



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016, 5:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

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

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Priscilla Flores, Council Member
Maria Pulido, Council Member
Jennifer Rodriguez, Council Member
Jose J. Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem
Pedro Aceituno, Mayor

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

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CLOSED SESSION:

- (1) Conference with Labor Negotiators**
Government Code Section 54957.6
City Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Employee Organizations:
Bell Gardens Police Officers Association
Bell Gardens Police Management Association

- (2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One (1) Matter



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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CLOSED SESSION REPORT

PRESENTATION

- **Congressional Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Recognition**

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1 – 5)

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the City Council request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Items called for separate discussion will be heard as the next order of business.

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**

October 10, 2016– Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: It is staff’s recommendation that the City Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting of October 10, 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	09/27/16	Check #s	159262 – 159334		<u>\$ 134,010.27</u>
Warrant register	09/27/16	Check #s	159335		<u>\$ 1,948.26</u>
Warrant register	10/04/16	Check #s	159336 – 159409		
Wire transfer	09/29/16	Wire #s	1122 – 1123	\$ 746,030.62	
Payroll transfer	09/29/16		Net payroll	<u>\$ 431,331.11</u>	<u>\$ 1,177,361.73</u>
Total =					<u>\$ 1,313,320.26</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 Mario Ibarra Aleman. 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.

DISCUSSION (Item No. 6)

6. CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 415 "VOTER PARTICIPATION" AND DIRECTION REGARDING TIMING OF TRANSITIONING TO A STATEWIDE ELECTION DATE

On September 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 415 (SB 415) "Voter Participation" which prohibits local governments, beginning January 1, 2018, from holding an election on any date other than on a statewide election date if doing so has resulted in voter turnout being at least 25% below the average turnout in that jurisdiction in the previous four statewide general elections. The public policy behind SB 415 was to address waning civic engagement in politics as illustrated by declining voter turnout in federal, state, and municipal elections. The proposed synchronization plan would move the November 2017 City election to November 2018 and move the November 2019 City election to November 2020. Upon the City Council providing this direction, staff will return to a future City Council meeting with the appropriate ordinance to effectuate the synchronization of the City's general municipal elections with the even-year statewide election dates. The fiscal impacts associated with this item are unknown at this time. Election costs vary based on the number of agencies consolidating in a particular election, number of candidates, number of polling sites, etc.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to begin synchronization of the City's general municipal elections with statewide election dates in November of even numbered years, beginning with the statewide election date of November 2018 and fully synchronized by November 2020, in accordance with California Senate Bill 415.

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

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT