



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 2, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 2, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON

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 54956.9(a)(1), existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

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.

Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:09 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:16 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

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.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing-Thirty Month Extension of Conditional Use Permit 97-03 for Seven Consolidated Drill Sites Owned and Operated by Signal Hill Petroleum Inc.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the thirty month extension of Conditional Use Permit to please come forward.

Sean McDaniel, Vice President of Signal Hill Petroleum spoke in favor of the thirty month extension of Conditional Use Permit.

Mayor Wilson confirmed the number of oil wells and vapor recovery systems with Mr. McDaniel.

Vice Mayor Forester discussed the vapor recovery systems with Mr. McDaniel.

Council Member Noll commented on the beautification projects and thanked Signal Hill Petroleum for a job well done.

A representative for Willow LLC, spoke regarding an encroachment issue with property owners and would like to work towards a resolution with Signal Hill Petroleum.

Alma Barnes, Signal Hill property owner read a letter to City Council regarding an encroachment issue and violation of Condition No. 8 (letter available in the City Clerks office).

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Attorney to comment on the statements made by the last two speakers.

City Attorney commented on the surface of the property, Condition No. 8, legal access rights, and Signal Hill Petroleum.

Community Development Director commented on the parcel and ownership of the property.

Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Forester, Community Development Director, Associate Planner commented on drills sites and oil wells.

Mayor Wilson and Council Member Noll thanked the Community Development Department for a job well done.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6107 approving a thirty month extension of Conditional Use Permit 97-03 covering seven existing consolidated drilling sites with oil & gas storage, processing and shipping operations and a gas turbine facility.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-12-6107:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A THIRTY MONTH EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 97-03 COVERING SEVEN EXISTING CONSOLIDATED DRILLING SITES WITH OIL & GAS STORAGE, PROCESSING AND SHIPPING OPERATIONS AND A GAS TURBINE FACILITY.

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. State of California-AB109 Funds

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded AB109 compliance and enforcement funds from the State of California for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to accept funds from the State of California for AB109 compliance and enforcement efforts. 2. Approve Budget Adjustment No. 2014-12-06.

b. 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.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Woods requested pulling consent calendar item (a).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to approve the consent calendar items (b) and (c).

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

a. State of California-AB109 Funds

Council Member Woods asked about the funds used for the part-time Emergency Operations Coordinator position.

Chief Langston addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve consent calendar item (a).

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 Woods asked for an update on the equipment for the local cable channel.

Deputy City Manager provided an update on the cable channel and playback equipment.

Council Member Noll encouraged everyone to shop in Signal Hill.

Vice Mayor Forester reported on his attendance at the swearing in ceremony at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Vice Mayor Forester announced he will be attending the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Conference in Washington D.C. this week.

Mayor Wilson announced today is International Giving Day.

Mayor Wilson commented on the City of Long Beach recently going to Stage 1 Water Restrictions and asked the Public Works Director to bring water restrictions back at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Wilson announced the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. will be held at the Signal Hill Community Center due to the rain.

Mayor Wilson announced Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center. Please call (562) 989-7330 to register.

Mayor Wilson announced he will be participating in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, December 16, 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 8:15 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk