



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
November 18, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 18, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:08 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered the regular meeting at 7:08 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. Item (a) was discussed and directions were given for further negotiations. Item (b) was not discussed. Item (c) was discussed, a status report was given, and no reportable action was taken.

MAYOR WILSON WISHED CHIEF LANGSTON A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident announced the nomination period is open for the General Municipal Election on March 3, 2015 for two Council Member seats on the Signal Hill City Council, a City Treasurer, and a City Clerk. The filing deadline is Friday, December 5, 2014.

Lisa Marie Harris, Community Ambassador for the American Red Cross addressed Council regarding emergency preparedness.

PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Robert Long, long time resident and business owner, in recognition of his and his wife Nancy's contributions to Signal Hill students in grades K through 5.

Robert Long thanked the City of Signal Hill and recognized the Signal Hill Rotary Club.

Veronica Placencia, Representative of the Long Beach Unified School District thanked Mr. Long for his dedication to the students at Alvarado and Signal Hill Elementary Schools.

Council Member Noll thanked Bob Mendoza for inviting him to a recent Signal Hill Rotary dinner honoring Mr. Long.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Drought Grant

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

City Council asked about the clarity of the water, the cost per acre foot, Well No. 9 in the event of an emergency, the aquifer and water supply, neighborhood cities, Well Nos. 7 and 8, the average cost to homeowners, water pumping, groundwater, and allocation rights.

Public Works Director and Deputy City Manager addressed the comments and questions by the City Council.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked about eliminating the wells north of the freeway, making water samples available, sharing pipelines with the city of Long Beach, and the cost of Long Beach water.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked about alternatives to providing water in the event of an emergency, partnering with other cities, and Proposition 218.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Ms. Churchill and Ms. Harris.

Council Member Hansen asked about the different funds and charging an interest rate within the same city.

Finance Director and City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Wilson and Finance Director commented on the different funds.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority to receive a grant in the amount of \$2.86 million for the construction of an Advanced Wellhead Treatment Facility at Well No. 9.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Extension Of Risk Assessment Contract – OEHHA

Summary: The City requires continued professional services from the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for the review of environmental risk assessments. This report provides for the extension of the contract for five years.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the City of Signal Hill and the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment No. 08-E0023 to provide (on-call) environmental risk assessment services.

b. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

c. Warrant Register Dated November 18, 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 November 18, 2014.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of November 4, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL 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 Noll wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Forester reported on his attendance at the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender for Local Officials (GLBTO) caucus in Sacramento last week.

Vice Mayor Forester asked when Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Chris Steinhauser would be making a presentation.

Deputy City Manager announced Mr. Steinhauser would be making a presentation at the December 16, 2014 City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Forester stated he had questions regarding the Browning School site.

Council Member Noll suggested sending Mr. Steinhauser the questions prior to the meeting.

Council Member Hansen asked about the recent automobile accident on Redondo Avenue.

Chief Langston and Deputy City Manager reported on the recent automobile accident.

Mayor Wilson asked about the recent house fires on Hill Street.

City Manager and Public Works Director reported on the recent fire.

Council Member Hansen asked about possible demolition by the city of Long Beach.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Wilson asked the Community Services Director to please come forward and talk about the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Community Services Director announced the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Discovery Well Park.

Mayor Wilson announced the grand opening of the Signal Hill Community Garden on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 2175 Cherry Avenue. Please RSVP to (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced the Hazardous Household Waste Roundup sponsored by Los Angeles County. Please visit their website at www.lacsd.org for locations.

Mayor Wilson announced his attendance at the California Contract Cities Water Summit on November 7 and 8 and asked the City Manager to speak about the solution to pollution.

City Manager reported on his attendance at the California Contract Cities Water Summit on November 7 and 8.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Mayor Wilson and the City Manager for attending the summit.

Mayor Wilson announced his recent interview with Brad Pomerance regarding a directly elected mayor in Signal Hill and spoke about cities with a directly elected mayor.

Chief Langston announced a dedication for the new art piece memorial on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Police Department.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, December 2, 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 8:38 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk