



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the

**Bell City Council/Bell Community Housing Authority/Successor Agency to
the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/ Bell Public Finance Authority**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

Alicia Romero
Mayor

Ana Maria Quintana
Vice-Mayor

Monica Arroyo
Council Member

Fidencio J. Gallardo
Council Member

Ali Saleh
Council Member

Welcome to the City Council Meeting

The Bell City Council and staff welcome you. This is your City Government. Individual participation is a basic part of American Democracy and all Bell residents are encouraged to attend meetings of the City Council. Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue. For more information, you may call City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at (323) 588-6211 Extension 2615.

City Council Organization

There are five City Council members, one of whom serves as Mayor and is the presiding officer of the City Council. These are your elected representatives who act as a Board of Directors for the City of Bell. City Council members are like you, concerned residents of the community who provide guidance in the operation of your City.

Addressing the City Council

If you wish to speak to the City Council on any item which is listed or not listed on the City Council Agenda, please complete a *Request to Speak Card* available in the back of the City Council Chambers. Please submit the completed card to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. The Mayor will call you to the microphone at the appropriate time if you have filled out a *Request to Speak Card*. At that time, approach the podium and please clearly state your name and address, and proceed to make your comments.

Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Bell, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), request individuals who require special accommodation(s) to access, attend, and or participate in a City meeting due to disability. Please contact the City Clerk's Office, (323) 588-6211, Ext. 2615, at least one business day prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure that we may assist you.

Statement Regarding Compensation for Members of the Bell City Council

Compensation for the members of the Bell City Council is \$673 a month. In accordance with Government Code Section 54952.3, Councilmembers will not receive any additional compensation or stipend for the convening of the following regular meetings: Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, the Bell Community Housing Authority, the Bell Public Finance Authority, the Bell Surplus Property Authority, and the Bell Solid Waste Authority.

REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE

Bell City Council/Bell Community Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Public Finance Authority

October 27, 2021

5:00 P.M. Closed Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY STAFF TO PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCE

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which modified the Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing participation at local legislative body public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency. As urgency legislation, this law took effect immediately. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(B), the City Council is holding its October 27, 2021 meeting via teleconferencing for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of a proclaimed state of emergency, meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. Therefore, the City Council and members of the public may attend this meeting via teleconferencing, as provided below.

The public is encouraged to view the meeting through the City's website at <http://www.cityofbell.org/?NavID=101>

PUBLIC COMMENT: If you wish to make a comment you may provide input electronically through a temporary public comment email established for City of Bell City Council meetings cityclerk@cityofbell.org. Please indicate in the Subject Line "For Public Comment Agenda Item ____" and submit your written comment by 4pm on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Any emails received after the time indicated will not be included in the record. Written Comments will be subject to the three minute time limitation (approximately 350 words).

Public Comment could also be submitted by telephone by calling 1-669-900-9128. To provide a comment on items listed on closed session call no later than 5PM, for the regular session of the agenda, please call no later than 7PM. City staff will be using the Zoom audio communication platform for this meeting. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes and will be given the opportunity to speak in the order your phone call is received. After you submit your comment, you will be disconnected but will still have access to view the meeting live on the City's website at <http://www.cityofbell.org/?NavID=101>

If participating via Zoom or phone, during the Public Comment Period, use the "raise hand" function on your computer or *9 by phone and wait for the Mayor to announce your name/phone number. When you are prompted, please unmute your line.

Join Zoom Meeting (ONLY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT)

Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 892 5177 4270

Password: 496534

Call to Order

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all Related Agencies: Arroyo, Gallardo, Saleh, Quintana and Romero

Communications from the Public on Closed Session Items

This is the time for members of the public to address the City Council and related Authorities and Agencies only on items that are listed under Closed Session.

Closed Session

The City Council and the related Authorities and Agencies will recess to closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding the following matters:

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Potential Initiation of litigation pursuant Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Case
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Dan Contractor v. Maria Saavedra, Case No. 20STLC06226

Reconvene Regular City Council Meeting

Roll Call of the City Council in their capacities as Councilmembers/Members of all Related Agencies: Arroyo, Gallardo, Saleh, Quintana and Romero

Pledge of Allegiance

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney will report out on any action(s) to be taken by the City Council/Agencies on Closed Session matters.

Presentations and Recognitions

Spooky Home Decorating Contest

Communications from the Public

This is the time members of the public may address the City Council and related Authorities and Agencies. The public may speak on items that are on the agenda and on non-agenda items that are under the subject matter jurisdiction of City Council and/or its related authorities and agencies.

Mayor and City Council Communications

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1234, this is the time and place to provide a brief report on meetings, seminars and conferences attended by the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

City Manager Report

In this portion of the agenda, the City Manager will provide a brief report on items of interest to the City Council and/or the community.

Public Hearing(s)

The following item has been posted as a Public Hearing as required by law. The Mayor will open the Public Hearing(s) to receive public testimony only on the item(s) listed under this section.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY can be provided electronically through a temporary public comment email established for City of Bell City Council meetings cityclerk@cityofbell.org. Please indicate in the Subject Line "Public Hearing" and submit your written comment by 4pm on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Any emails received after the time indicated will not be included in the record. Written Comments will be subject to the three minute time limitation (approximately 350 words).

Public Testimony could also be submitted by telephone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and entering the following Meeting ID: 892 5177 4270 Password: 496534

1. Public Hearing - Consideration of an Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 2021-55, to update existing fees and establish new fees. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Resolution No. 2021-55 titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL,
AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE, CHARGES &
APPLICATION FEES TO UPDATE EXISTING FEES AND ESTABLISH
NEW FEES**

Business Session

2. Appointment to the Community Services Commission. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that:*

1. Councilmember Arroyo select an adult commissioner; and
2. Read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution 2021-57 titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL
APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION**

3. Gage Avenue Bus Shelter Improvement Project - Construction Award. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council:*

1. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,229,340 to Calpromax Engineering, Inc. for the Gage Avenue Bus Shelter Improvement Project, and
2. Authorize the Community Services Director to execute change orders to the project in a total amount not to exceed \$122,934 (ten percent of the bid amount) for any necessary additional work; and
3. Read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2021-54 titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING A FY 2021/2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TO APPROPRIATE \$610,000 OF LACMTA SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - LOCAL (STP-L) EXCHANGE FUNDS
FOR THE GAGE AVENUE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

4. Metro Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Segment B – Support for Alternative 1.
(City Council)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council:*

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of Alternative 1 for Metro's Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor Segment B Project, and
 2. Support the City of Commerce as the lead agency administering the Randolph MAT Corridor Grant.
5. Authorize the Police Chief to accept and administer the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and injuries. (City Council)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council:*

1. Approve the acceptance of the OTS STEP grant; and
2. Read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution 2021-56 titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL
AUTHORIZING AN INTER-FUND ADVANCEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$80,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED FUND
BALANCE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC
SAFETY FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
OVERTIME TO REDUCE TRAFFIC COLLISIONS**

6. First Reading of Ordinance 1271- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the City of Bell Municipal Code Changing the City's General Municipal Election Date to the Date of the Statewide Primary Election in Even-Numbered Years Beginning in 2022. (City Council)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance 1271 titled:*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL,
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 OF TITLE 2 OF THE BELL MUNICIPAL
CODE TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE
FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS TO THE
DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN EVEN-
NUMBERED YEARS IN RESPONSE TO SB 970, AND ADJUSTING
TERMS IN OFFICE ACCORDINGLY**

Consent Calendar

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They are acted upon by the City Council and related authorities at one time without discussion. The reading of the full text of ordinances and resolutions will be waived unless a Councilmember requests otherwise.

Recommendation: Approve agenda items 7 through 9.

7. Receive and File the September 2021 Donation Report. *(City Council)*
8. City of Bell and Bell Successor Agency Investment Reports as of September, 2021. *(City Council/ Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency)*
9. General Warrants, Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated October 27, 2021. *(Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority).*

Pending Items – None

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 10, 2021

I, Angela Bustamante, City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on October 22, 2021 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting as required by law.

Angela Bustamante

Angela Bustamante, City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BELL CITY COUNCIL AND RELATED AGENCIES**

October 27, 2021

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