



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011, 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 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – was given by Pam Wasserman, Recreation & Community Services Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was led by Robert Barnes, Chief of Police

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Aceituno, Crespo, Flores, Infanzon, Rodriguez

**ABSENT:**

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item No. 1)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS**

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

**1. APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS (SLESF) FOR JAIL OPERATIONS**

California Government Code Sections 30061-30063 establishes the authority for the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) program. As a result of this legislation, the City receives \$100,000 annually in SLESF funds. This program requires in the case of a City, that the City Council accept receipt of these funds, and approve their expenditure for exclusive use toward 'front line law enforcement police services,' in accordance with a written request submitted by the Chief of Police. The City has received SLESF funds in the amount of \$100,000 for FY 2008-09, and \$100,000 for FY 2009-10. It is anticipated that the City will receive \$100,000 for FY 2010-11 (to date, \$31,358.23 has been received for FY 2010-11). Allocation of the FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, and FY 2010-11 SLESF funds will be allocated to fund police department jail operations.

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

- 1.) Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2011-01 and receive input from the community; and
- 2.) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-01, accepting grant funds from the State of California Citizen Option for Public Safety Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Years 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 and authorizing the expenditure of these grant funds for jail operations.

Chief of Police Robert Barnes 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.

Council Member Crespo inquired if the current jailers were hired as full time and if the City was paying into PERS for these employees.

City Manager G. Steve Simonian explained that the current jailers were hired as full time staff through a contract jail company at a less amount of pay to keep the City's police officers, who are paid at a higher rate, out in the field. He also stated that the City does not pay into PERS for these contract employees.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Flores to conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2011-01 and receive input from the community and adopt Resolution No. 2011-01, accepting grant funds from the State of California Citizen Option for Public Safety Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Years 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 and authorizing the expenditure of these grant funds for jail operations. 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)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No.'s 2 – 9)**

**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 36934) allows Ordinances to be read by title if a majority of the legislative body supports the motion to waive the full reading.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council/Community Development Commission approve a general motion to waive full reading and approve Ordinances by title only pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to read all Ordinances by title only and waive the full reading. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**3. MINUTES**

January 10, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of January 10, 2011.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2011. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS**

**4. WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS**

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Community Development Commission receive and file the following transactions:

Warrant Registers	12/27/10 (Check #'s 12428 – 12433)	\$ 1,605.04
Warrant Registers	01/03/11 (Check #'s 12434 – 12436)	\$ 625.22
Warrant Registers	01/10/11 (Check #'s 12437 – 12442)	\$ 356,712.15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 358,942.41</b>

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to approve the Warrant Registers and Wire Transfers. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**5. REDEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT: SUBMISSION TO LEGISLATIVE BODY**

The State legislature requires redevelopment agencies to file annual reports with the legislative body and the State regarding both the financial condition and transactions of the agency, and information about housing for low- and moderate- income persons. In accordance with provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law ("Law") of the State of California, Health & Safety Code Section 33080, the Commission has filed certain documents comprising an Annual Report with the California State Controller within six months of the end of the Agency's fiscal year. Also, as part of the annual report submittal to the legislative body, the Law requires the submittal of an independent financial audit report for the previous fiscal year "Audit Report," a blight report, a property report and a loan report. However, there are no Agency loans in default which exceed \$50,000; therefore the preparation of a loan report is unnecessary. Pursuant to the Law, the Commission is exempt from submitting a loan report. There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the Annual Report.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Community Development Commission adopt Commission Resolution No. 2011-02, receiving and filing the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to adopt Commission Resolution No. 2011-02, receiving and filing the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**6. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CIVIC CENTER MEDIAN SIGN**

On September 12, 2010 the City Civic Center Median sign located on Garfield Avenue, south of Loveland Street was struck by a moving vehicle. The sign was completely demolished and not repairable. The median sign was installed in 2006 through the City's initial Gateway & Wayfinding Sign Program improvement project. It is staff's intent to replace the sign with an identical sign. The estimated total project cost is \$25,000. Redevelopment Tax Increment funds will be used for this project and are included within the Community Development Department's Redevelopment Project budget for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the Community Development Commission:

- 1.) Approve the plans and specifications for the replacement of the Civic Center Median Sign; and
- 2.) Authorize staff to solicit bids for the construction of this project.

Council Member Crespo stated that his property was close to the project site according to the radius map provided in the staff report but there was no conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to approve the plans and specifications for the replacement of the Civic Center Median Sign and authorize staff to solicit bids for the construction of this project. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

**7. WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS**

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the following transactions:

Warrant Registers	12/27/10 (Check #'s 135430 – 135533)	\$ 273,118.00
Warrant Registers	12/29/10 (Check #'s 135534)	\$ 328.71
Warrant Registers	01/03/11 (Check #'s 135535 – 135576)	\$ 355,250.27
Wire Transfers	12/30/10 (Wire #'s 812 – 813 & Payroll)	\$ 455,882.56
Warrant Registers	01/10/11 (Check #'s 135577 – 135652)	\$ 263,631.17
	Total	\$ 1,348,210.71

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 Council member, or pays for any costs or expenses, or otherwise benefits the same named Council member. Each Council member will not be participating, influencing, or voting on any such warrant

bearing their name or which benefits the same named Council 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.

A motion was made by Council Member Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Infanzon to approve the Warrant Registers and Wire Transfers. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Council Member Crespo abstaining.

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

**8. APPROVAL OF MOA FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEGRATED LAW AND JUSTICE PROJECT 'COPLINK'**

The Bell Gardens Police Department has an existing Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with participating agencies in Los Angeles County operating the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project, also known as 'COPLINK.' This system is an information sharing network of public safety data and information taken from each agency's Records Management System. It provides law enforcement officers with accessible and accurate information used for the speedy investigation and apprehension of law violators. The purpose of the new MOA is to codify revisions to the existing MOA. There is currently no cost associated with participation in this program. All costs to date have been borne through grant funding from the Office of Homeland Security. Beginning in 2012, grant funding may be depleted, and each participating agency will be required to pay a portion of the cost needed to maintain the system.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2011-02, approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System participating agencies.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to adopt Resolution No. 2011-02, approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System participating agencies. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2010 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FUNDS**

The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program annually provides funding to local police agencies for programs or items related to local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice. The City of Bell Gardens was awarded \$27,376.00 from the FY 2010 JAG Program. The police department has identified a need for these monies to supplement other funding sources being utilized to fund department jail operations. Upon adoption of this resolution, the Department of Justice will disperse these funds to the City.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2011-03, approving the acceptance of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant (FY 2010 JAG) Program Award.

A motion was made by Council Member Crespo and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to adopt Resolution No. 2011-03, approving the acceptance of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant (FY 2010 JAG) Program Award. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ITEMS**

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

**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)**

**CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Crespo gave general comments.


Council Member Flores gave general comments.

Council Member Aceituno gave general comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Infanzon gave general comments.

Mayor Rodriguez gave general comments.

**ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.**



Rosalia A. Conde, CMC

City Clerk