



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present: Council Member Aceituno; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido  
Absent: Council Members Flores (excused), Rodriguez

A motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, to excuse Council Member Flores's absence.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Iglesia Vida En Victoria 12th Anniversary**  
Mayor Pulido presented a certificate to Victor Solorzano congratulating Iglesia Vida En Victoria on their 12th anniversary in Bell Gardens.

**PUBLIC HEARING (Item No. 1)**

**1. MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT FEES**

Staff is recommending the adoption of a resolution that will establish a permit fee of \$450 for the approval of massage establishments in the City of Bell Gardens.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council open a public hearing, receive testimony and adopt the attached Resolution to establish a permit fee for the approval of massage establishments in the City of Bell Gardens.

City Planner Carmen Avalos gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pulido opened the public hearing and asked for public comments at 6:14 p.m.

After seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pulido closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Aceituno, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-10 to establish a permit fee for the approval of massage establishments in the City of Bell Gardens.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Member Aceituno; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Council Members Flores, 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. 2-11)**

Council Member Aceituno pulled items No. 7 and 8 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to approve Items No. 2-11, with the exception of Items No. 7 and 8 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

AYES: Council Member Aceituno; Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; Mayor Pulido  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Council Members Flores, 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'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 JANUARY 22, 2018 REGULAR CITY JOINT SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND COUNCIL MEETING**

January 22, 2018 – Regular Joint Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Joint Successor Agency and City Council Meeting of January 22, 2018.

**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, wire transfers and net payroll dated 12/21/17, 01/04/18, 01/08/18, 01/09/18 and 01/16/18.

**5. DECEMBER 2017 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 December 2017 Treasurer's Report.

**6. BICYCLE CASINO TRANSFER OF INTEREST TO TWO NEW LIMITED PARTNERS**

The State has recently approved two new Bicycle Casino limited partners and a transfer of interest to these new partners from another partner's limited interest.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2018-11, thereby approving transfer of interest.

**7. REPLACEMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE**

One of two Police Department motorcycles was involved in a traffic collision and sustained major collision damage that resulted in the unit being removed from service. The Police Department needs to replace the unit and wishes to purchase a new motorcycle from Long Beach BMW's demo fleet.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-12 waiving the formal bid process and approving a purchase order for the purchase of a demo motorcycle with emergency equipment from Long Beach BMW.

Council Member Aceituno asked if the City had received a reimbursement from the driver at fault.

City Manager Phil Wagner stated that the City would be reimbursed but has not received the funds yet.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to adopt Resolution No. 2018-12 waiving the formal bid process and approving a purchase order for the purchase of a demo motorcycle with emergency equipment from Long Beach BMW, and to give Council an update on the pending reimbursement.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

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

**8. VIRTUAL DATA SERVER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT NETWORK**

As part of its ongoing network infrastructure maintenance, the Police Department is working to create a virtual environment for its data. This project requires the purchase of a virtual server that will enable the Police Department to manage all of its data from one server.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-13 thereby authorizing the Police Department to continue its network infrastructure maintenance with the purchase and installation of a virtual server.

Council Member Aceituno asked for more information about why the Police Department is purchasing servers.

City Manager Phil Wagner stated that the first exhibit in the agenda report for this item was incorrect and the correct version of the exhibit was provided for the Council and for the public in attendance. He stated that the correct estimate amount was \$24,535.36.

Chief of Police Robert Barnes stated that this purchase is part of ongoing maintenance and will also create greater efficiency for the Department.

Council Member Aceituno further asked about funding for this item.

Chief of Police Robert Barnes confirmed that this item was budgeted in the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Aceituno, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13 thereby authorizing the Police Department to continue its network infrastructure maintenance with the purchase and installation of a virtual server.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

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

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY(OTS) STEP GRANT FUNDS**

The police department applied for and was awarded a traffic enforcement grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$95,000 for FY2017. The grant requires that the City Council formally accept these funds via Resolution.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-14 thereby accepting grant funds and authorizing the police department to begin expending these funds toward its Traffic Safety Program.

**10. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITYWIDE COMPLETE STREETS PLAN**

The City of Bell Gardens submitted a grant application to the FY 2017-2018 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program under the Sustainable Communities category for the development of the Citywide Complete Streets Plan. Once the grant was awarded, staff prepared a Request for Proposal that outlined the criteria of the plan. The plan would aid the City in providing pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists a convenient, efficient and safe way to travel by performing the necessary research and studies required to achieve the City's overall vision for a comprehensive transportation system. A total of 5 proposals were received and reviewed. Based on extensive experience in delivering services for similar planning projects, their experience working with the funding agency (Caltrans) and their detailed plan/approach for developing this Plan, staff recommends KOA Corporation for award.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion adopt Resolution No. 20018-15 awarding the contract in the amount of \$120,470 for Plan and Design Services to KOA Corporation for the Plan Development & Design Services for the City of Bell Gardens' Citywide Complete Streets Plan.

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF FORD PARK ARTIFICIAL TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

On July 24, 2017, the City awarded the construction contract for the Ford Park Artificial Turf Replacement Soccer Field No. 1 and 2 to SprinTurf, Inc. The scope of work consisted of replacing the existing artificial turf for the Ford Sports Park. The project also removed and replaced 162,200 square feet of synthetic artificial turf. The project also includes the construction of permeable aggregate base for Soccer Fields 1 and 2 and repairs to existing turf header boards. On January 9, 2018 the project was completed satisfactorily and the inspector conducted the final inspection.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion:

1. Accept the construction contract for the Ford Park Artificial Turf Replacement Project as complete, and
2. Authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion.

**DISCUSSION (Items No. 12-14)**

**12. 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 a brief introduction and asked for a motion to remove or appoint.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and seconded by Council Member Aceituno, to remove Nestor Carrera from the Recreation, Cultural and Youth Commission.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

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

**13. HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This discussion item details the process and results for the 2018 Homeless Count, and a summary of the Police Department's current homeless outreach program.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council receive and file the information provided that relates to the 2018 Homeless Count and the status of the Police Department's current Homeless Outreach Program.

Chief of Police Robert Barnes gave a PowerPoint presentation.

After discussion by Council, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Aceituno to receive and file.

The motion carried 3-0 with the following vote.

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

14. **STUDY SESSION - STORMWATER ACTIVITY UPDATE AND STUDY SESSION  
- PROPOSITION 1 GRANT AWARD FOR FORD PARK INFILTRATION  
CISTERN PROJECT**

The City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (GWMA) and six other cities working together to make a good faith effort to comply with waste discharge requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) dischargers within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles County covered by NPDES Permit No. CAS004001. A 2016 Feasibility Study results determined that the sizes of the 6 proposed regional projects could be reduced due to excellent infiltration rates saving considerable money and phased to package them for grant opportunities. The group developed a Proposition 1 application for two of its six regional projects, namely John Anson Ford Park (Bell Gardens) and Randolph Street Rail to Green Trail Infiltration Projects. The GWMA submitted the application to the State Water Board on July 8, 2016 on behalf of the LAR UR2 SW, receiving a grant award for the Ford Park Infiltration Project – Phase 1 in the amount of \$9,949,842 with a 10% match of \$1,105,538 for a total project cost of \$11,055,380. The purpose of the project is to capture trash, nutrients, heavy metals, bacteria, and reducing toxicity by installing storm water and dry weather flow diversion, pre-treatment, retention and infiltration facilities.

**Recommendation:**

It is staff recommendation that the City Council by motion receive and file this update and study session regarding stormwater activities and Prop 1 Grant Award for Ford Park Infiltration Cistern Project.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez Glasman announced that Council Member Aceituno recused himself from this item and left the Council Chamber. He noted that there was no longer a quorum and Mayor Pulido requested that this item be continued to the City Council Meeting of February 26, 2018.

Council Member Aceituno returned to the Council Chamber at 6:41 p.m.

**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 Aceituno wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza asked how much the City spends on removing graffiti per year and if there was a specific area of the City where graffiti is prevalent. City Manager Phil Wagner stated it costs approximately \$150,000 per year for two staff members and there was no specific area in the City where graffiti is prevalent. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza 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 6:44 p.m.



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Kristina Santana  
City Clerk