



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation** – was led by Pastor Jose Luis Martinez.

**Pledge of allegiance** – was led by Girl Scout Brownie Troop #2543.

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Present:** Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez (arrived at 6:20 p.m.);  
Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido  
**Absent:** None

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Recognition of Bell Gardens Police Department Sergeant Aguirre**  
Chief of Police Robert Barnes and the City Council presented Sergeant Aguirre with a certificate of recognition for his life saving actions.
- **Woman's Lung Health Week**  
The City Council presented a certificate of recognition to Michael Olivares who commented on the prevalence of lung cancer and thanked the City for their continued support.
- **Older American Nominee and Proclamation**  
Recreation Coordinator Ramon Escobedo recognized Julia Avalos with the City of Bell Gardens Older American of the Year Award.
- **CalFresh Awareness Month Proclamation**  
The City Council presented a certificate of recognition to CalFresh District Director Elizabeth Huevo who commented on the partnership with the City and thanked the Council for their support.
- **National Public Works Week Proclamation**  
Director of Public Works Chau Vu invited the Council to the annual Public Works Week activities and the City Council presented a certificate of recognition in honor of National Public Works Week.

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

No comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-7)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Flores, to approve Items No. 1-7 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

**1. 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.

**2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

April 23, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 23, 2018.

**3. 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, wire transfers and net payroll dated 04/10/18, 04/12/18, 04/17/18, 04/24/18 and 04/25/18.

**4. MARCH 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report is a list of cash and investments for the month.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council receive, approve and file the March 2018 Treasurer's Report.

5. **SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENTS WITH BGCEA/BGPOA**

City staff and both the BGCEA and BGPOA desire to enter into Side Letter of Agreements memorializing agreements with respect to Unit Modification. The Parties agreed (pending City Council approval) that the BGPOA unit shall be modified to include the Police Communications Supervisor classification and the classification shall be removed from the BGCEA unit.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2018-26 approving side letter of agreements between the City and Bell Gardens City Employees Association and the City and Bell Gardens Police Officers Association.

6. **LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

The City of Bell Gardens License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company for the ABC Field and various sites has expired as of April 30, 2018. Staff requests approval of another two five-year license agreements with Southern California Edison for the ABC field and various sites for beautification and signage.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-27 authorizing the City Manager to execute two five-year license agreements with Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") for use of the ABC field and various smaller sites.

7. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER LIGHTING PROJECT AS COMPLETE**

On July 24, 2017 the City Council awarded the construction contract for the City Hall Council Chamber Lighting Upgrades to FEC Electric Inc. On November 29, 2017, FEC Electric, Inc. completed the project. Staff conducted the final inspection, reviewed the project documents and determined that the project was completed satisfactorily and in conformance with the project's plans and specifications.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion:

1. Accept the construction project for the City Hall Council Chambers Lighting Upgrade as complete; and
2. Authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion.

**DISCUSSION (Items No. 8-10)**

8. **LOCAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT LIST**

The Local Commissions Appointments List outlines the City of Bell Gardens Commissions and Commissioners. Per the Bell Gardens Municipal Code, City Commissions consist of Bell Gardens residents appointed by each member of the City Council. Council Members may remove commissioners during any regular City Council meeting and may appoint commissioners following 10 days after the posting of the vacancy notice.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council review the Commissions Appointments List and by motion, remove commissioners and/or make appointments to the posted vacancies.

City Clerk Kristina Santana gave an oral presentation.

Council Member Flores made a nomination to appoint Geraldine Guzman to the Traffic and Safety Commission.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Aceituno, to appoint Geraldine Guzman to the Traffic and Safety Commission.

The motion passed 5-0 with the following vote.

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

9. **CRIME TRENDS ENFORCEMENT AND STATISTICS FOR THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

The City of Bell Gardens has seen significant changes in crime over the past 15 years. Crime trends and new legislation in recent years have been two main factors influencing new enforcement methods and fluctuation in crime statistics that measure the most serious of these crimes, referred to as Part One crime. This item summarizes these changes and highlights enforcement methods that have resulted in an average annual decline in Part One crime of 2.2% during the latest 15 year period.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that City Council receive and file information related to crime trends, enforcement and statistics measuring a decline in Part One crime in the City of Bell Gardens.

Chief of Police Robert Barnes gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Aceituno asked for an update on the Reserve Officer Program.

Chief Barnes gave an update on the Reserve Officer Program.

After discussion by Council, a motion was made by Council Member Aceituno and seconded by Council Member Flores to receive and file information related to crime trends, enforcement and statistics measuring a decline in Part One crime in the City of Bell Gardens.

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

**10. NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ELECTION, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION SERVICES WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

The next General Municipal Election is scheduled for November 6, 2018 for the election of three (3) Council Members. In order to proceed with the election, the City must adopt resolutions calling the election, requesting consolidation with the county and establishing regulations for candidate statements. The estimated costs for consolidation services with Los Angeles County will be approximately \$50,000.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt the following:

1. Resolution No. 2018-28, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018;
2. Resolution No. 2018-29, requesting election consolidation with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors;
3. Resolution No. 2018-30, adopting regulations for candidate statements submitted to voters on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

City Clerk Kristina Santana gave an oral presentation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Flores to adopt Resolution No. 2018-28, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018; Resolution No. 2018-29, requesting election consolidation with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; and Resolution No. 2018-30, adopting regulations for candidate statements submitted to voters on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

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 left the dais at 6:44 p.m.

Council Member Flores commented on having a great meeting and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Aceituno commented on having a great meeting and asked Chief of Police Robert Barnes to thank Sergeant Aguirre on behalf of the Council and of the community.

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Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the effectiveness of the Police Department, thanked City Engineer Sid Mousavi for his support of his kids program, and thanked everyone for attending the council meeting.

Mayor Pulido thanked everyone for attending the council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Pulido adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:46 p.m.



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Kristina Santana  
City Clerk