



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

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CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pulido called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION – was led by Chief of Police Robert Barnes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Director of Public Works Chau Vu.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez (arrived at 6:15 p.m.);
Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS

- **Presentation to TouchPoint Church celebrating its 80th Anniversary**
Mayor Pulido presented a certificate of recognition to Pastor Jarmin and thanked him for his faithful work in the community.
- **Police Department Employees of the Year**
City Manager Phil Wagner announced that this presentation was postponed to the next Council Meeting on January 22, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING (Item No. 1)

1. FIRST READING OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2017-086 - ORDINANCE NO. 887 - RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STANDARDS

Adoption of Ordinance No. 887 will amend the Zoning Code to clarify and expand the Residential Planned Development District supplemental development regulations to encourage innovative planned residential development in the City.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve Zoning Code Amendment No. 2017-086; and
2. Introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 887 amending the Bell Gardens Municipal Code Title 9, Zoning and Planning Regulations (Zoning Code) as follows:

Chapter 9.18, "Overlay Districts," Section 9.18.040, "Development Standards," (D) 'Residential Planned Development District Standards,' to revise certain existing RPDD development standards and to add new development standards in order to provide flexibility and innovation in the design of a residential planned development.

City Manager Phil Wagner gave a brief introduction to this item.

Director of Community Development Abel Avalos gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pulido opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

At this point, at 6:15 p.m., Council Member Rodriguez arrived and sat at the dais.

There were no further council comments.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to approve Zoning Code Amendment No. 2017-086; and introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 887 amending the Bell Gardens Municipal Code Title 9, Zoning and Planning Regulations (Zoning Code).

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 2-10)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to approve Items No. 2-10 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. GENERAL MOTION TO WAIVE FULL READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCES BY TITLE ONLY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36934

In order to expedite the conduct of business at City Council meetings, California State Law (California Government 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 approve a general motion to waive full reading and approve Ordinances by title only pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934.

3. **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND DECEMBER 11, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 4, 2017 - Special Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 4, 2017 and the Regular City Council Meeting of December 11, 2017.

4. **WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFER**

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.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the warrant registers dated 11/09/17, 11/14/17, 11/21/17, 11/22/17, 11/28/17, 12/05/17, 12/07/17 and 12/12/17.

5. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 886 - ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD OVERLAY DISTRICT**

Ordinance No. 886 will create an Electronic Billboard Overlay District, consisting of two specific locations adjacent to the 710 Freeway, to allow for the construction of electronic billboards in a planned manner subject to controls and regulations governing their design and operation.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 886, amending the Bell Gardens Municipal Code Title 9 Zoning and Planning Regulations as follows:

Amend Title 9, Zoning and Planning Regulations, Chapter 9.06, "Establishment of Zones," and Chapter 9.18, "Overlay Districts," establishing an Electronic Billboard Overlay District, and Chapter 9.40, "Signs," establishing regulations for electronic billboards located within the Electronic Billboard Overlay District (Zoning Code Amendment No. 2017-043).

6. **REPLACEMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FIXED COMMUNICATION ANTENNA**

In anticipation of migration to a Regional Communications System and to address a need to improve existing radio reception, it is necessary to replace the current radio antenna on the Police Department's radio tower.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2018-01, waiving the formal bid process pursuant to Bell Gardens Municipal Code Section 3.04.100 (A) and authorizing the police department to purchase and install a new fixed radio antenna utilizing Airwave Communications.

7. **REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF POINTS/INTEREST IN THE BICYCLE CASINO**

Two limited partner pointholders in the Bicycle Casino have created trusts for estate planning purposes and wish to transfer their limited partner interest to said trusts.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the transfer of interest between existing partners and adopt Resolution No. 2018-02.

8. **POLICE DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF MOBILE FIELD FORCE EQUIPMENT**

The Police Department requires the necessary equipment to properly be prepared for mass crowd situations such as unruly protest, civil unrest, and/or a riot. Staff is requesting Council approval for purchase of mobile field force equipment.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2018-03 waiving the formal bid process and authorizing the police department to purchase mobile field force equipment.

9. **AWARD OF THE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR GRANT WRITING, GRANT ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, LABOR COMPLIANCE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES CONTRACT**

On October 19, 2017 the City of Bell Gardens release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services that included various grant writing, grant administration, community outreach and labor compliance. The City has various types of projects that may be funded by City general funds, state or federal funds which require these services. The City received two proposals from Michael Baker and Avant-Garde. City staff from the Public Works and Recreation Department reviewed and scored the proposals. Both firms were qualified to complete the scope however, based on their competitive cost and long history with Bell Gardens, staff is recommending that Avant-Garde be considered for award of a three-year contract with an optional two-year extension for various grant writing, administration, community outreach and labor compliance services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council by motion adopt Resolution No. 2018-04 awarding a three (3) year contract with an optional two (2) year extension to Avant-Garde for on-call professional services for grant writing, grant administration, program management, labor compliance, and community outreach services for various projects.

10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS' SYSTEMIC SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT PROGRAM (SSARP) GRANT**

The City of Bell Gardens submitted a grant application for a planning project in March of 2016 to the California Department of Transportation Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) Grant Program, for funding consideration for the City of Bell Gardens' SSARP Intersection Evaluation Project. The City was awarded \$148,500 and in order to execute the funding agreement and begin work on the project, the City must adopt a resolution authorizing a designee (City Manager) to execute the funding agreements with the California Department of Transportation.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion, adopt Resolution No. 2018-05 authorizing the City Manager to execute Agreements with the California Department of

Transportation for the City of Bell Gardens' Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) Grant.

DISCUSSION (Items No. 11-12)

11. MULTI-WAY STOP INSTALLATION AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT PRIORY STREET AND PURDY AVENUE INTERSECTION

The City received a request to evaluate traffic conditions along Priory Street (between Eastern Avenue and Jaboneria Road). A traffic study was completed by the City Traffic Engineer that included a field review, traffic counts during peak and non-peak times, pedestrian usage, vehicular speed surveys, stop sight distance and collision review. Based on this study, on December 5, 2017 the Traffic and Safety Commission approved for City Council consideration: 1) The installation of a multi-way STOP on east and west bound Priory Street at Purdy Avenue 2) The installation of new crosswalks and an ADA access ramp; and 3) The installation of appropriate traffic signs, pavement legend markings and traffic lane striping.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council by motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-06 authorizing a Multi-Way Stop on Priory Street at Purdy Avenue;
 2. Authorize the installment of new crosswalks and a new ADA access ramp and;
 3. Authorize the installation of appropriate traffic signs and legend markings.
- City Manager Phil Wagner gave a brief introduction to the item.

City Manager Phil Wagner gave a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Council Member Flores, and seconded by Council Member Aceituno, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-06 authorizing a Multi-Way Stop on Priory Street at Purdy Avenue; authorize the installment of new crosswalks and a new ADA access ramp and; authorize the installation of appropriate traffic signs and legend markings.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

12. FORD PARK POOL MASTER PLAN AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Staff is requesting to appropriate \$36,000 in funds for the development of a master plan and conceptual design for the Ford Park Pool renovation. The conceptual design will be created by Infrastructure Engineers and will include two design alternatives, one estimated at \$5 million and the other at \$10 million.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion adopt Resolution No. 2018-07 and appropriate \$36,000 in funds for the development of a master plan and conceptual design for the Ford Park Pool renovation.

City Manager Phil Wagner gave a brief introduction to the item.

Director of Recreation and Community Services gave a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-07 and appropriate \$36,000 in funds for the development of a master plan and conceptual design for the Ford Park Pool renovation.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(Three minutes per person, subject to a total period of 30 minutes)

No comments.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Rodriguez wished everyone a happy new year.

At this time Council Member Rodriguez left the dais at 6:31 p.m.


Council Member Aceituno congratulated TouchPoint Church. He congratulated Mayor Pulido on her recent marriage engagement. He stated he looks forward to working with colleagues and staff to move the City forward in 2018.

Council Member Flores thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting. She congratulated Pastor Jarman and TouchPoint Church. She expressed excitement for the new projects and asked about the time frame for the multi-way stop signs. Director of Public Works Chau Vu stated that weather permitting, the project would start the very next day. Council Member Flores again expressed her excitement for 2018 and stated that she was happy to serve the residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated TouchPoint Church. He thanked Director of Community Development Abel Avalos for working with residents in the Garfield area. He congratulated Mayor Pulido and wished blessings for all.

Mayor Pulido thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting. She thanked Chief Barnes for the Police Department's quick response to a shooting in her neighborhood. She wished a happy new year to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pulido adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:35 p.m.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk