



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

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CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Aceituno called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

INVOCATION – was led by Pastor Ray Leal from Bell Gardens Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Anthony Aceituno and Joshua Acosta.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Kristina Santana announced that Council Member Rodriguez called to alert the Council that she was ill and would not be able to attend the Council meeting.

Present: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno,
Absent: Rodriguez

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

Jose Rojas congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and thanked the City Council for working hard for the City.

Lincoln Guerrero congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and thanked the Council for everything they have done for the community.

Jesse Ramirez commended Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and the City Council for helping the youth in the community.

Armando Arreola expressed his support for the City Council, the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, and for the Police Department.

Mayor Aceituno closed public comments and before moving on to the next part of the agenda, he recognized the following dignitaries in attendance:

- State Senator Ricardo Lara
- Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
- La Puente City Council Member David Argudo
- South Gate City Council Member Maria Davila
- County Assessor Jeffrey Prang
- Santa Fe Springs Council Member Joe Angel Zamora
- Former Montebello Unified School District Board Member David Vela
- Supervisor Solis's Representatives Kimberly Ortega and Joe Mendoza
- Former Bell Gardens Council Member Salvador Franco
- Bicycle Casino Partner Hashem Minaiy
- Bicycle Casino Partner Leo Chu
- Athens Services Chief Operating Officer Gary Clifford
- Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Dave Thies

- Assembly Member Garcia's Representative Edgar Estrada

PRESENTATIONS

- **United States 40th District Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard**
Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard commended the youth in attendance and noted she was very impressed by their leadership. She thanked former Mayor Jennifer Rodriguez and presented a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for her service. She congratulated the incoming Mayor Pedro Aceituno and Mayor Pro Tem Jose Mendoza. Lastly she thanked the City of Bell Gardens for their sponsorship and support of the Student Art Competition for the 40th Congressional District.
- **California 33rd District State Senator Ricardo Lara**
Senator Ricardo Lara thanked the Bell Gardens Police Department for their service to the community and he gave a brief presentation of what he is working on in the State Senate on the community's behalf.
- **California 58th District Assembly Member Cristina Garcia's Representative Edgar Estrada**
Edgar Estrada presented a Certificate of Recognition for outgoing Mayor Jennifer Rodriguez and stated that he looked forward to working with the new Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, the Council and City staff.
- **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors District 1 Supervisor Hilda Solis's Representative Joe Martinez**
Joe Martinez thanked the Council for their leadership on behalf of Supervisor Hilda Solis. He congratulated the outgoing Mayor Jennifer Rodriguez and the incoming Mayor Pedro Aceituno and presented Certificates of Recognition.
- **Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang**
Assessor Jeffrey Prang presented a proclamation in recognition of outgoing Mayor Jennifer Rodriguez, he commended the Council for being great leaders in the community and he congratulated the outgoing Mayor, the new Mayor and new Mayor Pro Tem for their service and leadership.

At this point, Mayor Aceituno took a moment to recognize additional dignitaries in the audience:

- Bell City Council Member Ali Saleh
- Montebello City Council Member Vanessa Delgado

CITY COUNCIL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Senator Ricardo Lara administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pedro Aceituno. Mayor Aceituno thanked Senator Ricardo Lara and presented him with a token of appreciation for his service to the community.

Ricardo Mendez administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked Mr. Mendez and presented him with a token of appreciation for all of his support over the years.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Pulido thanked the audience for attending the special meeting. She expressed her excitement for continuing to work with the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and working together to make Bell Gardens a better place.

Council Member Flores congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and commented on working as a team to help the City continue to progress. She then presented a token of appreciation to Mayor Aceituno in appreciation for his service as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commended Council Members Flores and Pulido and Mayor Aceituno for being positive role models in the community. He commended and thanked City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman and City Manager Phil Wagner for their hard work and dedication to the City. He then expressed gratitude, love and appreciation for his students, his family and all of his supporters in the community.

Mayor Aceituno thanked staff, particularly Parks and Recreation staff, City Manager Phil Wagner, and especially Executive Assistant to the City Council Daisy Guerrero, for putting together this special meeting. He thanked his family, colleagues from surrounding communities, vendors, and Executive Director Truc Dever and Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Klueh of the Los Angeles County Vector Control.

ADJOURNMENT– Mayor Aceituno adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:14 p.m. and invited the audience to join him and the Council for a small reception in the Courtyard.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk

