



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 19, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON
VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:07 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. The Cerritos et.al. v. WRD litigation matter was discussed, a status report was given, and no reportable action was taken. The department head evaluations were not conducted and will be on a future agenda.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill resident announced the 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Signal Hill Historical Society will be held on Saturday, September 20th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's.

Ms. Hopper commented on the Prime Time Players performance at the Signal Hill Community Center last week.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Chief Langston introduced Sara Pol-Lim and Kimthai Kuoch, representatives from the United Cambodian Community who spoke about the organization.
- b. Deputy City Manager presented a video capturing the events of the City's 90th Anniversary Celebration and Picnic.

Mayor Wilson thanked the Deputy City Manager and Asset Media for the video.

- c. Derek Zondervan, representative of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County gave a presentation on the Willow Street Sewer Project.

City Council asked about the traffic flow and the new Costco gas station, notices to residents and business owners, EPA mandates, and the Cherry Avenue Widening Project.

Mr. Zondervan and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council.

City Manager clarified the size, significance, and funding of the project.

Mayor Wilson asked for an update from the Public Works Director regarding an odor at 20th Street and Crescent Drive.

Public Works Director provided an update regarding the issue at 20th Street and Crescent Drive.

City Council thanked Mr. Zondervan for the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Housing Related Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Deputy City Manager read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Forester clarified where the legal mandates come from with the Community Development Associate Planner.

Council Member Woods asked about the single room occupancy square footage requirements and timeframe of compliance related to the legal mandates.

Community Development Associate Planner and Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Housing Element Update.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-08-6093 approving Negative Declaration 06/20/14(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 14-02, amendments to Title 20 of the Municipal Code regarding definitions and use classifications for various Special Needs Housing in accordance with state mandates.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-08-6093:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 06/20/14(1), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-02, AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND USE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE MANDATES

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-08-1471 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 14-02, amendments to Title 20 of the Municipal Code regarding definitions and use classifications for various Special Needs Housing in accordance with state mandates.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2014-08-1471:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-02, AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND USE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE MANDATES

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

Vice Mayor Forester commented on the actions and reminded the public it follows state mandates.

Council Member Woods asked about AB 2511.

Community Development Director and Community Development Associate Planner responded to the question posed by Council Member Woods and will bring back additional information regarding AB 2511 at the council meeting on September 2.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Water Conservation Efforts

City Manager introduced Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed water conservation and asked about water demand, recycled water, water conservation goals, multi-residential units, incentives for low-flow toilets, monitoring the level of the aquifer, a water nozzle program, and getting practical advice to residents.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to continue with the present approach on water conservation which involves intensifying City public outreach efforts and communicating MWD and Central Basin Municipal Water District rebates and other conservation programs.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Gateway Water Management Authority

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council asked about catch basins, low income residents and affordability index, and grant funding and discussed the benefits of the membership of the Gateway Water Management Authority and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

Deputy City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council.

City Manager thanked City Council for supporting the membership in the Gateway Water Management Authority and commented on the dedication of the Deputy City Manager and Finance Director.

Mayor Wilson thanked Deputy City Manager and Finance Director.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Strategic Plan Community Meeting

City Manager introduced the Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed scheduling a third Strategic Plan Community Meeting.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to schedule a third Strategic Plan Community Meeting.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON CALLED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER AT 8:47 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: CHAIR WILSON
VICE CHAIR FORESTER
MEMBER NOLL
MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MEMBER HANSEN

d. Demolition of Buildings at 1456 Hill Street and 2170 Gundry Avenue

Executive Director introduced Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Forester confirmed with the Economic Development Manager the contractor is the same that demolished the former police station.

Member Woods asked if there would be additional demolitions.

Economic Development Manager addressed the question posed by Member Woods.

It was moved by VICE CHAIR FORESTER and seconded by MEMBER WOODS to approve a change order to the Signal Hill Police Station Demolition Project in the amount of \$54,850 for the demolition of 1456 Hill Street and 2170 Gundry Avenue and approve a budget adjustment transferring \$60,000 from Account No. 139.001.480.801 to the Police Station Demolition Project, Account No. 128.740.545.869.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR WILSON
VICE CHAIR FORESTER
MEMBER NOLL
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON RECESSED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 8:51 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Award of Contract for the City Hall and Community Center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608

Summary: On June 3, 2014, the City received bids for the City Hall and Community Center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608. Staff is recommending an award of contract to RT Contractor Corp.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the City Hall and Community Center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to RT Contractor Corp. in the amount of \$34,800.

b. State of California-Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The Chief of Police is seeking authorization to accept the grant.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding through the OTS Step Grant Program.

c. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

d. Warrant Registers Dated August 19, 2014

Summary: The Warrant Register is a listing of all general checks issued since the prior warrant register and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation: Authorize payment of Warrant Registers dated August 19, 2014.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Adjourned Regular Meeting of July 29, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll asked for an update on the demolition of the former police station.

Deputy City Manager reported on the demolition of the former police station.

Council Member Noll requested an update on the Community Garden.

Community Services Director and Public Works Director reported on the Community Garden.

Council Member Woods welcomed Larry Blunden, newly appointed City Treasurer.

Vice Mayor Forester invited Chief Langston to please come forward and report on the traffic signal at Crescent Heights Street and Cherry Avenue.

Chief Langston reported on the traffic signal at Crescent Heights Street and Cherry Avenue.

Vice Mayor Forester invited Community Development Director to please come forward and provide an update on the new Costco gas station.

Community Development Director reported on the new Costco gas station.

Mayor Wilson announced job opportunities for Los Angeles Superior Court. Please call (213) 893-1047 for an application packet.

Mayor Wilson announced Coffee with Cops on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 a.m. at the Emergency Operations Center, 2745 Walnut Avenue, Signal Hill.

Mayor Wilson announced Tip-A-Cop on Wednesday, September 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Famous Dave's, 300 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach. Please call (562) 502-1120 for additional information.

Mayor Wilson announced the Rock for Vets concert on Saturday, September 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Please call (866) 597-1116 for additional information.

Mayor Wilson congratulated the following Signal Hill businesses for being recognized by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for being good corporate citizens: Artistic Silver Plating, Inc., Axis Petroleum Co., Oil Operators Inc., R.D. Mathis Co., and Siemens Industry, Inc.

Mayor Wilson requested adding a couple of links regarding adoption on the city website.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Burleson
City Clerk