



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER – The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Invocation was given by Police Chief Keith Kilmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pamela Yugar, Recreation and Community Services Director.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Crespo, Flores, Aceituno
ABSENT: Beltran (excused), Rodriguez (excused)

Mayor Rodriguez notified staff that she would be running late for tonight's meeting. Councilmember Beltran notified staff that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY/AGENCY COUNSEL ON CLOSED SESSION - None

PRESENTATIONS:

- White Memorial Hospital (Dennis Keegan, Executive Director of the Foundation)
- Latino Police Officer's Association Child Safety Seat Presentation (Oscar Mejia, Sergeant, President of Association)
- 2008 Crime Update (Police Chief Keith Kilmer)

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item No. 1)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

1. **Community Development Block Grant Program – Fiscal Year 2009-2010**
(This item was continued from the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. The public hearing/public testimony portion of this item was closed. This item has been placed on the agenda for Council discussion and final action only.)
To allocate the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 CDBG funds for various projects and programs.
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by adopting Resolution No. 2009-01, A Resolution of the Bell Gardens City Council approving the City's Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Interim Community Development Director Carmen Morales provided a brief report and reviewed the proposed allocations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Crespo, Ms. Morales discussed the services provided by the Human Services Association. She noted that the increased amounts for both the Human Services Association and Rio Hondo Boys and Girls Club.

The City Manager noted that the increased amounts to the service organizations was taken directly from the amount that was previously allocated for Code Enforcement.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Flores, Ms. Morales noted that the service organizations reported that no current services will be reduced due to the lower amounts being allocated to them by the City of Bell Gardens.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno, seconded by Councilmember Flores, and carried (2 – 0, 1 abstention - Crespo) to approve the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by adopting Resolution No. 2009-01, A Resolution of the Bell Gardens City Council approving the City's Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The City Attorney noted that the item was appropriately passed (2 – 0, with 1 abstention).

Councilmember Crespo requested that his comments related to the reasons for his abstention be included for the record. In summary, he noted that requests for CDBG program funds are often relayed to Council at the last moment and other requests are not necessarily included, such as a proposal for a boot camp program. He also noted that Code Enforcement activities are important to the City but that programs which serve the youth and seniors, such as Human Services Organization and Boys and Girls Club also need funding. He expressed concerns about the length of time it would take for the County to get involved in providing services.

AYES: Flores, Aceituno
NOES: None
ABSENT: Beltran, Rodriguez
ABSTAIN: Crespo

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No 2 – 7)

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno, and carried (3 – 0) to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Item No. 3 was pulled for separate consideration by Councilmember Crespo.

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

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

January 12, 2009 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes

This item was pulled for separate consideration by Councilmember Crespo.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS

4. Warrants

Warrant Registers dated 1/26/09 (CK#11939-11948, \$11,493.02) for a total amount of \$11,493.02.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

5. Warrants

Warrant Registers dated 1/05/09 (CK#127211-127248, \$281,570.09), Wire transfer dated 1/05/09 (CK#700-702, \$455,569.97) for a total amount of \$737,140.06.

Warrant Registers dated 1/26/09 (CK#127249-127351, \$272,929.34) for a total amount of \$272,929.34.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants

6. Local Appointments List and Commissioner's Attendance for the Month of November and December 2008

Updated list of Council appointments to City Boards and Commissions. Commissioner's attendance includes the attendance of all Commissioners within all active commissions in the past month.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. Treasurer's Report for the Month of November and December 2008

The Treasurer's Report has been prepared and submitted for the month of November and December 2008.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive, approve and file the Treasurer's Report.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

3. Minutes

January 12, 2009 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes

This item was pulled for separate consideration by Councilmember Crespo.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Crespo, City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager G. Steve Simonian, and Interim City Clerk Vida Barone provided an overview of

laws which govern the preparation of minutes and how minutes have been traditionally prepared in the City and in other municipalities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crespo, seconded by Councilmember Flores, and carried (3 – 0) to approve the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS:

8. Contribution to American Diabetes Association (Requested by Councilmember Crespo)

Councilmember Crespo made a brief report regarding the impact of diabetes on the community and suggested a contribution to the American Diabetes Association.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crespo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno, and carried (3 – 0) to approve a contribution to the American Diabetes Association in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

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)

Susan Schlaegar, Bell Gardens Community Library Manager, reported on Library activities.

Marthaanne Viurquiz, commented on the 2008 Crime Report provided by the Police Chief.

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Crespo, City Manager Simonian noted the specificity of reporting requirements by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that local jurisdictions cannot manipulate data. He noted that the Police Chief would respond to an inquiry related to a homicide near a Jack in the Box in the community.

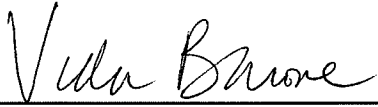
Councilmember Crespo expressed concerns about a recent newspaper article which he felt did not accurately portray the focal point of a recent court outcome.

Councilmember Flores thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and expressed her appreciation for Police Department staff who were involved in inviting Mr. Mejia to make

tonight's presentation. She also thanked Officer Vallejo for his involvement in bringing the child safety seat program to Bell Gardens.

ADJOURNMENT – The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Recorded by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vida Barone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Vida Barone, Interim City Clerk