



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 6:00 PM
AGENDA

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

The meeting will be held at Bell Gardens City Hall in the Council Chambers. The public may attend the meeting in-person or virtually as instructed below. You may view the meeting live on the City's website at <https://www.bellgardens.org/i-want-to/watch-city-council-meetings>.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The members of the public may address the City Council / Agency Members on any item listed on the agenda or on matters which are not listed on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council / Successor Agency. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person for each designated public comment period(s). Public comments for non-agenda items will be limited to a total of 30 minutes. 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" card by 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session items and by 6:00 p.m. for all other designated public comment periods as listed.

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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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- **PROCLAMATION IN HONOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - NATIONAL LATINO/A PHYSICIAN DAY**
- **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

PUBLIC HEARING (Item No. 1)

1. ORDINANCE NO. 938, EXCEPTIONS TO REQUIRED PARKING

Consideration of an ordinance to accommodate alternative parking types, expand allowable parking exceptions related to parking requirements, and implement Bell Gardens General Plan policies and programs to facilitate housing production.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Conduct a duly noticed public hearing;
2. Waive full reading and introduce Ordinance No. 938 (Exhibit 1) by title only, amending Title 9 (Zoning and Planning Regulations) of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code ("BGMC") to comply with required state legislation and Bell Gardens General Plan; and
3. Find the proposed ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061.

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 - 12)

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 AUGUST 28, 2023 CLOSED SESSION AND CITY / SUCCESSOR AGENCY JOINT MEETINGS

Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Closed Session and City/Successor Agency Joint Meetings.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Closed Session and City/Successor Agency Joint Meeting.

4. WARRANT REGISTER SUCCESSOR AGENCY

In approving the action of receiving and filing the warrant registers, the official minutes of the Successor Agency should state that each individual member of the Successor Agency 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 Successor Agency Member, or pays for any costs or expenses, or otherwise benefits the same named Successor Agency Member. Each Successor Agency Member will not be participating, influencing or voting on any such warrant bearing their name or which benefits the same named Successor Agency 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 Successor Agency Members receive and file the warrant

register dated 08/22/23.

5. 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 03/13/23, 08/10/23, 08/15/23, and 08/22/23.

6. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM FOR YEAR 3 (2023) ALLOCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM DURING FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024

Resolution approving and authorizing a reimbursement agreement with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) for the City's continued participation in the Los Angeles County Development Authority Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program. Which will be used to create a new rental assistance program for Bell Gardens residents.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution, approving and authorizing a reimbursement agreement with the Los Angeles County Development Authority for the City's participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program for Year 3 (2023) Allocation to implement the program during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024; and
2. Rescind Resolution No. 2023-60.

7. 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 \$100,000.00 for FY 2023-24. 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 No. PT24013 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.

8. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE VETERANS PARK CITY YARD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS (C.I.P. NO. 3880)

The plans and specifications for the Veterans Park City Yard Stormwater Improvements have been

prepared. Approval of this item will allow the City to advertise the project for bids.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council by motion:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the Veterans Park City Yard Stormwater Improvements; and
2. Authorize staff to solicit competitive bids and publish the Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (NIB); and
3. Appropriate \$567,193 of Measure W funds to complete this project; and
4. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301(c).

9. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE SLURRY SEAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - ZONE 4 (C.I.P. NO. 3921)

The plans and specifications for the Slurry Seal Improvements - Zone 4 have been prepared. Approval of this item will allow the City to advertise the project for bids.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council by motion:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the Slurry Seal Improvements - Zone 4; and
2. Authorize staff to solicit competitive bids and publish the Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (NIB); and
3. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301(c).

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE VARIOUS ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (C.I.P. NO. 3930)

Consideration of award of a Construction Contract to Singh Group Inc. dba Baja Pacific for the reconstruction of six alley segments within the City.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Award a Construction Contract to Singh Group Inc. dba Baja Pacific in the amount of \$657,146 for the Various Alley Improvements (C.I.P. No. 3930); and
2. Authorize staff to execute the agreement and approve change orders that may be necessary during construction to cover any unforeseen condition in an amount not to exceed 10% of the construction contract.

11. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ON-CALL GRANT WRITING, GRANT ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, LABOR COMPLIANCE, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES

Consideration of a Resolution to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Advance Avant-Garde Corporation for On-Call Grant Writing, Grant Administration, Program Management, Labor Compliance, and Community Outreach Services.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Avant-Garde Corporation for On-Call Grant Writing, Grant Administration, Program Management, Labor Compliance, and Community Outreach Services.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF CITYWIDE STRIPING AND MARKING PROJECT (C.I.P. NO. 3916) AS COMPLETE

Consideration of acceptance of the Citywide Striping and Marking Project as complete.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Accept the Citywide Striping and Marking Project as complete; and
2. Authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion.

DISCUSSION (Item Nos. 13 - 16)

13. 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.

14. CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY MOBILE APP

Adoption of resolution and award of professional services agreement for the City mobile app.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with GOGov for the City mobile app, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

15. VACANT/ABANDONED LAND AND BUILDING REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Discussion regarding a vacant/abandoned land and building registration program for the City of Bell Gardens.

Recommendation:

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

16. SIDEWALK VENDING UPDATE

Update on the City's Sidewalk Vending activity and report of recent code enforcement activity to ensure compliance with state and local regulations.

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 was posted on September 7, 2023.