



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, May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

**BELL COMMUNITY CENTER
6250 PINE AVENUE, BELL CA 90201**

**Monica Arroyo
Mayor**

**Fidencio J. Gallardo
Vice-Mayor**

**Ana Maria Quintana
Council Member**

**Alicia Romero
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 to contact the City Clerk's Office at (323) 588-6211, Ext. 2615, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure that we may assist you. Live Spanish interpretation is available at all council meetings.

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

May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. Closed Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Location: Bell Community Center, 6250 Pine Avenue, Bell CA 90201

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT THE BELL COMMUNITY CENTER

PUBLIC COMMENT: If you wish to make a comment on items listed on the agenda, you may attend the meeting in-person at Bell Community Center. Please complete a Request to Speak Card available in the location and wait until the mayor calls you to approach the podium. Please clearly state your name and address and proceed to make your comments.

You may also submit input electronically through a temporary public comment email established for City of Bell City Council meetings at cityclerk@cityofbell.org. Your written comment must be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. 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).

The meeting will be recorded and live streamed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofbell.org/?NavID=101>

Call to Order

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

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) Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957 (b))
Title: Finance Director
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS- Government Code Section 54957.6,
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Michael L. Antwine II, and City Attorney Dave Aleshire
Employee Organization: All Unpresented Employees and At-will Management Group
- c) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8)
Property: 4410 Gage Avenue, Bell CA 90201
Agency negotiators: Michael L. Antwine II (City Manager), and Dave Aleshire (City Attorney)

Negotiating parties: To be Determined
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- d) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Potential Initiation of litigation pursuant Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Two Cases

Reconvene Regular City Council Meeting

Call to Order

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Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations and Recognitions

- a. Presentation by ABACUS Cambridge Partners

Communications from the Public

This is the time members of the public may address the City Council and related Authorities and Agencies 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. (Each speaker is limited to three minutes)

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.

- 1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget. (*City Council*)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council receive the FY 2023-24 proposed budget, receive comments from the public, and provide feedback to staff.*

Business Session

- 2. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving the adoption of the New Bell Police Department Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permits Policy No. 218 and fee schedule associated with processing CCW permit applications for Bell Residents. (*Council*)

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution 2032-32 titled:*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BELL
AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO ADOPT THE NEW BELL
POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCEALED CARRY WEAPON (CCW)
PERMIT POLICY NO. 218, AND ASSOCIATED FEE SCHEDULE AS
OUTLINED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PROCESSING CCW
PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

3. Eastern Avenue Improvement Project - Construction Award. *(City Council)*

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

1. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,020,000 to Hardy & Harper, Inc for the Eastern Avenue Improvement Project;
2. Authorize the City Manager and Public Works Manager to execute change orders to the project in a total amount not to exceed \$102,000 (ten percent of the bid amount) for any necessary additional work; and
3. Read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-33 titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BELL, CALIFORNIA DECREASING THE EASTERN AVENUE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING FROM SB-1 FUNDS BY
\$200,000, FROM MEASURE R BY \$100,000, AND FROM
MEASURE M BY \$30,000 FOR A TOTAL DECREASE OF
\$330,000**

4. Amendment No. 2 with Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. for City Landscape Maintenance Services. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council approve Amendment No. 2 with Mariposa Landscapes Inc. for City Landscape Services.*

5. Mural Policy and Program. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-34 titled:*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BELL CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
THE CITY'S MURAL POLICY AND PROGRAM**

6. Consideration of Retired Annuitant Interim Public Works Director Appointment and Employment Agreement with John Oskoui, P.E. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council read by title only, waiver further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2023-35 titled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bell Approving the Appointment of an Interim Public Works Director for a Limited Duration Under Government Code Sections 7522.56(C) and 21221(H).*

7. Approve an Agreement with Spire Consulting Group for On-Call Construction Consulting Services. *(City Council)*

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

1. Award an On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Spire Consulting Group in the amount of \$31,250 for construction estimation and analysis support; and
 2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute change orders in a total amount not to exceed \$3,125 (ten percent of the contract amount) for any necessary additional work.
8. Approval of the Education Compact Between the City and The Los Angeles Unified School District. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed Education Compact between the City and the Los Angeles Unified School District and authorize the City Manager to sign and agree to the Education Compact.*

9. Project #PW2022-09 – Urban Forest Management Plan Award. *(City Council)*

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

1. Award a Professional Services agreement to Dudek in the amount of \$109,385 for the development and implementation of an Urban Forest Management Plan; and
 2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute change orders in a total amount not to exceed \$10,938 (ten percent of the contract amount) for any necessary additional work.
10. Approve Amendment No. 1 with Nationwide Environmental Services (NES) for Street Sweeping, Sidewalk Cleaning, and Bus Shelter Cleaning Services. *(City Council)*

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

1. Amendment No. 1 with Nationwide Environmental Services for Street Sweeping, Sidewalk Cleaning, and Bus Shelter Cleaning Services
 2. Approve one of the two options for sweeping frequency on City streets:
 - a. Approve Option A, Three (3) times per week on Arterial streets; One (1) time per week on Industrial streets; One (1) time per week on Residential streets.
 - b. Approve Option A, Three (3) times per week on Arterial streets; One (1) time per week on Industrial streets; Two (2) time per week on Residential streets.
11. Approve Willdan Engineering Amendment No. 5 for Fiscal Year FY 23/24 Professional City Engineering Services. *(City Council)*

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the City Council approve the Willdan Amendment No. 5 pursuant to City Council June 22, 2022, advance acceptance of the FY23/24 Willdan renewal.*

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 12 and 13.

12. General Warrants, Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency and Community Housing Authority Warrants dated May 24, 2023. *(Council/Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency/Bell Community Housing Authority).*
13. Receive and File the Donation Report for the month of April 2023. *(City Council)*

Pending Items – None

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 2023

I, Angela Bustamante, City Clerk of the City of Bell, certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted May 19, 2023 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**

May 24, 2023

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