



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, 6:00 PM
MINUTES

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

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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

The Council Members of the City of Bell Gardens City Council/Successor Agency held a Joint Regular meeting on January 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA with Mayor Jorgel Chavez presiding. Mayor Jorgel Chavez called the joint meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Minister Daniel Anguiano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Brownie Troop #2543.

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

Present:

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

Absent:

None

PRESENTATIONS

- **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - BELL GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

Mayor Jorgel Chavez read the certificate of recognition and presented it to Division 14.

- **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - HAMBURGUESAS URUAPAN**

This item was heard after the Certificate of Recognition - Outgoing Toastmasters Officers.

Mayor Jorgel Chavez read the certificate of recognition and presented it.

- **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - OUTGOING TOASTMASTERS OFFICERS**

This item was heard prior to the Certificate of Recognition - Hamburguesas Uruapan and after the Certificate of Recognition - Bell Gardens High School Football Team.

Mayor Pro Tem Marco Barcena read the certificate of recognition and presented it to the outgoing Club President Rene Estrada, incoming Club President Monica Gross, and Club 587.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER

JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

City Clerk Daisy Gomez announced that there were no written comments received.

Ciro Alvarez spoke in opposition to rent stabilization.

Gerber Barrios and Irma Monzon Lopez spoke in opposition to rent stabilization.

Bruce Crow spoke regarding various topics.

Norma Cabral spoke regarding rent control.

Rogelio Rodriguez spoke regarding various topics.

Guadalupe Rodriguez spoke in opposition to rent stabilization.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

City Clerk Daisy Gomez announced that there were no written comments received.

Bruce Crow spoke regarding Item Nos. 7, 8, and 10.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Michael O'Kelly provided a brief report.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 - 10)

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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Francis De Leon Sanchez seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Gomez to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 - 10.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote for Item Nos. 1 - 10:

AYES: Gomez, Pulido, Sanchez, Barcena, Chavez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. 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.

2. APPROVAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2024 CITY / SUCCESSOR AGENCY JOINT MEETING

Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 City/Successor Agency Joint Meeting.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 City/Successor Agency Joint Meeting.

3. 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 12/28/23, 01/02/24 and 01/09/24.

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 01/02/24.

5. NOVEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is a list of cash, investment portfolio and restricted bond cash held by the City.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council receive, approve, and file the November 2023 Treasurer's Report.

6. **DECEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report is a list of cash, investment portfolio and restricted bond cash held by the City.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council receive, approve, and file the December 2023 Treasurer's Report.

7. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COST RECOVERY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES**

A request to approve a Cost Recovery Program Agreement with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing a Cost Recovery Program Agreement with the California Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, for environmental investigation and cleanup oversight of the contaminated former Berk Oil and Pacific Metal Craft property located at 5600-5636 Shull Street, subject to City Attorney approval, as to form; and
2. Appropriate \$312,914.86 from the General Fund to be reimbursed by DTSC's Equitable Communities Revitalization Grant funding.

Resolution No. 2024-03 was approved

8. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SECOND ALTERNATE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

Consideration of a Resolution appointing a second Alternate Member to the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Water Management Authority.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution appointing a second Alternate to the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (GWMA) Governing Board.

Resolution No. 2024-04 was approved

9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOWMAN INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS LTD. DBA INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR ONE ADDITIONAL MONTH**

Consideration of a Resolution approving a Fifth Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with Bowman Infrastructure Engineers Ltd. dba Infrastructure Engineers to extend the term through February 29, 2024.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Fifth Amendment with Bowman Infrastructure Engineers Ltd. dba Infrastructure Engineers.

Resolution No. 2024-05 was approved

10. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JOHN ANSON FORD PARK REGIONAL AQUATICS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (CIP NO. 3888) (CDBG PROJECT NO. 602095-19)

Consideration of award of a Construction Contract to Bernards Bros. Inc. for the John Anson Ford Park Regional Aquatics Center Improvements.

Recommendation:

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

1. Award a Construction Contract to Bernards Bros. Inc. for the John Anson Ford Park Regional Aquatics Center Improvements; CIP 3888; CDBG Project No. 60295-19;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Construction Contract, subject to City Attorney approval as to form; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to approve change orders that may be necessary during construction to cover any unforeseen condition in an amount not to exceed 6% of the Construction Contract.

DISCUSSION (Item No. 11)

11. 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gabriela Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marco Barcena to appoint Monica Kakimoto to fill Councilmember Gabriela Gomez vacancy in the Senior Citizen Commission.

The motion carried 5-0 with the following vote:

AYES: Gomez, Pulido, Sanchez, Barcena, Chavez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the Council and Successor Agency made community announcements and comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jorgel Chavez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Daisy Gomez, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daisy Gomez", is written over a faint circular official stamp.

Agenda posted on January 18, 2024.