



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016, 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 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Aceituno, Rodriguez
Absent: 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. 1 – 9)

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno pulled Item #7 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Flores to approve Items No. 1-6 and 8-9 on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

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

1. GENERAL MOTION TO READ ALL ORDINANCES BY TITLE ONLY

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

January 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2016.

3. RECEIVE AND FILE THE LOCAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT 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.

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

4. WARRANT REGISTERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS

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

Warrant register	01/12/16	Check #s	156300 - 156356		
Wire transfers	01/07/16	Wire #s	1082 - 1083	\$ 408,697.26	
Payroll transfer	01/07/16		Net payroll	<u>\$ 369,692.55</u>	<u>\$ 778,389.81</u>
Warrant register	01/19/16	Check #s	156357 - 156417		<u>\$ 179,496.96</u>
Total =				<u>\$ 957,886.77</u>	

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.

5. REJECTION OF CLAIM

The City directed the original claim to Carl Warren & Company. Following an investigation by the City's claims management administrator, these claims are being presented for rejection.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council reject the claim filed by Tatiana Martinez. The claim is being presented for rejection following a recommendation by the City's claims management administrator, Carl Warren & Company, and in a manner that allows the claimant, subject to certain exceptions, up to six months to file a court action on the claim.

6. DECEMBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for Cash and Investments for the month of December 2015 is attached.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive, approve, and file the December 2015 Treasurer's Report.

7. AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV FOR ONLINE EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT SERVICES

Currently, Human Resources Staff conduct all recruitments from start to finish using a cumbersome, manual process. This outdated process includes manually logging applications to providing notifications to applicants. In addition, all advertising has to be done through different avenues in order to gain an adequate amount of qualified applicants. City staff reached out to NEOGOV who is the leading provider of workforce

management solutions specifically designed for the public sector. NEOGOV partners with over 1,350 cities, counties, states, educational institutions and other entities. They offer recruitment services that range from processing personnel requisitions and applicant tracking to certifying eligibility lists. In addition, a subscription with NEOGOV will include access to advertise on governmentjobs.com, a very popular site for government jobs, and it will allow applicants to submit their applications directly online. Overall, NEOGOV will streamline the entire recruitment process allowing the City to increase efficiency by reducing time and money spent conducting recruitments while increasing applicant pools. Neogov moves us past labor-intensive HR practices and modernizes our processes. NEOGOV is recommended for its ability to provide faster hiring, reduce workload, increase efficiency, expand candidate pools, and improve candidate quality. By consolidating all applicant information into one system, and integrating email and postal communication into one easily customizable interface, the service will streamline communication between recruiters, hiring authorities, managers, and applicants.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, approving an agreement with NEOGOV for the purchase and provision of online employee recruitment and applicant tracking services.

Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno pulled this item from the Consent Calendar and asked why a Request for Proposals was not issued.

Finance Director Will Kaholokula stated that Neogov is the only provider of this kind of service in the state of California and in this case the City's purchasing policy allows for use of sole source vendors.

Council Member Mendoza asked what recruitment process the City currently uses.

City Manager Phil Wagner stated that the current process is a manual, paper driven and time consuming process.

A motion was made by Council Member Flores and seconded by Mayor Rodriguez, to approve adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, approving an agreement with NEOGOV for the purchase and provision of online employee recruitment and applicant tracking services. The motion carried 4-1 with the following vote.

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

8. **APPROVAL OF NEW CARD GAME AT BICYCLE CASINO: "21ST CENTURY FREE BET BLACK JACK"**

The Bicycle Casino Management has requested that the City approve the addition of a card game called "21st Century Free Bet Blackjack." The Bell Gardens Police Department and the State of California Division of Gambling Control have reviewed the modifications requested and its existing rules. This card game is not specifically banned under § 330 of the Penal Code. In addition, the California Division of Gambling Control has already approved the game for play at other California card clubs. Pursuant to *Bell Gardens Municipal Code Section No. 5.25*, the Bicycle Casino has requested that the City Council approve the addition of the listed game. This game has been reviewed by the State of California Division of Gambling Control and found to be lawful and permitted.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2016-07, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL

GARDENS APPROVING THE PLAYING OF A NEW GAME AT THE BICYCLE CASINO ENTITLED, 21st CENTURY FREE BET BLACKJACK.”

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT PROGRAMS**

CalRecycle, officially known as the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, administers the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. Beverage containers covered under the act are subject to California Redemption Value (CRV), which is 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces, 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or larger. Thanks to the CRV cash incentive, more than 300 billion aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers have been recycled since the program began in 1987. The program is funded through redemption payments made to CalRecycle by beverage distributors on each beverage container sold in the state. Public Resources Code, Division 12.1, Chapter 7, Section 14581(a)(4) authorizes CalRecycle to issue up to \$1,500,000 annually in the form of grants for beverage container recycling programs. The availability of grant funding for communities will provide opportunities for CalRecycle to address recycling challenges, aid in increasing beverage container collection, and reduce beverage container litter in the waste stream. Eligible applicants for this grant program include California cities, counties, other local government entities, joint powers authorities, special districts, public colleges and universities, public K-12 school districts, nonprofit organizations and qualifying Indian tribes. CalRecycle has established various payment programs to make payments to qualifying jurisdictions and is required to establish procedures governing the administration of the payment programs. CalRecycle's governing procedures require among other things, that all local agencies submit an adopted Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, to submit applications to CalRecycle for any and all payment programs offered and is authorized as signing authority for the execution of all documents necessary to implement and secure payment.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council by motion adopt Resolution No. 2016-08, authorizing the submittal of applications for payment programs and related authorizations for the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program.

DISCUSSION (Item No. 10)

10. **APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT FOR THE SAFE DRINKING WATER DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM**

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Safe Drinking Water Disadvantaged Communities Pilot Program assists small systems in the service area with technical assistance to apply for state funding through the State Water Resources Control Board's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and sources through the Proposition 1 Water Bond. These funding sources have a special set aside for disadvantaged communities. The application will be for a planning grant, which will prepare shovel-ready projects. The proposed project is the upgrade of the well pump with motor and installation of a new 2.0 MG (million-gallon) reservoir and pump station. The project is estimated to cost \$2.1Million for design and construction. The City of Bell Gardens qualifies for the Proposition 1 funding set-aside for disadvantaged communities because the city's median household income is \$38,272. Because of the City of Bell Gardens' economic status, it is possible that the state will give the city a "principal forgiveness loan" which does not have to be paid back. The City will have the option to reject the loan if forgiveness is not offered. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) will supply technical consultants, including an engineering firm, and a firm which specializes in funding for disadvantaged communities to draft and submit the application.

Under the MOU, WRD is eligible to be reimbursed for its costs to prepare the application, which includes the technical consultants as well as environmental consultants only if the City of Bell Gardens is successful in obtaining funding from the State Board. The WRD has been successful in working with 7 other cities as part of this Safe Drinking Water Disadvantaged Communities Pilot Program.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to participate in the Safe Drinking Water Disadvantaged Communities Pilot Program.

City Manager Phil Wagner introduced Director of Public Works Chau Vu, who gave a presentation.

City Manager Phil Wagner clarified that the motion for Council's consideration was not for a specific project but instead for a planning grant.

Council Member Mendoza asked what cities the Water Replenishment District was working with.

Water Replenishment District engineer Charlene King stated that they were working with Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Bell Gardens, Compton and LA County Water District.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno and seconded by Council Member Flores, authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to participate in the Safe Drinking Water Disadvantaged Communities Pilot Program. The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote.

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
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No comments.


CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Flores thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting and gave a special thanks to the Water Replenishment District.

Council Member Mendoza congratulated staff for the great grand opening of Marlow Park.

Council Member Pulido thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting and congratulated staff on a great job at the grand opening of Marlow Park.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk

