



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL**

Present: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Rodriguez asked to postpone the Presentation of Presentation by Del Records to the Bell Gardens Intermediate Dance Team to a later time during the meeting.

- Presentation of the 2015 Student City Councilmembers for Student Government Day
- Proclamation declaring April 12-18 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- Proclamation declaring March as DMV/Donate Life California Month

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

**1. A ORDINANCE 865: ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AS AMENDED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS IN BELL GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE**

The California Building Standards Code is comprised of various construction codes which are amended on a three-year cycle (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations) (the "Codes"). The Codes are approved and published under the direction of the California Building Standards Commission (the "Commission"). The Codes are intended to provide for the safety and welfare of Californians through the implementation of the latest technology, materials, engineering, and construction methods. The State of California ("State") mandates that local jurisdictions adopt and commence enforcement of the updated Codes every three years. Government Code Sections 50022.2 and 50022.9 provide for adoption of California and County codes by reference. In 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance 838 adopting by reference the Codes as amended by the County with local amendments for administrative enforcement and more stringent requirements. The Bell Gardens Municipal Code ("BGMC") needs to be amended to adopt by reference the 2013 updates and additions to the Codes, as amended by the County. City Staff also recommends adding a new section to the BGMC by adopting the California Energy Code by reference. In addition, state law allows local jurisdictions to amend the Codes in accordance with the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 18941.5(b), where necessary in order to address adverse local conditions related to climate, geology, and/or topography. Also, the City's previous adoptions of the Codes contained local amendments with respect to administrative enforcement. There is a need to keep the existing administrative standards amendments and modify or add certain administrative standards, in order to effectively regulate and enforce building and

construction as provided in the 2013 Codes. City Staff recommends that the City Council make the following finding in support of the administrative standards additions and amendments to the 2013 Codes and adopt the administrative standards. These amendments are necessary for administrative clarification, and do not modify a Building Standard pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7. These amendments establish administrative standards for the effective enforcement of building standards throughout the City. If no action is taken by the City Council, the California Codes became effective January 1, 2014, as published by the State. However, by adopting the Codes as amended by the County of Los Angeles, the Codes better accommodate local conditions. The City Council can further amend the codes to include administrative standards and local amendments needed to effectively regulate and enforce building and construction as provided in the 2013 Codes. **Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Open and conduct a public hearing; and
2. Adopt and waive second reading of Ordinance 865, amending Title 6 and Title 16 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2013 California Building Standards Codes, as amended by the County of Los Angeles, and certain specified appendices thereof, including the 2013 California Building Code, the 2013 California Mechanical Code, the 2013 California Plumbing Code, the 2013 California Residential Code, the 2013 California Electrical Code, the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, the 2013 California Fire Code, and the 2013 California Energy Code.

City Manager Wagner gave a brief presentation on Public Hearing Item No. 1.

Director of Community Development Abel Avalos made the presentation on Public Hearing Item No. 1.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comments.

After seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Rodriguez closed the public comments portion of the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rodriguez asked for Council comments.

No Council comments were made.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Flores to open and conduct a public hearing and adopt and waive second reading of Ordinance 865, amending Title 6 and Title 16 of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2013 California Building Standards Codes, as amended by the County of Los Angeles, and certain specified appendices thereof, including the 2013 California Building Code, the 2013 California Mechanical Code, the 2013 California Plumbing Code, the 2013 California Residential Code, the 2013 California Electrical Code, the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, the 2013 California Fire Code, and the 2013 California Energy Code. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item No.'s 2 – 8)**

**2. GENERAL MOTION TO READ ALL ORDINANCES BY TITLE ONLY**

In order to expedite the conduct of business at 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to read all Ordinances by title only and waive the full reading. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**3. MINUTES**

March 23, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of March 23, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings of March 23, 2015. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**4. WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS**

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the following transactions:

Warrant register	03/10/15	Check #s	152935 – 153045 &		
Wire transfers	03/05/15	Wire #s	1034-1035	\$ 538,223.46	
Payroll transfer	03/05/15		Net payroll	<u>\$ 368,361.79</u>	\$ 906,585.25
Warrant register	03/17/15	Check #s	153046 - 153062		\$ 48,895.58
Warrant register	03/24/15	Check #s	153063 – 153160		
Wire transfers	03/19/15	Wire #s	*1037-1039	<u>\$ 635,587.66*</u>	
Payroll transfer	03/19/15		Net payroll	<u>\$ 379,957.94</u>	\$ 1,015,545.60
<b>Total =</b>					<b><u>\$ 1,971,026.43</u></b>

\*Wire #1036 was inadvertently not used and Wire #1037 for \$699.30 was wired on 3/12/15.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to receive and file all Warrant Registers and Wire Transfers. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

5. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive, approve, and file the February 2015 Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to receive, approve, and file the February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

6. **REJECTION OF CLAIMS**

The City directed the original claim filed by Amparo Cortez to Carl Warren & Company and following an investigation by the City's claim management company, this claim has been prepared for rejection.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council reject the claim filed by Amparo Cortez. In accordance with the standard operating procedures, this claim has been prepared for rejection following a recommendation provided by the City's claims management company, Carl Warren & Company, and in a manner that allows this claimant, subject to certain exceptions, up to six months to file a court action on their claim.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to reject the claim filed by Amparo Cortez. In accordance with standard operating procedures, this claim has been prepared for rejection following a recommendation provided by the City's claims management company, Carl Warren & Company, and in a manner that allows this claimant, subject to certain exceptions, up to six months to file a court action on her claim. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

7. **PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMPUTERS FOR USE IN POLICE PATROL VEHICLES**

On January 12, 2015, the City Council approved the installation of electronic and emergency equipment for our newly purchased Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles for use by patrol (Resolution No. 2015-03). As stated in that resolution, it was our desire to use the company that installed and supports our current mobile computer laptops ("L3 Communications"). However, since passage of that resolution, concerns have arisen about the long-term viability of that product. The existing mobile computers have been scheduled for replacement given that they have been in service for over 5 years;

therefore, instead of purchasing additional mobile computers of this type from L-3 Communications, staff found a less expensive and more operationally efficient alternative. Staff researched other mobile computers to find a cost-effective, more reliable product that would better suit the needs of field officers. Staff met with several law enforcement agency administrators, attended a statewide trade show and met with numerous computer vendors that provide mobile computing solutions to law enforcement. Staff determined that the Getac F110 Rugged Tablet met our specifications, which included built in Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to support the newly mandated dual authentication process as required by the Federal Government. The Getac F110 Tablet is the only mobile computer currently manufactured that comes with this built in technology. In addition to being less expensive than the traditional laptop computer, the Getac F110 takes up significantly less space when mounted in the patrol vehicle. Officers can easily remove and carry the Tablet into the field and use them to document evidence and photograph crime scenes. The Tablet solution provides greater flexibility for various other field operations to include use with our newly implemented Incident Management Software, and communication software that allows users to quickly send crime alerts or press statements via our social media websites. The Police Department then solicited quotes from local distributors for these tablets as well as the mounting system, electrical system, and warranty service. Three quotes were obtained and are listed as follows:

COMPANY	COST FOR THREE VEHICLES
DuraTech USA, Inc.	\$13,868.87
PC Connection (before tax)	\$14,282.85
CDW (before tax)	\$14,555.76

DuraTech USA at \$13,868.87 was the lowest informal bidder. This is a savings of approximately \$7,000 over our previous plan to install L3 Communications laptop computers. Installation of the Tablets will be completed by Black & White Emergency Vehicles who handled installation of the other communications and emergency equipment. Installation costs for this equipment was included in the original quote by Black & White Emergency Vehicles.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2015-28, authorizing the purchase of mobile computing hardware from Duratech Isa, Inc. for use by the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 7 for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno noted that two of the three bids did not include taxes in the cost for the three vehicles. He asked the City Manager and Chief of Police if the bid from DuraTech USA, Inc. included tax.

City Manager Wagner explained that the bid from DuraTech USA, Inc. did not include tax in their cost for the three vehicles however, staff believes that the Dura Tech USA, Inc. bid will still be lower than PC Connection and CDW before or after tax.

Per Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno's request, City Manager Wagner also explained that these computers have the latest federally mandated technology, which includes built-in Radio Frequency Identification. DuraTech's bid includes this technology while the others do not. An accessory would need to be added and the bids from PC Connection and CDW would be higher.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 2015-28, authorizing the purchase of mobile computing hardware from Duratech Isa, Inc. for use by the Police Department. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**8. LOCAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS LIST**

The local appointments list includes the Bell Gardens Commissions and Commissioners. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 825 on July 13, 2009 which consolidated the existing City Commissions and established minimum requirements for service. It should be noted that all Commission Members must reside within the City of Bell Gardens and may only serve on one Commission at a time. Once appointed, each Commissioner must adhere to the requirements of the City's Conflict of Interest Code and state-mandated AB 1234 ethics training. Ordinance 825 allows each Council Member to nominate one (1) candidate per Commission, subject to the approval of the Council majority. The appointed Commission Member will serve a term that coincides with the term of the Council Member who made the original nomination. Once appointments are made, the City Council will recognize all outgoing and incoming Commissioners. The new members will receive their Oath of Office and will begin service with their respective Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting. The City Clerk's Office will arrange for the proper filing of Conflict of Interest Code paperwork and schedule AB 1234 ethics training.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the local commissions appointments list.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno to receive and file the local commissions appointments list. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PRESENTATION**

- Presentation by Del Records to the Bell Gardens Intermediate Dance Team

**DISCUSSION (ITEM NO. 9)**

**9. AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS VIDEO MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

In January 2014, staff from the Police Department and Recreation Department met to discuss crime and vandalism issues occurring at Ford Park and Veterans Park. Ford Park had been experiencing vandalism of property in the restrooms, theft of property from a storage facility, homeless individuals living in tents in the east portion of the park, and occasional disturbances at the soccer and softballs fields. Veterans Park had experienced similar vandalism issues as well as numerous complaints about alcohol and marijuana usage. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to improve video monitoring and surveillance at both locations in an effort to deter these activities and improve each department's ability to respond to future incidents. Following that meeting,

the Recreation Department prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to add a small scale system of video monitoring and surveillance cameras to Veterans Park, and upgrade the existing camera system at Ford Park. This RFP was published on March 20, 2014 and completed on April 10, 2014. As a result of this formal bid process, Hunter Security was the only vendor to submit a bid. Staff from both the Police Department and Recreation Department met with Hunter Security to discuss their proposal. Staff concluded that the proposal was not sufficient and chose to conduct a second formal bid process. Staff held several more meetings over the next few months to discuss how best to facilitate this project. Staff determined that any new system to be built must be a unified IP-based wireless system that any City department could access. The decision was made to expand the project to cover all portions of both parks, the exterior of the City Hall Building, and exterior of the Police Department building. One of the main challenges to expansion of the project is the fact that three of the four locations currently have a camera system; however, they each operate under a stand-alone video management system. Each of these camera systems have cameras that are non-operational and/or have poor video quality. Furthermore, the hardware is at least 20 years old and the technology is obsolete. For the purpose of creating a unified video monitoring and surveillance system that provides the ability to expand the system, record, detect motion, and provide analytics, extensive research was conducted on the various elements that make up a system of this kind. Staff then completed a second RFP that was published on 12/11/2014. CelPlan submitted a thorough bid that addressed everything requested in the RFP at a cost of \$464,000. The vendor was asked to provide staff with a revised proposal that reduced cost without sacrificing coverage in key areas of each park and City buildings. CelPlan returned with a revised proposal that removed two nodes and 19 cameras mostly eliminating redundant monitoring, at a cost of \$369,853.67. This revised proposal maintained appropriate coverage at significant savings. The term of the proposed agreement is for three (3) years commencing on the installation and City's acceptance of the system. The initial \$369,853.67 amount pays for the design, installation, purchase of all equipment, training, on-going maintenance and warranty of the system during year 1. After year 1, the annual cost to the City will be \$30,331.54 per year in years 2 and 3 of the agreement, which covers the cost of on-going maintenance and system warranty. The proposed agreement provides for no Consumer Price Index ("CPI") increase unless the CPI change exceeds 3.5%. A change in the CPI of less than 3.5% shall not increase the cost in years 2 and 3. If the CPI change is greater than 3.5%, then the increase shall be capped at the CPI adjustment. Staff then completed a reference check of three random references provided by CelPlan. Staff contacted representatives from Los Angeles Police Department, Huntington Beach Police Department, and Richmond, VA Police Department. Each reference spoke highly of the company's work performance, technical expertise, and customer service, and continues to work them on expansion of their existing systems.

**Recommendation:** It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2015-29, approving an agreement with Celplan Technologies, Inc. for the design, purchase, installation, maintenance, and warranty of a wireless video monitoring and surveillance system.

City Manager Wagner gave an introduction on Discussion Item No. 9 and commended the staff for the addressing problems of vandalism at the parks and city facilities and obtaining the Homeland Security Grant and the use of Asset Forfeiture funds to fund this project.

Chief Barnes gave the PowerPoint presentation on Discussion Item No. 9.

Councilmember Mendoza inquired about funding sources after the three-year agreement.

Chief Barnes explained that the only funding that would be required would be for maintenance and a maintenance agreement would need City Council approval.

Councilmember Flores inquired about life cycle of the camera system technology.

Chief Barnes referred the question to Jasper Bruinzeel from CelPlan Technologies, Inc. Mr. Bruinzeel explained that the proposed maintenance plan is all inclusive and adjustments and replacements of components are made as needed to maintain present day technology.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno inquired how long the company has been in existence.

Mr. Bruinzeel stated that that team came together in 1992, the company was formally incorporated in 1995, it created this system integration group around citywide surveillance systems in around 2004 or 2005, and acquired its first large citywide contract in 2006 with the City of Long Beach. Its current local accounts include LAPD, San Bernardino, Culver City, and Huntington Beach.

Councilmember Mendoza inquired how the camera placement was determined.

Mr. Bruinzeel stated that the Police Department provided maps in the RFP in addition to taking the vendors interested in the project to the different locations. Issues and concerns were discussed to develop the design for the proposed camera coverage, focusing the camera angles on the priorities.

Councilmember Mendoza asked for an example of a priority.

Chief Barnes explained that the priorities were crime issues the Police Department has been addressing, such as the thefts at the park, the break-ins at the golf course snack bar, break-ins at the storage lots at Ford and Veterans Parks, the vandalism issues in the bathrooms in all the parks, as well as the smoking and alcohol use at Veterans Park. Analytically, the Police Department would want access to the software program to the golf course and two storage yards at the parks to analyze the video footage if thefts occur.

Mayor Rodriguez stated that the Veterans Park basketball court, Skate Park, former handball court, and activities by elderly men have been areas of concern and inquired about the specific areas at Veterans Park where the cameras will be placed.

Chief Barnes showed the map from the PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno inquired about the existing cameras at Veterans Park and if any of the current camera equipment located citywide is salvageable.

Chief Barnes explained that all existing cameras will be removed and replaced so that all the cameras will be on the same system. He believes some of the current equipment is salvageable and it might be possible to go to auction, however that will be looked into after the installation of the new system.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno asked about the replacement of vandalized cameras.

Chief Barnes stated that the cameras will not be exposed, as these will be protected by a casing. Mr. Bruinzeel added that based on his company's experience, the chances of vandalism are very low due to the high placement of the cameras, making them difficult to reach and the tamper resistance enclosures the cameras are in.



Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno requested that staff include extra funds in the maintenance budget in case of potential vandalism for unforeseen costs. He also inquired if the project will be paid out of the operating budget.

Chief Barnes explained that initially the funds will be taken from the Police Department's information technology budget, however additional Asset Forfeiture funds are expected to come in. In addition, the department recently received notice that the County would be releasing additional funds from the 2013 Homeland Security Grant. The Police Department requested that the entire project be paid out of this grant. The Chief believes the City will receive most of the funds and less will be used from Asset Forfeiture.

Councilmember Mendoza asked if the company provides training.

Mr. Bruinzeel advised that part of the proposal includes training to staff that will be operating the system in addition to the technical support included in the maintenance agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flores and seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 2015-29, approving an agreement with Celplan Technologies, Inc. for the design, purchase, installation, maintenance, and warranty of a wireless video monitoring and surveillance system. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

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

Juliano A. Jarquin representing Aztlan Athletics extended an invitation to an educational forum taking place in City of South Gate on AB 60 Driver's Licenses for the immigrant population in May or June. He also invited the City Council to an event on April 25 at Elysian Park to support the LA Mission.


**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Flores thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed enthusiasm for the new camera system to ensure the safety of the community.

Councilmember Mendoza thanked Del Records for the donation and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno invited the audience to the Sanitation District's free Earth Day event on Saturday, April 28 from 10am-2pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
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Evangelina Hernandez  
Acting City Clerk