



**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**
July 29, 2014

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 29, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON
VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9,(d)(4) potential litigation in two undisclosed matters.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:06 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

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

Terry Rogers, Representative of the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce invited Council to the upcoming mixer on Thursday, August 14th at Senator Ricardo Lara's office from 5-8:00 p.m. and a harbor boat luncheon tour on Thursday, August 28th.

John Goya, Candidate for California State Assembly introduced himself to Council.

Maria Harris addressed Council and asked about the recent mailers regarding proposed refuse fees.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Interview of Applicants and Appointment of City Clerk

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson invited Robert Copeland to come forward.

Mr. Copeland addressed Council and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Copeland questions about his qualifications for the position of City Clerk.

Robert Copeland addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Yvette Perez to come forward.

Yvette Perez addressed Council and spoke about herself.

City Council asked Ms. Perez questions about her qualifications for the position of City Clerk.

Yvette Perez addressed the questions posed by Council.

Ms. Perez asked Council about the duties of the position.

Mayor Wilson addressed the question posed by Ms. Perez.

Mayor Wilson invited Edward Wu to come forward.

Mr. Wu addressed Council and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Wu about his qualifications for the position of City Clerk.

Edward Wu addressed the questions posed by Council.

City Council discussed the position of City Clerk and thanked the candidates for applying.

Council Member Noll nominated Robert Copeland for the appointment of City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Forester seconded the nomination for Robert Copeland.

There were no additional nominations.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to close the nominations.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mr. Copeland thanked Council for the appointment and encouraged the other candidates to continue to get involved with the community.

City Council thanked the candidates for applying and encouraged them to become involved with the community.

b. Interview of Applicants and Appointment of City Treasurer

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson invited Edward Wu to please come forward.

Mr. Wu addressed Council and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Wu about his qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Edward Wu addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Young Oh to please come forward.

Ms. Oh came forward and spoke about herself.

City Council asked Ms. Oh about her qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Young Oh addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Steve Ruszak to please come forward.

Mr. Ruszak came forward and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Ruszak about his qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Steve Ruszak addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Keir Jones to please come forward.

Mr. Jones came forward and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Jones about his qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Keir Jones addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Ronald Burke to please come forward.

Mr. Burke came forward and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Burke about his qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Ronald Burke addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited Larry Blunden to please come forward.

Mr. Blunden came forward and spoke about himself.

City Council asked Mr. Blunden about his qualifications for the position of City Treasurer.

Larry Blunden addressed the questions posed by Council.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 8:29 p.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Wilson thanked the applicants for applying for the position of City Treasurer and encouraged everyone to be involved within the community.

City Council commented on the candidates, and the interview and appointment process.

Council Member Hansen nominated Steve Ruszak for City Treasurer.

Vice Mayor Forester nominated Larry Blunden for City Treasurer.

Mayor Wilson nominated Keir Jones for City Treasurer.

There were no additional nominations.

Mayor Wilson closed the nominations.

Council Member Hansen commented on the candidates and voted for Larry Blunden.

City Attorney directed the City Council on the voting and appointment process.

The following vote resulted:

COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Larry Blunden.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS: Steve Ruszak.

COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL: Steve Ruszak.

VICE MAYOR FORESTER: Larry Blunden.

MAYOR WILSON: Keir Jones.

City Attorney directed City Council to vote again, between Larry Blunden and Steve Ruszak.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Council for their votes:

The following vote resulted:

COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN: Larry Blunden

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS: Steve Ruszak

COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL: Steve Ruszak

VICE MAYOR FORESTER: Larry Blunden

MAYOR WILSON: Larry Blunden

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by MAYOR WILSON to appoint Larry Blunden as City Treasurer.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Wilson thanked the candidates for applying and encouraged everyone to be involved in the community.

Larry Blunden thanked the City Council looks forward to working together in the future.

Council Member Woods thanked the candidates.

Terry Rogers, Representative for the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce addressed Council and encouraged the applicants to get involved with the community.

c. Memorandum of Understanding-Use of Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority User Equipment

City Manager introduced Police Chief who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll left council chamber at 9:14 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

Council Member Noll, Mayor Wilson and Council Member Woods asked about the portable radios, the current contract, and the mobile radio system.

Police Chief addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Deputy City Manager and City Attorney commented on LA-RICS, the portable radios, and the opt-out process.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Regional Operable Communication System Authority, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, to accept portable radios for use on the LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio system.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON CALLED THE SUCCESSORY AGENCY TO ORDER AT 9:24 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: CHAIR WILSON
 VICE CHAIR FORESTER
 MEMBER HANSEN
 MEMBER NOLL
 MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

d. 2014 Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds

City Manager introduced Suzanne Harrell, Representative of Harrell & Company Advisors who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked about the bonds and interest rates.

Ms. Harrell addressed the questions posed by Mayor Wilson.

Council Member Noll and Council Member Hansen asked about authorization from the Department of Finance, the Oversight Board, and allocation going to housing.

Ms. Harrell addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about staff, consultant, attorney costs, and what is the funding source for the redevelopment trust fund account.

Ms. Harrell addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute engagement letters with Harrell & Company Advisors and Piper Jaffray to serve as Financial Advisor and Underwriter in connection with the refinancing and authorize Harrell & Company Advisors and Aleshire & Wynder, Bond Counsel, to prepare the necessary documents for City Council and Successor Agency consideration on September 2, 2014.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON RECESSED THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AT 9:41 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Resolution Granting an Easement to County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for Access to Sewer Force Main for Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Purposes

Summary: The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) will be constructing a new force main sewer line to service their sewer pump station located at the corner of Spring Street and Jones Place. This resolution will grant the Sanitation Districts a permanent easement through the City's Corporation Yard that will be required for the construction, operation, and maintenance for this new sewer line.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-07-6091 granting an easement to County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for construction, operation, and maintenance upon land in the City of Signal Hill for a sewer force main.

- b. Resolution Accepting Sewer Easement

Summary: The City Council will consider a resolution accepting an easement for the purpose of accessing, operating, and maintaining sewer lines within private property. This is the first step of a two-step process that will transfer the responsibility to operate and maintain the sewer lines to Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County, which owns and operates the sewer collection system in the City of Signal Hill.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-07-6092 accepting a sewer easement for the purpose of accessing, operating, and maintaining the associated underlying sewer lines.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of July 15, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Hansen announced she will be on vacation and will miss the August 19 and September 2, 2014 council meetings.

Council Member Noll commented on the grass area at Discovery Well Park and requested the Parks & Recreation Commission review the grass area at the park.

Council Member Woods discussed the possibility of holding another Strategic Plan community meeting.

City Council discussed holding another Strategic Plan community meeting, public outreach, and requested staff bring back a proposed budget for an additional Strategic Plan community meeting.

Council Member Woods left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Vice Mayor Forester invited Public Works Director to please come forward.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about the work being done around the Roughneck Monument and the landscaping.

Public Works Director provided an update to Council on the work at the Roughneck Monument and the rosebushes.

Mayor Wilson requested the same size plants be used to replace any plants or trees damaged or removed for city projects.

Council Member Hansen discussed sidewalk repair and asked about the removal of sprinklers for city projects.

Public Works Director addressed the sprinkler issue posed by Council Member Hansen.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about the Gateway Water Management Authority grant project.

City Manager commented on the water bond program.

Mayor Wilson announced Household Hazardous Waste drop-off at EDCO, 2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill on Saturday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 989-7351.

Mayor Wilson announced National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th at Signal Hill Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 989-7205.

Mayor Wilson announced the Signal Hill Car Show at Signal Hill Park on Sunday, August 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 869-4202.

Mayor Wilson reminded everyone Concerts in the Park on Wednesday evenings through August 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Signal Hill Park. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced Movies in the Park- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* is on Friday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be a tour of city hall on Thursday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 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 WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk