



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 6:02 p.m.

Invocation – was led by Pastor Daniel Angiano.

Pledge of allegiance – was led by City Engineer Sid Mousavi.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

PRESENTATIONS

- **Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation**
Director of Community Development Abel Avalos recognized Code Enforcement Officers Luis Legazpi, Victor Ornelas and Supervisor George Suarez for their work in keeping the community safe.
- **Recognition for Excellence in Financial Reporting**
City Manager Phil Wagner commended Director of Finance and Administration Will Kaholokula for attaining the highest form of recognition in government accounting for Excellence in Financial Reporting for six years in a row.
- **Recognition for Performance in Implementation of the CDBG Program**
City Manager Phil Wagner commended Director of Finance and Administration Will Kaholokula and the Finance Department for their accountability, and transparency. Director Kaholokula thanked and recognized his staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC HEARING (Item No. 1)

Council Member Rodriguez announced that she would be excusing herself early.

1. LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NO SITUS (PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO 710 FREEWAY AND CLARA STREET FRONTAGE ROAD) AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD LEASE

Staff is recommending approval of an electronic Billboard Lease by and between the City and Outfront Media, LLC. The property to be leased is located adjacent to the 710 Freeway and the Clara Street frontage road. The billboard will be used for commercial advertising

and will also provide branding, promotion and revenue benefits to the City. The lease term is for 10 years, plus two 5 year options, and includes minimum annual guaranteed rent and revenue sharing.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council, by motion, adopt the attached Resolution:

1. Finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 65402, that the lease of the property located adjacent to the 710 Freeway and the Clara Street frontage road conforms to the City of Bell Gardens General Plan and that the Billboard Lease satisfies all of the findings required under Bell Gardens Municipal Code Section ("BGMC") 9.40.065; and
2. Approving the Billboard Lease by and between the City of Bell Gardens and Outfront Media, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Billboard Lease on behalf of the City.

Director of Community Development Abel Avalos gave a PowerPoint presentation.

At this time, at 6:30 p.m., Council Member Rodriguez left the Council Chamber.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza asked what the prohibited use guidelines are.

Director of Community Development Abel Avalos stated that the guidelines were included in the agenda report and the process would be for residents to complain to the City and City staff would contact Outfront Media.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza asked about how Amber Alerts would be issued.

Katie Metz, representing Outfront Media, stated that they work with the police and federal agencies which send alerts to their headquarters and they automatically stop advertisements and place the alerts on the signs.

Mayor Pulido opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There were no public comments and Mayor Pulido closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Council Member Aceituno asked how this sign would affect the Bicycle Casino sign.

Director Avalos stated that the proposed sign would be placed 1,000 feet away from the Bicycle Casino sign per Caltrans regulations, would not obscure the casino sign, and would not display competing casino advertisements as stated in the agreement.

City Manager Phil Wagner stated that the City met with the Casino owners and they had no objections.

A motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-52: Finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 65402, that the lease of the property located adjacent to the 710 Freeway and the Clara Street frontage road conforms to the City of Bell Gardens General Plan and that the Billboard Lease satisfies all of the findings required under Bell Gardens Municipal Code Section ("BGMC") 9.40.065; and Approving the Billboard Lease by and between the City of Bell Gardens and Outfront Media, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Billboard Lease on behalf of the City.

The motion carried 4-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Rodriguez
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 all items on the consent calendar.

The motion carried 4-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Members Aceituno, Flores; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Rodriguez
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 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 10, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018.

4. 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 09/11/18, 09/13/18, 09/18/18, 09/25/18, 09/27/18, and 10/02/18.

5. AUGUST 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 August 2018 Treasurer's Report.

6. BIENNIAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

California Government Code Section 87306.5 requires that local governments conduct a review of their Conflict of Interest Codes every two years. The City's Conflict of Interest Code determines which City officials and employee positions must file the Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interest Form 700.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council, by motion:

1. Receive and file the attached 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-53 repealing Resolution No. 2016-52, and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Bell Gardens City Council, the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission, and the Financing Authority Board.

7. CASINO REQUEST FOR POINT TRANSFER AND POINT HOLDER APPROVAL

The State of California has recently approved a new Bicycle Casino limited partner and a transfer of interest to this new partner from another partner's limited interest. Pursuant to Bell Gardens Municipal Code Section No. 5-25, the City Council must approve any such transactions and transfers.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2018-54 approving the transfer of Bicycle Casino Point Holder interest from Julie Coyne to Louis Wasson.

8. REPLACEMENT OF STENCIL TRAFFIC TRUCK

The current stencil traffic truck, which is used for various legend and curb painting duties, is over 22 years old and has mileage of 128,626 miles. Staff identified several vendors that sell these specialty trucks and received three bids for a 2019 Ford F450 Specialty Stencil Traffic Truck with custom rack, arrow board and safety lights. Staff identified Roadline Products, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder. The \$120,120.38 purchase price includes sales tax, license, registration and a 5-year or 60,000 mile power train warranty.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council, by motion authorize staff to purchase a new 2019 Ford F450 Specialty Stencil Traffic Truck from Roadline Products Inc., for \$120,120.38 to replace the existing stencil traffic truck.

9. **PURCHASE OF HOLIDAY TREE**

The Recreation and Community Services Department performed an informal bid process to purchase a 20' artificial holiday tree. Three bids were submitted and upon final review it was determined that Santa's Quarters was the lowest responsible bidder. The cost of the 20' artificial tree, including shipping, is \$14,099.00.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that City Council, by motion, approve the purchase of a 20' artificial holiday tree from Santa's Quarters in the amount of \$14,099.00 to be used as the official holiday tree for the City of Bell Gardens ("City") and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents reasonably necessary to purchase the tree.

10. **APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ("JPA") ADDENDUM TO THE FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT**

The City of Bell Gardens is a member city of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") which promotes and protects the common economic interests of its member cities. Under the Addendum to the Fourth Amendment, the member city of Gardena will be designated as a "Trade Member" and shall have the right to elect one of its council members to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the JPA.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-55 approving the Addendum to the Fourth Restated and Amended Agreement to reflect the addition of the City of Gardena as a member city.

DISCUSSION (Items No. 11-12)

11. **CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

City Council Members serve on various external boards and committees, representing the City of Bell Gardens. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Member of the Board of Trustees term expires on January 7, 2019 and action must be taken by the City to re-appoint or appoint a new trustee.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council reappoint or appoint a new member of the Board of Trustees to the Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a two (2) or four (4) year term of office, commencing January 7, 2019.

City Clerk Kristina Santana gave an oral report.

City Manager Phil Wagner clarified that if the City Council did not make an appointment at this time, the City may not be represented on this board due to the upcoming term expiration.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Flores, to reappoint Council Member Aceituno as member of the Board of Trustees to the Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a two (2) year term of office, commencing January 7, 2019.

The motion carried 4-0 with the following vote.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Rodriguez
ABSTAIN: None

12. 5 - YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

The City of Bell Gardens' Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan is a community planning and fiscal management tool used to identify the type, timing and financing of vital capital improvement projects over a five (5) year period. Since the last update to City Council in 2017, there are a number of projects that have been completed and the program has been updated to reflect community needs, priorities and funding sources.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council, by motion, receive and file the Five-Year CIP Status Update.

Director of Public Works Chau Vu gave a PowerPoint presentation.

City Manager Phil Wagner commented on the recent report he sent to Council highlighting the City's success in achieving over 30 million dollars in grant funding.

After some discussion by the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, to receive and file the Five-Year CIP Status Update.

The motion carried 4-0 with the following vote.

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

Armando Arriola commented on crime in the community, a burglary at his home, and a situation at Food 4 Less in which the staff refused to call an ambulance for an injured elderly man. He wished good luck for the candidates in the election.

Ruben Tun commented on drag racing on Florence Place between Emil Ave. and Garfield Ave. He asked for extra police presence in that area.

Rosario Luna complained about City Council candidates intimidating children at a recent dance performance at the Senior Center. She stated that the children's performance was interrupted by Council Member Rodriguez, and candidates Cortez and Flores.

Council Member Flores clarified that she is Priscilla Flores, not Lisseth Flores.

Victor Casas congratulated Ms. Pulido for setting the bar high, especially during political attacks. He commented on the teen court session he attended and he encouraged others to check it out.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Flores thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting. She thanked staff and colleagues and expressed her excitement for the new billboard. She commented on campaigning, she thanked the residents and commented on working with them and with the community to make a change. Lastly, she wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on safety concerns in front of Bell Gardens Intermediate and asked the Chief of Police for increased patrols. He commented on the difficult election season and expressed his gratitude for the support his team has received from the residents. He quoted Mayor Pulido and he encouraged everyone to stand up against hate, bullies and drugs. He thanked staff and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Pulido commented on staying positive amongst the negativity. She invited everyone to the City's Halloween event and wished everyone a good night.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pulido adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk