



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION – was given by Robert Barnes, Chief of Police

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by John Oropeza, Public Works Director & Interim Community Development Director

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Aceituno, Crespo, Flores, Infanzon, Rodriguez

ABSENT:

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item No. 1)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

1. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM FOR THE 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE

In 2010, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced special funding under the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) allocation. The DRI allocation provides grant funds to select applicants (public agencies) affected by the 2008 Wild Fires. Los Angeles County (including its local incorporated municipalities) was determined by HCD to be eligible applicants under the DRI allocation. Consistent with the Office of Planning & Research, the proposed project entails updating the City's Safety Element, which is to include a Local Hazard Mitigation Planning (LHMP) component. The plan(s) will serve to protect the health & safety of persons living in or visiting the City. The Safety Element will address Earthquakes, Geologic Hazards, Flooding, Fires, Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness, and Hazard Materials. California Consulting, in coordination with City Staff, is prepared to initiate the submittal of an application for the aforementioned Safety Element update on behalf of the City of Bell Gardens at no cost. Administrative costs will be covered through the grant. If awarded, this grant will bring in a total of \$250,000 in 2008 DRI Allocation funds from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and no matching funds will be required.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a public hearing and receive public comment for preparation of the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Forward Thinking Hazard Mitigation Planning activities and direct staff to prepare a resolution, authorizing the City Manager or designee to file an Application for Funding from the State CDBG Program for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative in the amount of \$250,000, and to sign any and all grant related documents, contracts, or amendments.

Senior Management Analyst Nicholas Razo gave the presentation on Public Hearing Item No. 1.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing and public comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Rodriguez closed public comments and the Public Hearing and moved to Council Member comments. There were no Council Member comments.

A motion was made by Mayor Rodriguez and seconded by Council Member Flores to conduct a public hearing and receive public comment for preparation of the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Forward Thinking Hazard Mitigation Planning activities and direct staff to prepare a resolution, authorizing the City Manager or designee to file an Application for Funding from the State CDBG Program for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative in the amount of \$250,000, and to sign any and all grant related documents, contracts, or amendments. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Aceituno, Crespo, Flores, Infanzon, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Three minutes per person, subject to a total period of 30 minutes) – None

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No. 2)

2. CERTIFICATION OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Bell Gardens Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 states that pursuant to Section 1301 of the California Elections Code, the city municipal election date shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years. The 2011 General Municipal Election was scheduled for November 8, 2011 and consolidated with Los Angeles County for the purpose of the election to fill two (2) open Council seats. The Los Angeles County Elections Department conducted the canvass of ballots cast and returned the certification of final results to the City Clerk's Office on November 23, 2011. The number of overall votes cast for each candidate, in descending order, was as follows:

Rodriguez, Jennifer (1569)

Aceituno, Pedro (1494)

Morales, Jannette (875)

Silva, Yvette (865)

The total number of ballots cast was 2,499, representing approximately 21% of the 11,697 registered voters in the City. The next appropriate action is for the City Council to formally receive and file the certification of election returns by adopting Resolution No. 2012-05, establishing the facts and declaring Jennifer Rodriguez and Pedro Aceituno as the newly elected officials for whom the highest number of votes were cast for the two (2) open City Council offices as required by California Elections Code Section 10263.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

- a.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012-05, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law; and
- b.) Provide direction regarding the scheduling of the ceremonial reorganization of the City Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Aceituno and seconded by Council Member Crespo to adopt Resolution No. 2012-05, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law and provide direction regarding the scheduling of the ceremonial reorganization of the City Council. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Aceituno, Crespo, Flores, Infanzon, Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (Three minutes per person, subject to a total period of 30 minutes)

Ronald Garcia with Southern California Edison Company spoke on safety issues and precautions regarding fallen power lines.

Victor Monroy commented on the successes of the City and congratulated Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Aceituno on their re-election.

CITY COUNCIL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

City Manager Philip Wagner welcomed and recognized the following elected officials from the surrounding communities:

- Clerk to the Board of Education José Luis Solache – Lynwood Unified School District
- Council Member Jack Hadjinian – City of Montebello
- Mayor Pro-Tem Osvaldo Conde – City of Cudahy
- Council Member Jorge Morales – City of South Gate
- Council Member David Armenta – City of Pico Rivera

City Manager Wagner introduced Los Angeles County Assessor, John Noguez and stated that Mr. Noguez would be administering the Oath of Office to Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Aceituno.

Mayor Rodriguez presented Mr. Noguez with a token of appreciation on behalf of the City and Council Members for his continuing support to the City of Bell Gardens.

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Crespo congratulated Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Aceituno on their re-election.

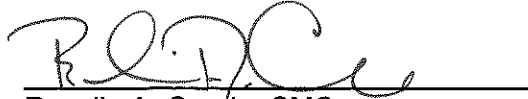
Council Member Flores also congratulated Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Aceituno on their re-election.

Council Member Aceituno thanked his colleagues, community and family for their support during the election campaign.

Mayor Pro-Tem Infanzon also congratulated Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Aceituno on their re-election.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked her family, community, city staff and previous City Manager G. Steve Simonian for their support and guidance throughout the election campaign.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. in memory of Montebello Unified School Board Member Marcella Calderon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Conde', written over a horizontal line.

Rosalia A. Conde, CMC
City Clerk