relating to salary ranges for full-time employees.

7. Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2009

The Treasurer’s Report has been prepared and submitted for the month of January 2009.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Treasurer’s Report.

8. Approval of plans and specifications and authorization for the solicitation of bids for the Foster Bridge Boulevard/Loveland Street Water Main Replacement Project

The Fiscal Year 2008/09 Capital Improvement Program includes the Water Main Replacement Project, which consists of new construction of 8” and 12” diameter water main lines, installation of new fire hydrants, installation of water service connections and meters, and construction of multiple connections of the new system to the existing system. Locations for the improvements include Loveland Street (Garfield Avenue to Perry Road), Loveland Street (Alvina Street to Suva Street) and Foster Bridge Boulevard (Emil Avenue to Chalet Drive).

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion 1) Approve the plans and specifications and 2) Authorize solicitation of bids for the Foster Bridge Boulevard/Loveland Street Water Main Replacement Project.

9. Reallocations of CIP Funding

Over the last several months three projects have been designed and constructed under the budgets designated in the original CIP budget. Upon completion of the projects, staff conducted a thorough budget analysis to determine funding that would be available to use on new projects in preparation of potential availability of funds through the Economic Stimulus Bill. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommended reallocation of existing CIP-budgeted funds to design new projects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion: 1) approve the reallocation of available, remaining funds from completed CIP projects that were completed under budget; and 2) direct the Interim Finance Director to establish new CIP account numbers to complete the reallocation.

10. Authorization to award contract for Workforce Housing Grant Project.

To award the contract for the Workforce Housing Grant project to Rehabilitate 6542-6548 Specht Avenue (“Specht Rehab”) and for the Mayor to sign the “Contract Agreement “ and “General Conditions”.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the contract for the Workforce Housing Grant project to Rehabilitate 6542-6548 Specht Avenue (“Specht Rehab”) to Frank Shariat General Engineering in the amount of \$48,950; and authorize the Mayor to sign the “Contract Agreement” and “General Conditions”.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Item No. 11)

11. Consideration to approve a Commercial Waste Hauler’s Franchise Agreement request from United Pacific Waste

In June of 2007, the City Council voted unanimously to deny the renewal of a commercial waste hauler’s franchise agreement to United Pacific Waste (UPW) due to missing and unacceptable reporting. The City has received a new request from UPW to consider granting a franchise agreement. Along with this request, UPW submitted new reporting information for 2006 and 2007.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion 1) Consider United Pacific Waste’s request for a non-exclusive franchise of the collection and disposal of multi-family residential, commercial, industrial and institutional solid waste and recyclable material on the condition that their reported diversion rate is 50% for the period of March 2009 through December 2009; and 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to administratively terminate the franchise agreement if the mandated 50% diversion goals are not met.

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