



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7100 S. 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:

- Proclamation-National Police Week
- Appreciation to the Clergy Advisory for participation in the candlelight vigil
- Presentation from the Neighborhood Watch

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item No. 1)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

1. Uniform Schedule of Fees

Staff has recently completed a city-wide fee analysis with the goal of recovering the partial costs of resources essential in providing certain programs and services. In some areas, the City has not adjusted its fees for 25 years. Further analysis indicates in some areas, the City does not charge fees, which results in the City absorbing the total cost. In order to provide certain programs and services in a fiscally responsible manner, staff has proposed fees that will recover a portion of the costs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve this proposal from staff for a uniform schedule of fees, by adopting Resolution No. 2009-11, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California adopting a uniform schedule of fees.

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 2 – 17)

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.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

April 27, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

4. Warrants

Warrant Register dated 4/23/09 (CK#12031-12032, \$311,760.00), for a total amount of \$311,760.00.

Warrant Register dated 5/11/09 (CK#12035-12043, \$427,927.98), for a total amount of \$427,927.98.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

5. Warrants

Warrant Registers dated 4/23/09 (CK#128381-128421, \$421,491.30), Wire transfer dated 4/23/09 (CK#721-723, \$438,956.34) for a total amount of \$860,447.64.

Warrant Registers dated 5/11/09 (CK#128422-128569, \$264,989.80) for a total amount of \$264,989.80.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

6. Adoption of Ordinance No. 820 – Amendments to Bicycle Registration Program.

This "clean up" Ordinance amendment properly acknowledges the Police Department as the administrator of the Bicycle Registration Program and will concurrently allow any associated fees to be set by resolution.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 820, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California amending

Sections 13.40.020, 13.40.040, 13.40.060, and 13.40.070 and Chapter 13.40 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code related to Bicycles, read the Ordinance by title only, and direct the City Council to publish a summary of the Ordinance upon adoption.

7. Adoption of Ordinance No. 821 – Amendment to Fireworks Program

This “clean up” Ordinance amendment properly acknowledges the Community Development Department as the administrator of the Fireworks Permit Program, allow any associated fees to be set by resolution, and prohibit any applicant who fails to file the required financial statement from applying for a permit in the next year. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 821, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California amending Sections 16.40.060 and 16.40.080 and Chapter 16.40 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code related to Fireworks, read the Ordinance by title only, and direct the City Council to publish a summary of the Ordinance upon adoption.

8. Resolution 2009-13 Supporting SB250 Pet Responsibility Act

Each year, over \$250 million dollars is spent housing and euthanizing homeless dogs and cats in California. Approximately 1 million dogs and cats enter California’s shelters each year, and over half of them are euthanized (killed) simply because there are not enough homes. By supporting Senate Bill 250 it will require dog owners to spay and neuter their dogs, unless the owner obtains an unaltered dog license. This bill will also require all cat owners to have all their cats spayed or neutered, if the owner allows the cat to roam outdoors.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2009-13; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California, in support of Senate Bill 250, the California Pet Responsibility Act.

9. Resolution 2009-14 Urging the Golden State Water Company to seek and apply for grant funding from First 5 LA

Water fluoridation is an equitable major disease prevention program available to everyone including underserved populations, many of whom do not have access to dental care or preventive care. The First 5 LA grant funding would provide necessary capital funding for the cost of fluoride treatment facilities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2009-14; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens urging the Golden State Water Company to seek and apply for grant funding from first 5 LA for installation of fluoridation treatment facilities.

10. Award of construction for Water Main Replacement (Foster Bridge Blvd., and Loveland Street) Project

On March 9, 2009 the City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the project based on the plans, specifications and construction cost estimate that were prepared. The scope of work 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 Avenue to Suva Street) and Foster Bridge Boulevard (Emil Avenue to Chalet Drive). The Notice Inviting Bids for this project was advertised in the

Eastside Sun on March 19, 2009, as well as various construction industry publications and the bid opening was held on April 22, 2009. The City received eighteen (18) bids for this project. Staff conducted the bid analysis process and concluded that the lowest responsible bidder is Stephan Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion 1) award the construction contract for Water Main Replacement (Foster Bridge Blvd and Loveland Street) Project and 2) Authorize a 10% contingency for change order incidentals throughout the duration of the Project.

11. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Solicitation of Bids for the City wide Street Overlay Project Phase I

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of February 17, 2009 contain a transportation program that includes funds for both highways and public transit infrastructure. It is expected that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) will receive approximately \$215 million and the City of Bell Gardens was allocated approximately \$1.3 million. Based on the funding available and in accordance with the City's Pavement Management System, staff identified two projects, one of which is the Citywide Street Overlay Project Phase I: Florence Avenue and Florence Place.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion approves the plans and specifications and authorizes solicitation of bids for the Citywide Street Overlay Project Phase I.

12. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Solicitation of Bids for the City wide Street Overlay Project Phase II

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of February 17, 2009 contain a transportation program that includes funds for both highways and public transit infrastructure. It is expected that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) will receive approximately \$215 million and the City of Bell Gardens was allocated approximately \$1.3 million. Based on the funding available and in accordance with the City's Pavement Management System, staff identified two projects for implementation one of which is the Citywide Street Rehabilitation Project Phase II: Garfield Avenue and Loveland Street.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion approves the plans and specifications and authorizes solicitation of bids for the Citywide Street Rehabilitation Project Phase II.

13. Approval of Chlorination Control System Upgrades for Water Well No. 1

Water Well No. 1 Engine Replacement Project was part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgeted in Fiscal Year 2007-08. The new electrical engine was installed in January 2008. This year Arden and Associates replaced the booster water pump controls with a new computer controlled system because the "old" control system could not provide efficient water pump operation to meet variable water pressure and flow demands throughout the day. Unfortunately, the controls for the water chlorination system were not compatible with the new water pump control system. Therefore, the Well was recently shutdown and the City is receiving supplemental water from Metropolitan Water District (MWD); however, the City needs to upgrade the Well's chlorination system controls as soon as possible in order to put Water Well back on-line and minimize the expense of purchasing MWD water, and any subsequent rate increases in the near future.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion approve the appropriation of \$30,000 from the Water System Fund to pay for the Chlorination Control System Upgrades for Water Well No. 1 and authorize Arden and Associates to perform the work due to the urgent need to put the Water Well back on-line.

14. Nuisance Party-Cost Recovery

Each month the Police Department responds to hundreds of calls for service relating to loud parties disturbing the peace of residents. This ordinance will allow officers to issue citations when responding to repeat calls at the same location.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 817, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens adding Chapter 25 to Title 16 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code, establishing a cost recovery for Police services at large parties that constitute a nuisance on private property, reading by title only and waiving the reading in full.

15. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2009

The Treasurer's Report has been prepared and submitted for the month of March 2009.

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

16. AB1234 Conference Report

Pursuant to the requirement of AB 1234, a report is required by any elected official attending a conference or seminar at the City's expense.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

17. SEAACA Dog License Canvassing

The Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the City contract with SEAACA for an annual dog license canvassing service to be held in July 2009. The total cost for fiscal year 2008-2009 canvassing will be \$23,200. It is anticipated that the City will bring in over \$32,000 in revenue.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council by motion authorize the Recreation and Community Services Department to process payment in the amount of \$23,200 from 110-4660-1600 to the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) for a dog license canvassing to be held in July 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS – (Item No. 18)

**18. Consideration of \$1,000.00 contribution to the American Cancer Association
(Requested by Councilmember Crespo)**

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

ADJOURNMENT