



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 14, 2021

**\* \* \* THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AS AMENDED BY AB 361) WHICH AUTHORIZES TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER THE BROWN ACT DURING CERTAIN PROCLAIMED STATES OF EMERGENCY. THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMED A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 ON MARCH 4, 2020. THIS TELECONFERENCED MEETING IS NECESSARY SO THAT THE CITY CAN CONDUCT ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND IS PERMITTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE 54953 IN ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ATTENDEES. \* \* \***

**Consistent with Government Code Section 54953, this City Council Meeting will be held via video/teleconference only and will not be physically open to the public. Council Members and staff will teleconference into the meeting by audio and/or video. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.**

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm with the conduct of any business permitted to be conducted in closed session by the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), if any, and with the public portion of the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. There is a period for public comment on closed session matters at 6:00 pm prior to the closed session. In the event there is no business to be conducted in closed session, the regular meeting shall begin at 7:00 pm. There is a public comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting, as well as the opportunity to comment on each agenda item as it arises. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall. The agenda and related reports are also available for review online at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this will be a virtual meeting.

**To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.:**

- City of Signal Hill website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org), select the City Council Meetings Link from the home page.
- Charter Spectrum Channel 3 or Frontier FiOS Channel 38.
- Call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) and enter meeting ID: 881-4793-6648, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode: 374778. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by pressing \*9 on the telephone keypad.

**To view and participate (closed session at 6:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.):**

- Visit <https://zoom.us/j/88147936648> on your desktop computer or laptop and enter passcode: 374778; or
- Visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) on your desktop computer or laptop, click on “Join a Meeting”, and enter meeting ID: 881-4793-6648 and passcode: 374778 when prompted; or
- Download the app from the app store if you are using a smart phone and enter meeting ID: 881-4793-6648 and passcode: 374778 when prompted.
- Please note that you will be placed in a “listen only” mode and your video feed will not be shared with the Council or public. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by raising your virtual hand (see hand icon at bottom of screen) and you will be invited to speak when the City Council is taking public comments. Please do not simultaneously use a microphone through Zoom and a cellphone/telephone. That combination results in audio problems for all participants.
- To make a general public comment or comment on a specific agenda item, you may also submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less, to the City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org) not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14 and your comment will be read into the record.
- The City is not responsible for meeting disruptions or technical difficulties; however, if you are disconnected, please repeat the steps above.

The City of Signal Hill thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID-19 virus.

City Council Members are compensated \$694.14 per month. City Clerk and City Treasurer are compensated \$421.20 per month.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.****(2) ROLL CALL**

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

**(3) CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

TITLE: CITY MANAGER

**(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**(5) RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**(6) RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

**(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**(9) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**

**(10) COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(11) PRESENTATIONS**

- a. MAYOR WILSON WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO CARLOS TORRES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LGBTQ CENTER LONG BEACH IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1.
- b. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION REGARDING A COVID-19 UPDATE.
- c. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE FALL MAYOR’S CLEAN-UP EVENT.
- d. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND THE HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT.
- e. CITY MANAGER WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ABOUT COVID-19-RELATED COMMUNITY UPDATES.

**(12) CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

## a. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Summary:

The City Council will reorganize by selecting a new Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Recommendations:

1. Reorganize by selecting a new Mayor and new Vice Mayor.
2. The newly appointed Mayor will present a proclamation to outgoing Mayor Wilson.

**(13) ORDINANCE**

## a. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11-1529 APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 21-02 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Summary:

Ordinance No. 2021-11-1529 was introduced at the City Council meeting of November 9, 2021 and is now presented for second reading and adoption.

Recommendation:

Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-11-1529 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 21-02, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE AN APPROXIMATE 2.56-ACRE PORTION OF AN 8.69-ACRE SITE AT 2040 WALNUT AVENUE FROM COMMERCIAL OFFICE (CO) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI), CONTINGENT ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE SECOND RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT

**(14) PUBLIC HEARING**

## a. ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 18.26 URBAN LOT SPLITS TO TITLE 18 SUBDIVISIONS AND SECTION 20.10.041 TWO-UNIT PROJECTS TO CHAPTER 20.10 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF TITLE 20 ZONING

Summary:

Form of Notice: Notice was published in the Signal Tribune newspaper per Government Code Section 65091(a)(4) on December 3, 2021; notice was posted in accordance with Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 1.08.010 at City

Hall, Signal Hill Library, Reservoir Park, and Discovery Well Park on December 3, 2021.

The City Council will consider an urgency ordinance that responds to the mandates contained in Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) by adding Chapter 18.26, Urban Lot Splits, to Title 18, Subdivisions, to address urban lot splits in single-family residential zones, and Section 20.10.041, Two-Unit Projects, to Chapter 20.10, Residential Districts, of Title 20, Zoning, to address two-unit projects in single-family residential zones. Staff recommends an urgency ordinance to ensure that the City's objective development standards are in place before the new mandate takes effect on January 1, 2022.

Recommendation:

Adopt the following urgency ordinance, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 18.26 URBAN LOT SPLITS TO TITLE 18 SUBDIVISIONS AND SECTION 20.10.041 TWO-UNIT PROJECTS TO CHAPTER 20.10 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF TITLE 20 ZONING AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

Adoption of the urgency ordinance requires an affirmative four-fifths vote of the City Council.

**(15) CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. 2022 COMMEMORATIVE FLAG DISPLAY SCHEDULE

Summary:

The City Council will consider adopting the 2022 Commemorative Flag Display Schedule by resolution.

Recommendation:

Waive further reading and adopt the following resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2022 COMMEMORATIVE FLAG DISPLAY SCHEDULE

b. OPTING INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH DISTRIBUTORS OF OPIOIDS, AMERISOURCE BERGEN, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND MCKESSON, AND OPIOID MANUFACTURER JANSSEN (OWNED BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON)

Summary:

States and cities across the United States have brought litigation against the

three largest pharmaceutical distributors of opioid painkillers, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson (“Distributors”), and the opioid painkiller manufacturer, Janssen (owned by Johnson & Johnson) (“Janssen”), which has resulted in two proposed settlements totaling approximately \$26 billion dollars.

The City can opt into the settlements, thereby releasing its claims against the Distributors and Janssen. The funds are restricted to certain opioid remediation uses. The City can either allow the funds to be used by the County of Los Angeles or elect to use the funds itself subject to reporting requirements to the State. Alternatively, the City can take no action, thereby opting out of the settlements, while maintaining its right to pursue litigation against the Distributors and Janssen.

Recommendations:

1. Opt into settlement agreement with opioid distributors, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, whereby the County of Los Angeles will receive the City’s designated share of settlement funds and direct the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement the action.
  2. Opt into settlement agreement with opioid manufacturer, Janssen (owned by Johnson & Johnson), whereby the County of Los Angeles will receive the City’s designated share of the settlement funds and direct the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement the action.
- c. PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR SPRING STREET BICYCLE LANE GAP CLOSURE PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 90.18003)

Summary:

The City Council will consider entering into a Public Works Contract with Sequel Contractors, Inc. (SCI) for construction of the Spring Street Bicycle Lane Gap Closure (Spring St.) Project (Project No. 90.18003). This Project includes:

- Installation of approximately two lane-miles of new on-street bike lanes (Class II) on Spring Street starting from 500 feet east of California Avenue to the easterly City limit at Junipero Avenue;
- Improvements to the existing sidewalks and bike lanes along Spring Street between Atlantic Avenue and California Avenue;
- Repaving the roadway (500 feet east of California Avenue to Junipero Avenue); and
- Corridor-wide improvements, including revised striping, signage, new safety lighting, modified pedestrian walkways, and traffic light modifications (including signal pedestrian countdown heads).

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Public Works Contract with SCI for

construction of the Spring St. Project (Project No. 90.18003), for a term of 120 working days and a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,690,430 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- d. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018, PER CAPITA PROGRAM

Summary:

Staff is requesting Council approval of the submission of an application for the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, Per Capita Program for improvements at Discovery Well Park (DWP) located at 2200 Temple Avenue. In order for the City to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, authorization for the funding request is required and the authorizing resolution must be submitted.

Recommendations:

1. Waive further reading and adopt the following resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS

2. Authorize the Community Services Director to submit an application for grant funding through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, Per Capita Program.

**(16) CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a Council Member or member of the audience for discussion.

- a. STATE OF CALIFORNIA - OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Summary:

The City has been awarded a \$75,000 grant through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The Interim Police Chief is seeking authorization to accept the grant. The grant will be used to offset Police Department costs to participate in public safety education and enforcement events.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Interim Police Chief to accept grant funding through the OTS STEP Grant Program.

- b. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED DECEMBER 14, 2021

Summary:

The Contract Amendment Register is a listing of proposed contract amendments eligible for streamlined processing based upon the following criteria as documented in the City's Purchasing Policy:

- Funds have been authorized as part of the adopted fiscal year Operating Budget;
- Staff are satisfied with the goods/services received to date; and
- City Manager has reviewed and approved each amendment for streamlined processing.

Three contract amendments are being presented for City Council consideration. The amendments were prepared in a form approved by the City Attorney and are included as attachments.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Contract Amendment Register dated December 14, 2021.



- c. CONTINUANCE OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND FINDINGS RELATED TO AB 361 EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCING RULES

Summary:

The City Council will consider the continuance of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in response to the current public health crisis related to COVID-19. The City Council will also consider whether to continue to hold virtual meetings of all City legislative bodies, as allowed by Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

Recommendations:

1. Receive and file report regarding the continuance of the existence of a local emergency in response to COVID-19.
  2. Direct all City legislative bodies to continue to hold meetings virtually and determine that such meetings are exempt from the Brown Act teleconferencing rules based on the following findings set forth in AB 361:
    - a. There is a Statewide state of emergency in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
    - b. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
  3. Direct staff, no later than 30 days after the City Council approves the recommended action, to report back on the state-proclaimed state of emergency so that City Council may reconsider the circumstances of the emergency and, if appropriate, make findings to continue to hold virtual meetings of City legislative bodies pursuant to AB 361.
- d. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT

Summary:

The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency to the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report. The monthly transaction report provides the changes in investments for the prior month.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

- e. WARRANT REGISTER DATED DECEMBER 14, 2021

Summary:

The Warrant Register is a listing of all general disbursements issued since the prior warrant register, and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation:

Authorize payment of the Warrant Register dated December 14, 2021.

**(17) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
VICE MAYOR  
MAYOR

**(18) ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via video and teleconference. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda. There will be no regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Routine matters are handled most quickly and efficiently if contact is made with the City department directly concerned. However, if you would like to request that a matter be presented for City Council consideration, you may do so by writing to the City Council, City Clerk, or City Manager. The deadline for agenda items is 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Council and Agency meetings. The complete agenda, including back up materials is available on the City website on the Friday preceding the meeting.

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in City meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.