



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
June 27, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 27, 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(2), pending litigation between the City of Signal Hill and Farmers & Merchants Trust Company of Long Beach, Trustee of Maness Family Trust, UDT dated August 3, 1992.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:02 P.M.**

Vice Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:14 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:10 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. Status report was given for item (a) and directions were given for further negotiation. Status report was given for item (b) and item will be agendized at a later date.

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

Lance Woods, Signal Hill resident, announced he will be the Signal Hill Rotary President effective July 1, 2017 and honored outgoing President, Fredy Dominguez. Mr. Woods also announced the first annual “Unsung Heroes Awards” on Sunday, July 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Long Beach Playhouse. To nominate your heroes or to purchase tickets, please email [rotarysignalhill@gmail.com](mailto:rotarysignalhill@gmail.com).

Tammy Hierlihy, representative from Central Basin Municipal Water District, provided an update regarding the Metropolitan Water District and introduced the California WaterFix Project.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Family Movie Night “Moana” on Friday, June 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Library. Register by calling (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library.

The Voice of Signal Hill audition will be held on Thursday, July 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Lego Building Day on Saturday, July 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Library for kids ages 6-10. Legos will be provided.

Conquer Your Clutter on Friday, July 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Register by calling (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library.

Movies in the Park “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial” on Saturday, July 15 at Reservoir Park. Brought to you in partnership with Signal Hill Petroleum and City of Long Beach. Movie begins at dusk, activities start at 6:30 p.m. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Brought to you by the Signal Hill Police Foundation. Call (562) 989-7205 for more information.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Carina Hernandez, new part-time Account Specialist with the Finance Department.

Carina Hernandez thanked the City Council.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Wilson made a presentation on the Signal Hill Youth Sports Indoor Soccer League Champions, the Hurricanes, and presented certificates to the team.
- b. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Community Services Director in recognition of July as Parks Make Life Better!® Month.

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 17-01 Amending Title 15 Revising Regulations for Buildings and Construction

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-06-1494 approving Ordinance Amendment 17-01 amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled "Building and Construction".

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2017-06-1494:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-01 AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION"

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Services Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding CDBG funds.

Micheal Neal, CDBG Consultant, addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Council Member Copeland asked a question regarding Calbrisas Park play surfacing replacement.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Copeland.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposed to the proposed use of 2017-2018 CDBG funds.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Sandy King, Miller Children's Hospital of Long Beach representative, commented on City Manager Report item (a) and thanked the City on behalf of Signal Hill families who utilize the service.

Mayor Wilson commented on General Fund-paid Miller Children's Hospital Agreement.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Wilson commented on the importance of parks and facilities maintenance.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-06-6219 approving the City's 2017-2018 application for Housing and Community Development Funds designating use of available unallocated funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-06-6219:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2017-2018 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG allocation for FY 2017-2018 funds of \$56,870, with \$8,530 for the Senior Food Distribution Program, and \$48,340 to fund installation of ADA Rubberized Play Surfacing at Calbrisas Park.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Resolution Ordering the Levy of Assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Mayor Wilson recused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:47 p.m. as he resides in the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD).

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Copeland asked a question regarding public hearing notifications to the LLMD residents.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Council member Copeland.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding LLMD community meeting.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Vice Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hansen invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposed to the resolution.

There were no public comments.

Vice Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-06-6220 ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-06-6220:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR WILSON

Mayor Wilson returned to the Council Chamber at 7:52 p.m.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **a. FY 2017-2018 Agreements for Children's Health Services**

City Manager introduced Community Services Director who presented the staff

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report.

Diane Nichols, Children's Clinic representative, thanked the City Council and spoke about services offered at the Children's Clinic.

Council Member Forester commented on the funding of the program and thanked Children's Clinic for providing the services.

Mayor Wilson encouraged the public to tour both facilities.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to authorize the City Manager to 1. Execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and Miller Children's and Women's Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and 2. Execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and The Children's Clinic, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Commission Appointments

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked for clarification regarding the appointment process.

Mayor Wilson addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the appointment process and made a motion to extend Commission appointments to the April 10, 2018 City Council meeting.

Council Member Forester seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilson commented on the candidates and appointment process.

City Council discussed the appointment process, the City Charter, and the vacant Civil Service Commission seat.

Council Member Copeland asked for clarification from the City Attorney regarding a vacancy on the Commission.

City Attorney commented on the vacant Civil Service Commission seat.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, commented on the Commission appointments.

Council Member Forester commented on the Commissions.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident, commented on Commission appointments.

Steve Strichart, Civil Service Commissioner, commented on Commission appointments.

Lance Woods, Signal Hill resident, commented on Commission appointments.

Gary Dudley, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, commented on Commission Appointments.

Mayor Wilson invited Civil Service Commission applicant Ida Aleman to come forward.

Ms. Aleman addressed the City Council and spoke about herself.

City Council discussed Commission interviews conducted at the May 23, 2017 City Council meeting.

Council Member Copeland asked Ms. Aleman a question regarding the position of Civil Service Commissioner.

Ms. Aleman addressed the question posed by Council Member Copeland.

City Council commented on the nomination and appointment process.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to consider all applicants for the expiring Civil Service Commission seat.

City Attorney explained the substitute motion made by Council Member Copeland.

Council Member Woods asked a clarifying question regarding the substitute motion.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Council Member Copeland addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR WILSON  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

Mayor Wilson nominated Ida Aleman for the appointment of Civil Service Commissioner.

City Council stated the list of eligible candidates that previously applied for the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Wilson conducted a roll call vote for nominee Ida Aleman.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR WILSON  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

NOES:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

Mayor Wilson nominated Civil Service Commission applicant Ayda Howard for the appointment of Civil Service Commissioner.

Mayor Wilson conducted a roll call vote for nominee Ayda Howard.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR WILSON  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

Ayda Howard was appointed Civil Service Commissioner by Mayor Wilson to fill the mid-term vacancy created by the appointment of former Civil Service Commissioner Victor Parker to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Wilson brought back the motion made by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Council Member Copeland asked a question regarding nominations for the Civil Service and Parks and Recreation Commissions.

Vice Mayor Hansen addressed the question posed by Council Member Copeland.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to extend Commission appointments to the April 10, 2018 City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      MAYOR WILSON

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

c. Resolution Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Resolution Establishing the Annual Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2017-18

City Manager provided an overview and introduced Acting Finance Director and Deputy Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester asked questions regarding Measure R.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Wilson asked a question regarding safety lights.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding Bixby Ridge Trail Restoration.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Wilson commented on the View Park.

City Council asked questions regarding recent calls from residents and business owners regarding Well No. 9 and water quality.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Council Member Forester asked questions regarding EV charging stations.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, asked a question regarding Successor Agency budget.

Acting Finance Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to 1. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-06-6221 adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18; and 2. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-06-6222 approving and adopting the annual appropriations limit for the Fiscal Year 2017-18.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-06-6221:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-06-6222:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,  
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL  
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

City Council commended staff for a comprehensive and timely budget report.

d. Green City Report – Annual Progress Report

City Manager introduced Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding the distinction between stormwater retention facility and Green Street program.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Council Member Copeland commended staff for putting together the report and achieving the goals.

Mayor Wilson and Council Member Copeland suggested including project status and updates on the City website.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to receive and file the 2016 Green City Annual Progress Report.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. Rejection of Bids – Library Construction, Project No. 119

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked a question regarding the bids.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding the budgeted amount for the Library Construction Project.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to 1. Reject all bids received for the Signal Hill Library Construction Project, No. 119; and 2. Authorize the reissuance of the Notice Inviting Bids for Project No. 119.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **a. FY 2017-2018 Contract Agreement for Proposition A Transportation Programs**

Summary: Annually, the City receives Proposition A revenues to be utilized for transportation-related programs. An agreement has been prepared for Administrative Services Cooperative to provide Dial-A-Taxi services.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Administrative Services Cooperative in the amount of \$15,000 to provide Dial-A-Taxi services, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### **b. Amendment of Contract Services Agreement with AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. for Temporary City Engineer and Project Management Services**

Summary: The City has successfully concluded the executive recruitment to fill the vacant Public Works Director position. The new Director is scheduled to start on Monday, July 10, 2017. To continue to provide needed engineering and project management services during the interim, and to allow for a transition period, staff is seeking authorization to amend the existing Contract Services Agreement with AndersonPenna Partners, Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement with AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. to continue providing temporary City Engineer and project management services in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### **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 Register Dated June 27, 2017**

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 27, 2017.

### **e. Minutes of the Following Meeting**

Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

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

Council Member Woods announced she will be on vacation and will not be attending the July 11, 2017 City Council meeting.

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance at the June 24, 2017 Sanitation District boat tour in San Pedro.

Council Member Copeland reported he will be attending a tour with the Vector Control Board Supervisor on June 28, 2017.

Mayor Wilson mentioned an emergency ambulance transportation 911 services contract approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Council Member Woods reported on her attendance at the Metro Board Meeting on June 22, 2017 regarding Measure M funding.

City Manager elaborated on the Measure M funding.

Mayor Wilson wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and invited Police Chief to speak regarding the hilltop closure.

Police Chief announced that hilltop area will be closed to all non-residential vehicular traffic on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all fireworks are illegal within the City limits.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding the hilltop closure.

Police Chief addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 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 HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Keir Jones  
City Clerk