



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
October 8, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 8, 2019.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS  
VICE MAYOR COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: Deputy City Manager.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04 P.M.**

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:04 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Mayor's Cleanup on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet with the Sustainable City Committee members and staff at Reservoir Park. Call (562) 989-7340 or visit the City's website for more information.

D.I.Y. Bath Bombs on Tuesday, October 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Library Community Room. Call (562) 989-7323 for more information.

Long Beach Unified School District Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, October 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Discovery Well Park. Parking will be impacted around the area.

American University of Health Sciences Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 1600 E. Hill Street. Visit [www.auhs.edu](http://www.auhs.edu) or call (562) 988-2278 for more information.

Signal Hill Historical Society Quarter Mania on Sunday, October 20 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 3610 Locust Avenue, Long Beach. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to purchase tickets or visit [www.SHHS90755.org](http://www.SHHS90755.org) for more information.

Be a Tee-Hole Sponsor for the upcoming Signal Hill Police Foundation Golf Tournament on October 21 by calling Terry Rogers at (562) 713-4630.

Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Pre-sale wristbands are \$4 and wristbands purchased the day of the event are \$5. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Annual Let Him Shine event hosted by Calvary Chapel Signal Hill on Thursday, October 31 at Signal Hill Elementary School.

## **PRESENTATION**

- a. Ron Klejin, owner of Rossmoor Pastries at 2325 Redondo Avenue, promoted his business as part of the Small Business Spotlight.

Mayor Woods presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Klejin.

Council Member Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Klejin thanked City Council and spoke about his business.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Water Rates

City Manager provided an overview and introduced Finance Director, Water Systems Superintendent, and Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the water system.

Water Systems Superintendent addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Wilson.

Vice Mayor Copeland commented on water rates.

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

There was no public comment.

Council Member Wilson, Mayor Woods, Council Member Hansen commented on water rates and the water system.

Council Member Wilson and City Manager commented on the water rate adjustment process.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to provide direction on potential adjustments to water rates; direct staff to schedule a community workshop to explain the proposed rate adjustment; and direct staff to prepare a resolution to set a date to conduct a Proposition 218 Protest Hearing.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

b. Resolution Adopting Commemorative Flag Policy

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods read a letter of support for the commemorative flag policy from Signal Hill resident Albert Chang and a letter of opposition for the commemorative flag policy from Signal Hill residents Randy and Marianne Hartshorn (a letter of opposition was also received from Planning Commissioner Tom Benson, however, he spoke during public comment, letters are attached to original minutes and available in the City Clerk's Office).

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

James Kaddis, Pastor of Calvary Chapel Signal Hill, spoke on behalf of the church members in the audience in opposition to the resolution.

Tom Benson, Planning Commissioner, spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Vice Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the commemorative flag policy.

Assistant City Attorney and Deputy City Manager addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland.

City Council discussed the commemorative flag policy.

Mayor Woods commented on an alternate location for commemorative flags.

Council Member Jones commented on his past comment regarding the LGBTQ community.

City Council further discussed the commemorative flag policy.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-10-6444 establishing a commemorative flag policy.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-10-6444:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,  
CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A COMMEMORATIVE FLAG POLICY

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Hansen commented on posting of meeting agenda.

c. Resolution Adopting Commissioner Appointment Guidelines

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed and asked questions regarding the commissioner nomination and appointment process and the City Charter.

Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Attorney addressed the questions posed by City Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-10-6445 as amended approving the Signal Hill Commissioner Appointment Guidelines Nos. 1 to 4; and to bring Commissioner Appointment Guideline No. 5 to a future Council Meeting for further discussion.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-10-6445 (as amended):

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,  
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SIGNAL HILL COMMISSIONER  
APPOINTMENT GUIDELINES

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Verification of Quorum for Meetings of November 26, 2019 and December 24, 2019

City Council discussed whether a quorum of the City Council will be present for the regular meeting of November 26, 2019 and the regular meeting of December 24, 2019.

City Council concluded that there will be a quorum for the regular meeting of November 26, 2019 and that there will not be a quorum for the regular meeting of December 24, 2019.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Warrant Register Dated October 8, 2019

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 October 8, 2019.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of September 24, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

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

Council Member Wilson recognized October 28 as National Immigrants Day.

Council Member Jones commented on a Los Angeles Business Journal article, *Pay to Play: Fees Climb for LA County Businesses*.

Council Member Hansen commented and asked questions regarding coyotes.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Wilson commented on their attendance at the Rock Club Music is the Remedy 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night on Saturday, October 5.

Vice Mayor Copeland shared his appreciation for public comments.

Mayor Woods reported her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association's Fall Educational Summit on October 4-6, 2019.

City Manager noted that the Police Chief has been invited to speak at an upcoming California JPIA conference regarding cyber security.

Vice Mayor Copeland commented on Senator Lena Gonzalez' attendance at the Rock Club Music is the Remedy 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night.

Council Member Wilson commented on the 2020 Census and encouraged the public to participate.

Mayor Woods reminded City Council that the next California Contract Cities association Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the Library.

Council Member Hansen commented on discussion between Council Members.

City Clerk commented on her participation in the Los Angeles County Mock Election.

Mayor Woods congratulated City Clerk on becoming a grandmother and commented on the March 2020 Primary Election.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 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 WOODS  
              VICE MAYOR COPELAND  
              COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER JONES  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

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LORI Y. WOODS  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK