



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

October 21, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 21, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 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 54957.6(a), to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the city's unrepresented employees.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(1), existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), significant exposure to litigation.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:03 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:25 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:06 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. Items a, b, and d were discussed and no reportable action taken. The council will recess to closed session following tonight's meeting to discuss Item c.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced new employees Tara Mallé, Recreation Coordinator, and Tiauana Staples, Account Specialist II.
- b. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to the Community Development Department in recognition of National Planning Month.
- c. The presentation scheduled by Central Basin MWD was tabled to a future date.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. **CITY COUNCIL GIVES DIRECTION TO STAFF TO RETURN WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTING OF A CODE OF CIVILITY AND CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

City Manager presented the staff report.

Andrea Webster addressed the City Council and spoke in favor of adopting a code of conduct.

Matt Simmons addressed the City Council and spoke in favor of adopting a code of conduct.

Robert Mendoza asked if the Code explains liability to the city if the behavior and conduct of an elected/appointed official is inappropriate and if legal action is taken against city.

Maria Harris addressed the City Council and spoke in favor of adopting a code of conduct, but lacks accountability, and suggested the Code include consequences.

City Attorney addressed conduct in course and scope of employment and how public employees are entitled to defense by the city, and the difference between what is considered course and scope of employment and what is not.

Council Member Noll commented on the code of conduct and requested adding staff members to the Code.

Council Member Hansen commented on the censure procedure in the sample resolution, conduct with city staff, and the Browning School.

Council Member Woods commented on establishing a code of conduct and customizing it to the culture in Signal Hill.

Vice Mayor Forester read a statement into the record regarding an interaction between himself and Ms. Andrea Webster at Delius Restaurant as referenced by Ms. Webster, and apologized to Ms. Webster.

Mayor Wilson commented on the code of conduct and the statement read by Mayor Forester.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to have staff return with a draft resolution.

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

b. **CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES AND FILES PRECINCTS AND POLL LOCATIONS FOR MARCH 3, 2015 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

City Manager introduced the Deputy City Clerk who presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to receive and file the report.

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

c. **CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES AND FILES UPDATE ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER**

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

Vice Mayor Forester thanked and complimented the people involved in this project.

Council Member Noll thanked the Public Works Director and City Manager for their leadership on this project.

Council Member Hansen thanked the City Manager and city staff for their work on this project.

Council Member Woods thanked city staff for being the lead on this project over the lead.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to receive and file the report.

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 HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER AT 8:57 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

a. **CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVES CHANGE ORDER FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AT 1456 E. HILL STREET AND 2170 GUNDRY AVENUE**

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Matt Simmons thanked the city council on the recent development and other projects going on in the city, and stated his concern about the high density affordable housing project near a grammar school.

Maria Harris commented about the impacts on property values in the area of the affordable housing project.

Council Member Hansen reiterated that this item was not about the affordable housing project, rather the approval of a change order for additional asbestos located on the site.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the change order for demolition of buildings at 1456 E. Hill Street and 2170 Gundry Avenue.

Council Member Woods reiterated that the 8 year housing plan does not require the city to build the housing but only to have a plan that identifies to the parcel where the affordable housing is proposed. The only obligation on the city part is to have zoning in place to allow the project, we do not have to build it.

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 ADJOURNED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 9:25 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Adoption of Resolutions Pertaining to the General Municipal Election to be Held Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Summary: Prior to conducting a General Municipal Election, resolutions must be adopted which call and give notice of holding the election, request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors render specified services, and regulations for candidate statements. The resolutions presented for adoption are required by the California Elections Code.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolutions 1) Calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the state of California relating to charter cities, 2) Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the county of Los Angeles to render specified services to the city relating to the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, and 3) adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

b. Revisions to Miscellaneous Classification Plan – Deletion of Information Technician/Police Department and Re-Establishment of Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

Summary: Due to the pending retirements of the Police Department Information Technician and the Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk, staff has evaluated the staffing needs of the affected departments and has determined

revisions to the classification plan are appropriate to best address the needs of each department.

Recommendations: 1) Authorize the deletion of the Information Technician/Police Department position, establish a Dispatcher/Jailer position and fill the vacancy through an open-competitive recruitment, 2) Authorize the re-establishment of the position of Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk and fill the vacancy through a promotional recruitment.

c. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the ADA Improvements at Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive Project, No. 618

Summary: Addscape, Inc. has completed the ADA Improvements at Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive Project, No. 618, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Addscape, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the ADA improvements at Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive Project, No. 618, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Addscape, inc. and the City of Signal Hill, California.

d. Claim for Damages

Summary: The city has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Christina Herman.

Recommendation: Deny.

e. Warrant Register Dated October 21, 2014

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 October 21, 2014.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of October 7, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL 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 thanked all who helped and supported her during her husband's recent illness.

Council Member Noll requested the city council adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Isabelle Chapman and inquired about the availability of memorial benches in the city.

Council Member Woods reported that Calvary Chapel Signal Hill puts on a free carnival on Halloween at Signal Hill Elementary School.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the Signal Hill Historical Society on their recently trip to the Getty Center and asked the city treasurer to comment on the trip.

Vice Mayor Forester asked staff to contact LBUSD and obtain the traffic study for the Browning School, and to ask if there was asbestos found and cleaned up on the site. He requested the report on the VOCs.

Vice Mayor Forester announced that he has been on the council for 16 years and has lived with HIV and AIDS since that time.

Mayor Wilson announced that poll monitor orientation is being hosted by the RRCC for the November 4 statewide general election, and the deadline to apply for a VBM ballot, and the RRCC's new technology on how to locate your polling place.

Mayor Wilson announced that he hopes everyone reads the City's special City Views on water conservation.

Mayor Wilson announced the various programs being offered by the Community Services Department.

Mayor Wilson announced the excellence in business awards event being hosted by Senator Ricardo Lara, and that the Wine Country will be honored.

Mayor Wilson requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Pat Esquivel, wife of Council Member Esquivel of Lakewood.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager to ensure that the city website has information on Ebola.

Mayor Wilson announced that he attended an event at Signal Hill Elementary hosted by Molina Health Foundation, and that books were donated to LBUSD.

Mayor Wilson requested that we take a look at a charter amendment to have a directly elected mayor, and asked if it would be possible to have a measure on the March 3, 2015, ballot.

Mayor Wilson read a letter that he received from Tobiah Silverstein, Ian Slowinski, and Kai Slorinski who requested an ice cream truck route on their street.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:02 P.M.

City Council recessed to closed session at 10:02 p.m. In addition to item 3c that was not discussed earlier, the City Manager requested that an item be added for discussion subsequent to the posting of this agenda.

- e. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), significant exposure to litigation.

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items c and e. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Isabelle Chapman and Pat Esquivel. The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, November 4, 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
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk