



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 08, 2022

REVISED

**\* \* \* 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. Any person wishing to comment shall be allotted three minutes per distinct item. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

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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.:**

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- 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.

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- 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, March 8, 2022. Written comments will be provided electronically to City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not 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 – 7:00 P.M.****(2) ROLL CALL**

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

**(3) CLOSED SESSION - CANCELED**

- a. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, TO CONDUCT DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATIONS.

**(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****(5) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND NOT ON THE AGENDA EXCEPT THOSE RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARINGS (SPEAKERS WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES FOR EACH DISTINCT ITEM)****(6) COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****(7) INTRODUCTION**

- a. MAYOR JONES WILL INTRODUCE THOMAS BEKELE, NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**(8) PRESENTATIONS**

- a. COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST CRISTINA BOND WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CITY'S NEW MOBILE APPLICATION.
- b. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.
- c. CITY MANAGER WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ABOUT COVID-19-RELATED COMMUNITY UPDATES.

**(9) PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S AMENDED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDS (CDBG-CV)

Summary:

Form of Notice: Notice was published in the Signal Tribune newspaper per Government Code Section 65091 (a)(4) on February 25, 2022; and notice was posted in accordance with Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 1.08.010 on February 25, 2022.

The City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider amending the CDBG-CV allocation. The City received a one-time allocation of \$64,962 from the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funds to use towards Community Development Block Grant public service projects and programs. The City Council conducted a public hearing on July 14, 2020 approving the allocation of \$64,962 from LACDA for the Senior Food Distribution Program. Staff is

proposing to amend the original allocation to reallocate the funding to assist both seniors and families.

Recommendations:

1. Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S AMENDED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDS (CDBG-CV)

2. Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

**(10) CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. CONSIDERATION OF SMOKING BANS AT MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Summary:

In response to a request from the Youth Leadership Institute to ban smoking and secondhand smoke at multi-unit residential properties, the City Council will review existing federal, state, and local smoking laws and consider regulatory options.

Recommendation:

Provide direction to staff as deemed appropriate.

- b. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM CONSIDERATION - REPORT ON CITIES THAT APPROVED CANNABIS OPERATIONS WITHOUT A BALLOT MEASURE

Summary:

At the City Council meeting of February 22, 2022, Council Member Wilson requested and Council Member Copeland seconded the placement of a discussion item regarding the following for a future agenda: City Attorney report on cities that approved cannabis operations without a ballot measure.

Recommendation:

Provide direction to staff regarding the placement of the requested item on a future agenda.

- c. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO POTENTIAL STATE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1 - THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Summary:

The City received a request from CalCities to adopt a resolution in opposition to Initiative 21-0042A1, the Taxpayer and Government Accountability Act. The initiative creates harmful barriers for local governments and voters by establishing new and stricter rules for raising taxes and fees, limiting the authority of voters, and weakening the ability of government to hold violators of state and local laws accountable.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING STATE BALLOT MEASURE 21-0042A1, THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- d. RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SENATE BILL (SB) 1 - THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Summary:

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to incorporate a list of projects funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) - The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 TO BE FUNDED BY SB 1 - THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**(11) 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 for discussion.

- a. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S 2018 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Summary:

The City Council will consider approving a Professional Services Agreement with Emergency Planning Consultants (EPC) to update the current Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Staff is requesting a sole source procurement as provided for in the City's Purchasing and Contracting Guidelines.

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year Professional Services Agreement with EPC to complete the update to the City's LHMP, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,000 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- b. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATES TO THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD

Summary:

The City is a member of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority and serves on the Governing Board. The Governing Board's bylaws authorize all current board members and alternates, regardless of when they were appointed, to be automatically re-appointed for successive terms. Staff recommends appointing the Public Works Director as the City's Board Member representative and appointing the City Manager and Public Works Deputy Director as alternate members.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATES TO THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD

- 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. **WARRANT REGISTER DATED MARCH 8, 2022**

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 March 8, 2022.

e. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Summary:

Regular Meeting of February 22, 2022.

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes.

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

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

**(13) ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via video and teleconference. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

**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.

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