



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024, 6:00 PM
AGENDA

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7100 GARFIELD AVENUE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: For Regular Meetings, the public may address the City Council / Agency Members on any item listed on the Regular Meeting Agenda and matters which are not listed on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council / Successor Agency. Public comments for non-agenda items will be limited to a total of 30 minutes. For Special Meetings, the public may only speak on items listed on the agenda. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person for each designated public comment period(s). Public comments can be made by any of the following ways:

IN-PERSON: Members of the public can provide in-person comments at the podium in the Council Chamber. The Council Chambers will have seating available for members of the public to attend the meeting in person, subject to capacity limits. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes for each designated public comment period(s) per speaker, unless a different time is announced by the presiding chair. Speakers who wish to address the City Council / Agency Members should do so by submitting a "Public Comment Card" prior to the meeting.

BY TELEPHONE: Phone Number: [\(669\)900-9128](tel:(669)900-9128) Webinar ID: [813 3236 4343#](#) Passcode: [2021#](#)
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members of the City Council / Agency Members prior to consideration of the agenda, please submit comments no later than one (1) hour prior to the meeting. Those comments, as well as any comments received after, will be distributed to the members of the City Council / Successor Agency and will be part of the official public record of this meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Public participation will be separately called for the public to provide comments at the time of each public hearing item. Speakers who wish to provide a comment should do so by submitting a "Public Comment Card" to the staff liaison, clerk, prior to the designated public comment period.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jorgel Chavez, Council Member / Agency Member
Vacant, Council Member / Agency Member
Francis De Leon Sanchez, Council Member / Agency Member
Marco Barcena, Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair
Gabriela Gomez, Mayor / Chair

PRESENTATIONS

- **NATIONAL CODE ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

PUBLIC HEARING (Item No. 1)

1. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 951 AMENDING TITLE 9 (ZONING AND PLANNING REGULATIONS) BELL GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS

Ordinance No. 951 would regulate certain electronic display signs, providing location restrictions, light pollution control, content guidelines, maintenance requirements, and safety mechanisms, among other things, balancing the benefits of modern advertising technologies and the local economy.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council waive full reading and introduce Ordinance No. 951, by title only amending Title 9 (Zoning and Planning) of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code by adding regulations for certain electronic display signs.

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

During this time, the members of the public may address the City Council / Successor Agency regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council / Successor Agency. Public comments

are limited to 3 minutes per person subject to an overall 30-minute period for non-agenda items. Government Code Section 54590 prohibits the City Council / Successor Agency from taking action or engaging in discussion on a specific item unless it appears on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

During this time, the members of the public may address the City Council / Agency Members regarding any items listed on the agenda. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 - 9)

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 / Successor Agency 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.

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. APPROVAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, CITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY JOINT MEETING

Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024 City/Successor Agency Joint Meeting.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024 City/Successor Agency Joint Meeting.

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's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the warrant registers, wire transfers, and net payrolls dated 09/16/2024, 09/17/2024, 09/18/2024, 09/19/2024 and 09/24/2024.

5. REJECTION OF CLAIM

A claim was filed with the City by Tonatiuh Lago. Staff directed the claims to the City's general liability claims administrator Carl Warren & Company for processing, review, and investigation. Following its investigation, Carl Warren & Company determined that the City was not responsible for the claim and determination.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council reject the claims filed by Tonatiuh Lagos. The claims are being presented for rejection in a manner that allows the claimant, subject to certain exceptions, up to six months to file a court action on the claim.

6. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 950 ADDING STREAMLINED PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 950, amending Title 6 (Buildings and Construction) of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code to establish permit streamlining procedures for electric vehicle charging stations in compliance with state requirements.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 950 to add Chapter 6.35 to Title 6 (Buildings and Construction) of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code to establish permit streamlining procedures for electric vehicle charging stations in compliance with state requirements.

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS AND DAPEER ROSENBLIT LITVAK, LLP FOR MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATION PROSECUTION SERVICES

A resolution to approve a professional services agreement for municipal code violation prosecution services.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Determine the action exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3); and
2. Adopt the attached Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Dapeer Rosenblit Litvak, LLP for municipal code violation prosecution services.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) STEP GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER PT25139

The City of Bell Gardens was awarded a traffic enforcement grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$178,000 for FY 2024-25. The grant requires that the City Council formally accept these funds by entering into a Grant Agreement and adopting the attached Resolution.

Recommendation:

It is staff recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving Grant Agreement Number PT25139 with the State of California - Office of Traffic Safety, thereby accepting grant funds and authorizing the Police Department to begin expending these funds toward its Traffic Safety Program.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GREENTECH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, INC. TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR SIX ADDITIONAL MONTHS

Consideration of a Resolution approving a Third Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with Greentech Landscape, Inc. to extend the term through March 28, 2025.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment with Greentech Landscape, Inc.

DISCUSSION (Item Nos. 10 - 13)

10. 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 working days after the posting of the vacancy notice.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council review the Commissions Appointments List and by motion, remove commissioners and/or make appointments to the posted vacancies.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Consideration of a Resolution approving the City of Bell Gardens Municipal Water System Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving the City of Bell Gardens Municipal Water System Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

12. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE G FOR A MORE ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND REPRESENTATIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Measure G proposes significant reforms to Los Angeles County's governance, including the creation of an elected County Executive, an independent Ethics Commission, and expanding the Board of Supervisors from five to nine members. The measure aims to improve representation and accountability using existing funding.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution supporting the Los Angeles County Government Structure, Ethics And Accountability Charter Amendment, Measure G; or
2. Receive and file.

13. REPORT OF RESPONSIVE ACTION UPDATE ON MOBILEHOME PARK COMPLAINT

Update on actions taken in response to mobilehome park complaint.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file this report.

CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Daisy Gomez, City Clerk

Agenda posted on October 10, 2024.