



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019, 10:00 A.M.  
MINUTES**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present: Council Members Barcena, Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Flores; Mayor Cortez  
Absent: Council Member Aceituno

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Mayor Cortez opened the public comment period. There were no speakers. Mayor Cortez closed the public comment period and asked Interim City Attorney Rick Olivarez to announce the Closed Session items. Interim City Attorney Olivarez announced that the Council would recess to discuss Items No. 1 and 2 posted on the agenda and would address Item No. 3 upon returning to the open session. The Council then recessed to the Council Conference Room at 10:01 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Appointment/Employment**  
Title of Employee: City Manager and Interim City Manager
2. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
City's Representative: Rick Olivarez, City Attorney  
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager and Interim City Manager

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Interim City Attorney Olivarez stated that the City Council recessed into Closed Session with all members being present with the exception of Council Member Aceituno to discuss Items No. 1 and No. 2 on the Closed Session agenda. He stated that with respect to both of the items the City Council received a briefing from legal counsel and from the search firm hired by the City to conduct the City Manager search, direction was given to the Interim City Attorney but no final action was taken.

- 3. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California, Designating a Qualified Bell Gardens Employee to Serve as the Purchasing Officer of the City until the Vacancy in the Office of City Manager is Filled**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2019-20.

Interim City Attorney Olivarez introduced the item and asked the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to designate a purchasing officer.

Mayor Cortez and Mayor Pro Tem Flores designated Chief of Police Scott Fairfield as the Purchasing Officer, until such time that there is a permanent City Manager in place. Resolution No. 2019-20 was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Cortez adjourned the City Council meeting at 3:05 p.m.



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Kristina Santana  
City Clerk