



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on May 12, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 P.M.

CITY MANAGER PROVIDED MEETING PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Copeland led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Copeland announced he will call upon Council Members, staff, and members of the public one-by-one for questions or comments and a roll call vote will be conducted for each agenda item for transparency and clarity.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTED ON PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

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

There was no public business from the floor.

Council Member Wilson commented on videoconferencing etiquette.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Copeland made the following announcement:

EDCO Bulky Item Collection Week from May 11 to May 15. Place your bulky items out on the curb on your regularly scheduled collection day, or bring them to the transfer station located at 2755 California Avenue in Signal Hill. For multi-family residential or additional information, please call EDCO at (562) 597-0608.

Council Member Wilson commented that residents are provided two additional free bulky item collections a year when scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Copeland thanked the Police Department for their service and read a proclamation in recognition of National Police Week, May 10 – May 16, 2020.

Vice Mayor Hansen thanked and recognized the Police Department for their service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- b. Mayor Copeland thanked the Public Works Department for their service and read a proclamation in recognition of Public Works Week, May 17 – May 23, 2020.

Vice Mayor Hansen thanked and recognized the Public Works Department for their service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- c. City Manager made a presentation about COVID-19-related community updates.

Mayor Copeland requested the presentation be posted on the City website.

Council Member Wilson asked questions and commented regarding COVID-19.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Woods commented on COVID-19 and asked the public to remain vigilant.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Planning Commissioner Interviews and Appointment

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Copeland commented on the interview and appointment process.

Mayor Copeland invited applicant Judd Kuehling to speak.

Mr. Kuehling addressed the City Council and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Kuehling questions about his qualifications and objectives for the position of Planning Commissioner.

Mr. Kuehling addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Copeland invited applicant Triphina Moore to speak.

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

City Council asked Ms. Moore questions about her qualifications and objectives for the position of Planning Commissioner.

Ms. Moore addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Copeland asked if the City Council had questions for candidates Jewel Cowart, Armando Lopez, and Randy Shipp who were previously interviewed at the April 14th City Council Meeting.

Council Member Woods and Council Member Jones suggested inviting the candidates to make a brief statement.

Mayor Copeland invited Ms. Cowart to speak.

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

Mayor Copeland invited Mr. Lopez to speak.

Mr. Lopez addressed the City Council and spoke about himself.

Mayor Copeland invited Mr. Shipp to speak.

Deputy City Manager stated Mr. Shipp was not present at the meeting.

Council Member Wilson asked a question regarding current Planning Commissioners.

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

Mayor Copeland commented on the nomination process and declared nominations open for Planning Commissioner seat.

Vice Mayor Hansen nominated Randy Shipp.

Council Member Jones nominated Armando Lopez.

Council Member Woods nominated Judd Kuehling.

Mayor Copeland declared nominations closed.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominees Randy Shipp, Armando Lopez,

and Judd Kuehling.

The following vote resulted:

MAYOR COPELAND – JUDD KUEHLING
VICE MAYOR HANSEN – RANDY SHIPP
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES – ARMANDO LOPEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON – ARMANDO LOPEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS – JUDD KUEHLING

City Council and City Attorney discussed the result of the votes and the appointment process.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented on her nomination and changed her vote to Armando Lopez.

The following vote resulted:

MAYOR COPELAND – JUDD KUEHLING
VICE MAYOR HANSEN – ARMANDO LOPEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES – ARMANDO LOPEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON – ARMANDO LOPEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS – JUDD KUEHLING

Armando Lopez was appointed Planning Commissioner with a term expiring May 31, 2021.

City Council thanked all candidates who participated in the interviews and encouraged the candidates to stay involved.

- b. Resolution Declaring Intention to Increase, Levy and Collect Assessments, Which will be Adjusted Annually by the Consumer Price Index, for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Approving the Engineer's Report.

Council Member Wilson, City Attorney, and City Manager commented on Council Member Wilson's recusal from the meeting.

Council Member Wilson recused himself from the meeting at 8:27 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

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

Council Member Woods, Council Member Jones, Vice Mayor Hansen, and Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the LLMD budget and assessments.

Public Works Director, Jeff Cooper, Engineer from NV5, City Manager, and City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods, Council

Member Jones, Vice Mayor Hansen, and Mayor Copeland.

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

James Kaddis, Pastor of Calvary Chapel in Signal Hill, requested to make a comment on items not listed on the agenda.

Mayor Copeland stated he will reopen public comment following this agenda item.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-05-6562 declaring its intention to increase, levy and collect assessments, which will be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index, for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and approving the Engineer's Report; set the Public Hearing for July 14, 2020; and set an alternate Public Hearing for July 28, 2020, in the event a majority protest does exist on July 14, 2020, and direct staff to revise the Engineer's Report to indicate only the Consumer Price Index increase above the FY 2019-20 assessment with a decreased scope of services to target expenditures equal to assessment revenues.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-05-6562, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO INCREASE, LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS, WHICH WILL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Council Member Wilson rejoined the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

MAYOR COPELAND REOPENED PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Pastor Kaddis commented on the Church's activities during the COVID-19 pandemic and requested City Council consider designating religious facilities as essential businesses.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked questions regarding the Church's service.

Pastor Kaddis addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

City Manager and Pastor Kaddis commented on COVID-19 restrictions.

City Attorney suggested agendaizing this discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Copeland, Vice Mayor Hansen, and City Attorney discussed agendaizing at the next Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Pastor Kaddis commented on volunteer opportunities.

City Attorney, Mayor Copeland, and Pastor Kaddis commented on Pastor Kaddis' request.

Council Member Woods stated she will address Pastor Kaddis' request under Council New Business.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

c. Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Years 2021-2024

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

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the Cooperation Agreement.

Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-05-6563 approving participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant program by authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-05-6563, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Final Tract Map No. 82304

Summary: The developer for the Summerland Residential Development, ADC Signal Hill 16, LLC, is requesting approval of Final Tract Map No. 82304. Staff has determined that the final map substantially conforms to the approved tentative map and that the subdivision conditions needed for approval have been met. Staff is recommending approval of the final map.

Recommendation: Approve Final Tract Map No. 82304.

b. Warrant Register Dated May 12, 2020

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 May 12, 2020.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of April 28, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Woods requested staff agendaize an item at the May 26, 2020 Council Meeting to discuss services providing support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice Mayor Hansen, Council Member Woods, and City Manager discussed Council Member Woods' request.

Council Member Wilson thanked Signal Hill Petroleum, Debra Russell, and her daughter for volunteering throughout the City.

Council Member Jones commented on summer plans during Safer at Home orders; thanked Signal Hill Petroleum for their assistance with the Brown Bag Program; promoted the Brown Bag Program; and reminded the public to stay safe and respect each other.

Vice Mayor Hansen thanked Debra Russell and her daughter, Maddie, for their assistance with the Brown Bag Program and asked Community Services Director to mention volunteers for the Brown Bag Program.

Community Services Director thanked Terry Rogers, Rodney Gardner, Katherine and Frank McIlquham, Charlie and Bedelia Honeycutt, Dennis Apodaca, and City Clerk Carmen Brooks for volunteering.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented on Council Member Woods' request.

Mayor Copeland promoted the City's website for up-to-date COVID-19 information and resources; and encouraged the public to stay healthy and active while following the public health orders.

Vice Mayor Hansen thanked Target and its employees for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic and asked a question regarding reopening of trails.

City Manager and Police Chief addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via video/teleconference. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR COPELAND adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

ROBERT D. COPELAND
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK