



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018, 5:00 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 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Present: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez (arrived at 5:07 p.m.);
Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
Absent: None

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

Mayor Pulido opened the public comment period. There were no speakers. Mayor Pulido closed the public comment period and asked City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman to announce the Closed Session item. The Council then recessed to the Council Conference Room (see page 2 for report on Closed Session) at 5:06 p.m. to discuss the following matter:

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Pursuant to Gov. Code. Section 54956.8

Three (3) matters:

1. **Property:** 5725 Florence Ave., Bell Gardens CA 90201 (APN: 6328-015-055)
Agency Negotiators: Philip Wagner, Chau Vu, and Doug Benash
Negotiating Parties: City of Bell Gardens and Hooton Family Ownership
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
2. **Property:** 7110 Eastern Ave., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 (APN: 6328-015-044)
Agency Negotiator: Philip Wagner, Chau Vu, and Doug Benash
Negotiating Parties: City of Bell Gardens and Sherwood Ownership
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
3. **Property:** 7100 Eastern Ave., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 (APN: 6328-015-054)
Agency Negotiator: Philip Wagner, Chau Vu, and Doug Benash
Negotiating Parties: City of Bell Gardens and Giraffe Properties LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms



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CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pulido called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Council Members Aceituno, Flores, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza;
Mayor Pulido
Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman stated that all five Council Members were present in closed session. He listed the properties involved and stated that the Council gave direction and no final action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-5)

Council Member Aceituno pulled Items No. 4 and 5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to approve items on the consent calendar with the exception of items No. 4 and 5.

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 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 AUGUST 13, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 13, 2018.

3. WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS

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 recommendation that the City Council receive and file the warrant registers, wire transfers, and net payroll dated 08/28/18, 08/30/18, and 09/04/18.

4. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE GAGE AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City will utilize Proposition C funds to complete street improvements on various segments of Gage Avenue (Darwell to Garfield, Garfield to Perry, Emil to Chalet). The scope of work consists of concrete repairs of the curb, gutters, cross gutters, and sidewalks, concrete pavement repairs, installation of ADA access ramps, pavement grinding and asphalt paving, signage and striping improvements. Engineering staff has completed the design and construction documents for this project. Upon approval by the City Council, staff will proceed with the bid phase of the project.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Gage Avenue Street Improvement Project; and
2. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the construction of this project.

City Manager Phil Wagner gave an oral report.

A motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to approve items No. 4 and 5.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE VARIOUS STREETS IMPROVEMENT (SB 1 LIST) PROJECT**

The City will utilize Measure M funds to complete various street improvements from the SB1 (Gas Tax) project list, including concrete repairs of the curb, gutters, cross gutters, and sidewalks, installation of ADA access ramps, pavement grinding and asphalt paving, signage and striping improvements on various streets within the City. Engineering staff has completed the design and construction documents for this project. Upon authorization by the City Council, staff will proceed with the bid phase of the project.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion:

- a. Approve the plans and specifications for the Street Rehabilitation (SB1 List) Project; and
- b. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the construction of this project.

This item was approved as part of the motion above.

DISCUSSION (Items No. 6)

6. **EASTERN & GARFIELD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

City staff recently received a recommendation for funding from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee for intersection improvements at Eastern & Garfield. The improvements are part of the I-710 Corridor Project, which is being overseen by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Metro will vote on the approval for the intersection improvements in February 2019. If approved, Metro will provide \$4,635,000 to re-align the intersection to improve safety, improve signal operations, and reduce congestion.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council receive and file this update on Eastern & Garfield Intersection Improvements.

Director of Public Works Chau Vu gave a PowerPoint presentation.

After some discussion by the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to receive and file this update on Eastern & Garfield Intersection Improvements.

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)

Ruben Gerard invited the Council and the community to attend the Bell Gardens American Legion Commemoration of Eddie Cochran's 80th birthday. He announced that the event would take place on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Maria Ruiz stated that she has lived in Bell Gardens for thirty-four years and commented on the negative effects of second hand marijuana smoke. She also commented on dangerous driving conditions on Purdy Ave. in front of the Youth Center and asked the Council for their support to resolve the problem.

Armando Arriola encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and commented on his appreciation for the current Council Members.

Francine Gardea commented on her love for the community and spoke at length regarding disparaging remarks from Council Member Rodriguez.

Diego Vallejo commented on a problem with speeding in his neighborhood on Marlow Street. He asked the Council to take action to keep kids safe.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Rodriguez asked staff to follow up on a list of concerns from various residents. She commented on the issues with second hand marijuana smoke and asked for an update from the City Attorney regarding her request for a study.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman stated that a memorandum was prepared and distributed to the Council.

Council Member Rodriguez asked the City Attorney to provide the community with the findings and to bring them to the next Council Meeting.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman clarified that staff takes direction from the Council as a whole.

Council Member Rodriguez then asked the Council to add the item to the next City Council agenda. She then commented on being attacked, on her previous absence from Council and on support she has received from the community. Lastly, she asked to speak with the Chief of Police after the meeting to communicate some private resident concerns.


Council Member Aceituno thanked the residents for expressing their concerns. He thanked Mr. Gerard for informing the Council about the upcoming event and he assured Mr. Vallejo that the City would look into the issue on Marlow Street.

Council Member Flores thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting and thanked the Police Department and Neighborhood Watch for being active in the community. She apologized for her absence at the last Council Meeting due to illness and she commented on the community pool project. Lastly, she wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting and commented on his passion for continuing the progress which has taken place in the City. He wished love and blessings on the residents and on the City.

Mayor Pulido thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting and stated that the Council Members are always available to the public. She invited the public to approach the Council Members at any time and wished everyone a good night.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pulido adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk