



**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
May 28, 2020**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on May 28, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.**

Mayor Copeland announced tonight's meeting will be conducted virtually and asked City Manager to provide meeting participation options.

City Manager provided meeting participation options.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR COPELAND  
VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

**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.

**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 Woods entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

## **BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

The preliminary Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2022 was presented for City Council's review and discussion.

a. Department Program Budgets

City Manager presented the Budget Study Session guidelines, goals, and key elements contributing to the budget projections.

City Manager introduced Deputy Finance Director who presented an overview of the FY 2020-2022 Budget, General Fund and Special Fund.

Council Member Woods and City Manager commented on the presentation.

City Manager announced that each department will present their essential services, staffing, training, accomplishments, work plans, and decision packages to the City Council.

Deputy City Manager presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Legislative Department.

Mayor Copeland asked a question regarding the Council Development budget.

Deputy City Manager and City Manager addressed the question posed by Mayor Copeland.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Mayor Copeland commented on the Council Development budget.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding audience participation.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Legislative Department budget.

There was no public comment.

Deputy City Manager and Economic Development Manager presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Administration Department.

Council Member Woods, Deputy City Manager, and Mayor Copeland commented on audience participation.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Administration Department budget.

Planning Commissioner Bell asked a question regarding the 2020 Census.

Economic Development Manager addressed the question posed by Planning Commissioner Bell.

Deputy Finance Director presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Finance Department.

Mayor Copeland, Vice Mayor Hansen, and Council Member Woods asked questions regarding the Finance Department budget and decision package.

Deputy Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland, Vice Mayor Hansen, and Council Member Woods.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Finance Department budget.

There was no public comment.

Deputy City Manager commented on audience participation options.

Community Development Department presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Community Development Department.

Council Member Wilson entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Community Development Department budget.

Deputy City Manager read a question from Parks and Recreation Commissioner Rogers regarding the sustainability award winners.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Rogers.

Police Chief presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Police Department.

City Council asked questions regarding the Police Department budget and decision package, and presentation slides.

Police Chief and City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Police Department budget.

Deputy City Manager read questions from a member of the audience (self-identified as USC OCAP) regarding crime rates and Police Department budget.

Police Chief and City Manager addressed the questions posed by a member of the audience.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked questions regarding staffing.

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

Community Services Director presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Community Services Department.

Mayor Copeland and Vice Mayor Hansen asked questions regarding the Community Services Department budget.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland and Vice Mayor Hansen.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on Community Services Department budget.

There was no public comment.

Public Works Director, Senior Engineering Technician, and Water Systems Superintendent presented the FY 2019-2020 accomplishments and FY 2020-2022 work plan for the Public Works Department.

b. Capital Improvement Program

Public Works Director presented the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

City Council asked questions regarding the CIP.

Public Works Director, City Manager, and Deputy Finance Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on the CIP.

Deputy City Manager read a question from Planning Commissioner Lopez regarding the CIP.

Public Works Director and Senior Engineering Technician addressed the

question posed by Planning Commissioner Lopez.

Sustainable City Committee Community Member Fidora asked questions regarding the CIP.

Public Works Director and Senior Engineering Technician addressed the questions posed by Sustainable City Committee Community Member Fidora.

Randy Hartshorn, Signal Hill resident, asked questions regarding the CIP.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Mr. Hartshorn.

City Manager presented a personnel item.

City Council commented and asked questions regarding the personnel item.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council.

City Manager asked if the public would like to comment.

There was no public comment.

City Manager presented a cannabis item.

Mayor Copeland asked a question regarding the cannabis item.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Mayor Copeland.

City Manager asked if the public would like to comment.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Hughes spoke against the cannabis item.

City Manager presented a sales tax measure item.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the sales tax measure item.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Hansen and Council Member Wilson.

City Manager presented the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming options.

City Council discussed the CDBG programming options with City Manager and Community Services Director.

City Manager asked if the public would like to comment.

There was no public comment.

City Clerk asked questions regarding homelessness programming.

City Manager and Council Member Wilson addressed the questions posed by City Clerk.

City Council discussed and asked questions regarding the Library Wi-Fi network and City's technology infrastructure.

City Manager and Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

City Council discussed the CDBG programming options with City Manager and Community Services Director and provided staff with direction on CDBG programming options.

City Manager requested City Council take a short break to update the presentation slides.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 9:57 P.M.**

**MAYOR COPELAND RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 10:05 P.M.**

City Manager recapped the Year 1 Budget and General Fund Reserves.

Mayor Copeland recognized current and past City Council Members' effort in building the Economic Uncertainties Reserve Fund.

Council Member Wilson, City Manager, and Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the General Fund Reserves.

City Manager presented the Legislative, Administration, Finance, Police, and Community Services Department decision packages.

City Council commented and asked questions regarding the decision packages.

Community Services Director and Police Chief addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Copeland invited the public to comment on the decision packages.

Sustainable City Committee Community Member Fidora commented on the Community Services Department decision package.

City Council commented, discussed amongst Council, Police Chief, City

Manager, and Community Services Director, and provided staff with direction on the Legislative, Administration (A1 Sales Tax Measure only), Finance, and Police Department decision packages.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to dedicate Community Services Department decision package item CS1 Youth Sports (\$60,000) to the Community Services Department budget.

A substitute motion was made by MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Community Services Department decision package as presented.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve the Community Services Department decision package of \$87,000 without specific line items from the Economic Uncertainties Reserve and allow staff to designate funding to specific programming after the COVID-19 restrictions are eased or lifted.

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 Member Jones commented on the Community Services Department decision package.

City Manager asked for clarification on the Finance Department decision package.

City Council provided staff with clarification and direction.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to approve Administration Department decision package item A2 Cannabis Fiscal Analysis as presented.

City Council and City Manager discussed the Administration Department decision package item A2 Cannabis Fiscal Analysis.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSENT:       NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

City Manager presented the 2-Year Budget process.

Mayor Copeland recognized staff for their time spent on the preliminary FY 2020-2022 Budget and expressed appreciation for everyone in attendance at the Budget Study Session.

Council Member Wilson encouraged the public to complete the 2020 Census and commented on sales tax revenue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video and 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 11:39 p.m.

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ROBERT D. COPELAND  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK