



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Council/Commission members Crespo, Infanzon, Rodriguez, Aceituno, Flores
ABSENT: None.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Manager announced that the Council/Commission would recess into Closed Session to discuss the following item:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9)**
Number of potential cases: (2)

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Mayor Flores reconvened the meeting at 6:00P.M.

INVOCATION – Led by John Oropeza, Director of Public Works

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Pamela Yugar, Director of Recreation and Community Services

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Council/Commission members Crespo, Infanzon, Rodriguez, Aceituno, Flores
ABSENT: None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney reported that in regard to the litigation matter (NRDC vs. County of Los Angeles), the Council/Commission directed its staff to execute the tolling agreement. In regard the other item of anticipated litigation, there was no final action, however the item may return at the next meeting for further consideration.

PRESENTATIONS

- Student Government Day announcement by the Recreation and Community Services Department

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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)

Ron Hoyt spoke on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3 and 5.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1– 11)

A motion was made by Councilmember Aceituno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and carried (5 – 0) to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Item No. 4 was pulled for separate consideration by Councilmember Crespo.

AYES: Council/Commission members Crespo, Infanzon, Rodriguez, Aceituno, Flores
NOES: None.

1. General Motion to read all Ordinances by title only

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

January 21, 2010 – Special Meeting Minutes

January 25, 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 01/11/10 and 01/20/10

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Community Development Commission receive and file the warrant registers dated 01/11/10 and 01/20/10. 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.

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4. Redevelopment Annual Report: Submission to Legislative Body

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

This motion was pulled for separate consideration by Councilmember Crespo.

Councilmember Crespo clarified for the record this item did not involve any action or approvals regarding specific properties in Bell Gardens.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Aceituno, and carried (5 – 0) to Commission receive and file the Redevelopment Annual Report as stipulated within redevelopment law.

AYES: Council/Commission members Crespo, Infanzon, Rodriguez, Aceituno, Flores
NOES: None.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

5. Warrant Registers dated 01/11/10 and 01/20/10

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the warrant registers dated 01/11/10 and 01/20/10. In approving the action of receiving and filing the warrant registers, the official minutes of the Bell Gardens City Council should state that each individual member of the City Council 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 councilmember, or pays for any costs or expenses, or otherwise benefits the same named councilmember. Each councilmember will not be participating, influencing, or voting on any such warrant bearing their name or which benefits the same named councilmember, 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.

6. Award of Contract for Tree Trimming Project

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council award the Tree Trimming Project Contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.

7. Senate Bill 731 Massage Therapy Moratorium – 10 Day Report for Ordinance No. 830-U

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the 10-day report pursuant to Government Code 65858(d) describing measures taken by the City to alleviate conditions that led to the adoption of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 830-U.

8. Approval of Grant Application for Renovation and Enhancement of Bell Gardens Veterans Park

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2010-13, authorizing staff to submit a grant application seeking \$500,000 in funds from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008.

9. Consideration of Claims Rejection

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the Bell Gardens City Council reject the claim filed on June 3, 2009 by Daniel Gaither.

10. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2009

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2009.

11. Emergency Purchase of Council Chamber Sound System

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the purchase and installation of new components and upgrades for the Council Chamber Sound System from Bill's Sound & Security in an amount of \$17,999.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS - None

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS – (Items No. 12)

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

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.

A brief report was provided by Aldo Schindler, Community Development Director.

Council and staff discussion ensued on this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Flores, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and carried (4 -1) to 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.

AYES: Council/Commissionmembers, Infanzon, Rodriguez, Aceituno, Flores
NOES: Crespo

**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)**

Cristina Garcia discussed canceled Council meetings, public records act requests, and census participation.

Lissette Saavedra discussed Councilmembers, the City Clerk, and salary raises.

Gloria Gonzales discussed the Suva Elementary Washington, D.C. Trip.

Ron Hoyt discussed the public comment procedures.

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Yvette Silva discussed the Councilmembers, the election and the City Clerk.

Luis Arias discussed the election and his pride in the City.

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Infanzon thanked those attending tonight's meeting and appealed to residents to work together.

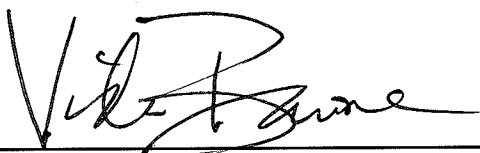
Councilmember Aceituno thanked staff for a job well done.

Councilmember Crespo requested the City Manager meet with the public speaker regarding the budget document, mentioned the action to fund new headphones, and that he would send the City Manager a memo regarding a records request.

Mayor Rodriguez expressed concern regarding certain public comments, discussed the efforts of Councilmembers regarding assistance for Suva Elementary students, and requested information regarding how public records requests are made.

Mayor Flores expressed support for the upcoming Student Government Day.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.



Vida Barone, Interim City Clerk