



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
June 16, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 16, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:08 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no public business.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Forester introduced Wendy Kelley, new Account Specialist with the Finance Department.

Ms. Kelley came forward with her son and expressed her excitement to work for the City and hopes to represent the City well.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Forester asked the retiring City Manager, Ken Farfsing to come forward.

Allison Gallagher, representative on behalf of Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell presented a resolution certificate to Mr. Farfsing, praised his career serving communities, and congratulated him on his retirement.

Terry Rogers and Judie Johnsen, Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce President and Treasurer presented a proclamation to Mr. Farfsing for outstanding service and expressed that he will be missed.

Chief of Police presented a plaque to Mr. Farfsing on behalf of the Signal Hill Police Department and expressed personal appreciation for his leadership and mentorship.

Suley Saro, representative on behalf of State Senator Ricardo Lara presented a resolution certificate to Mr. Farfsing and expressed gratitude for his public service of nineteen years.

Mayor Forester asked Mrs. Rita Farfsing to come forward, presented a proclamation to Mr. Farfsing, and presented flowers to Mrs. Farfsing on behalf of City Council.

City Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer individually expressed gratitude, recognition, respect and praise for Mr. Farfsing and thanked Mrs. Farfsing for sharing Mr. Farfsing with the City.

Mr. Farfsing expressed it has been an honor to be the City Manager of Signal Hill; commented on the City's improvements and growth were joint efforts of City Council, Department Heads, staff, Commissioners, volunteers, City Attorney, regional officials, and personal family support; and complimented the current Deputy City Manager and future City Manager of Signal Hill, Charlie Honeycutt.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Resolution Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16, Establish the Annual Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2015-16, and Approval of Year-End Budget Adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2014-15

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council for any questions.

City Council asked questions about decreased revenue in the General and Miscellaneous Funds, increase in property tax revenue, Library Bond Legislation, and funding available to improve the existing Library.

Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Council and the Deputy City Manager commented on the Library Bond Legislation.

Council Member Noll asked about funding for street resurfacing on Willow Street to the eastern limits and Spring Street eastern to western limits.

Public Works Director addressed the question.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

City Council complimented the Finance Director and Department staff for the impressive, comprehensive budget packet and presentation in the midst of an accounting software conversion and short department staffing.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-06-6131 adopting the operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and Resolution No. 2015-06-6132 approving and adopting the annual appropriations limit for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and approve budget adjustment listed in the staff report to amend the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget for year-end appropriations.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-06-6131:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-06-6132:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

b. Employment Agreement – City Manager – Charlie Honeycutt

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to approve the Employment Agreement between Mr. Charles K. Honeycutt and the City of Signal Hill.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

Deputy City Manager thanked City Council and stated that he looks forward to the challenge of working as City Manager with the Council, City Attorney, departments' staff and the community, and expressed gratitude to the retiring City Manager.

c. Green City Report – Annual Progress Report

Community Development Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council for any questions for staff.

There were no questions from City Council.

Mayor Forester thanked the Sustainability Committee for taking on the project of Mayor's Clean-Up and looks forward to the next event.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to receive and file the Green City Report – Annual Progress Report.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

d. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Valleycrest Landscape, Inc. for the Maintenance of Landscaped Areas Citywide

City Manager introduced Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council for any questions for staff.

Council Member Noll asked how the department managed to negotiate the rate reduction and complimented staff for doing so.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the inquiry.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to execute a fifth amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. (ValleyCrest) for landscape maintenance services citywide. The amendment provides a two-year extension of the existing contract with a maximum total cost of \$575,768 over two years.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

e. Cooperative Implementation Agreement for the Los Cerritos Watershed Management Program

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

Mayor Forester thanked City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Airport for working jointly with Signal Hill on this project.

Public Works Director introduced Anthony Arevalo, Long Beach Stormwater, Environmental Compliance Officer who came forward and clarified that the project agreement will be a two-way agreement between Signal Hill and Long Beach.

Mayor Forester asked if Council had questions for staff.

Council Member Wilson asked where the potential project location will be relative to the Skylink Golf Course and the timing of a budget adjustment to reflect the grant revenue.

Public Works Director clarified the location and Finance Director confirmed the budget adjustment can be made within the current fiscal year period.

Vice Mayor Woods asked for clarification regarding Signal Hill taking the lead in the agreement and the project and whether this project was identified prior to the availability of grant funding.

Public Works Director addressed each question and asked Richard Watson, Consultant for Signal Hill to come forward and speak further on the project's inception and process.

City Council discussed amending the staff report recommendation to include the grant funding.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Cooperative Implementation Agreement subject to the review by the City Attorney, accept the Caltrans Grant revenue, and adjust the FY 2015-16 Budget accordingly to incorporate the Grant funding with an amount up to 17 million.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Agreement for Cost Sharing for the Installation of Monitoring Equipment and Monitoring Pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL

Summary: A portion of the City of Signal Hill's storm water drains to the Los Angeles River watershed. The Storm Water Permit (MS4) adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board requires monitoring in the Los Angeles River for pollutants identified in the Harbors Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads (the Harbor Toxics TMDL). This Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) is for cost sharing with other agencies tributary to the Los Angeles River.

In 2014, the City of Signal Hill entered into a similar agreement related to the Harbor Toxics TMDL, but that was limited to the areas of the City discharging to the Los Angeles River Estuary and the Los Cerritos Channel.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement between the City and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Gateway Water Management Authority) for administration and cost sharing for the installation of monitoring equipment and ongoing monitoring in the Los Angeles River as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region for the Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors' Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads.

b. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial compensation from Cynthia Burnham.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Cynthia Burnham.

c. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial compensation from Keith Martin Krasnove.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Keith Martin Krasnove.

d. 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.

e. Warrant Register Dated June 16, 2015

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 Register dated June 16, 2015.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of June 2, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

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



The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident came forward and commented that Mayor Forester neglected to ask for public comments on two prior agenda items.

### **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson congratulated Ashley Betance-Kearn, recent graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Environmental Engineering.

Council Member Noll asked Public Works Director about City's water leakage.

Public Works Director came forward to clarify about the percentage of non-revenue water leakage of the City.

Council Member Noll thanked all department heads and the Finance Department for an excellent, detailed budget and expressed hopes for next year's budget to be presented weeks in advance.

Vice Mayor Woods congratulated the Police Chief and his wife on their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and commended him for attending the Council Meeting while on vacation.

Mayor Forester asked Public Works Director for the outcome of two houses on Hill Street.

Public Works Director came forward and reported the two houses are scheduled and pending demolition by the City of Long Beach.

Mayor Forester thanked the City Treasurer for their joint participation at the West Hollywood Pride Parade.

City Treasurer commented on their attendance and spoke positively of Mayor Forester's representation of the City.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:02 P.M.**

City Council recessed to closed session at 9:02 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session item. Item was discussed, a status report was given, Council gave directions for further negotiation, and no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 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 FORESTER  
              VICE MAYOR WOODS  
              COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk