



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 3, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:07 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.

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

Ellen Ward, Signal Hill resident announced on behalf of the Historical Society the Casino Night Fundraiser will be held at the Community Center on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$40 (\$50 at the door). Tickets will include dinner with a taste of Signal Hill and 400 chips that are non-redeemable for cash. Contact Mary Justice (562) 544-6003 or Ellen Ward (562) 597-5963 for advance ticket purchase or inquiries.

Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill resident and President of Friends of the Signal Hill Library (FOSHL) inquired with City Council for necessary criteria so management responsibilities of Bricks on the Hilltop program can be transferred back to the organization.

Member Hansen asked if the current FOSHL board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City and Ms. Hopper confirmed.

Pam Dutch Hughes, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and presented personal research findings, voiced concern against City's Construction Time Limit Code, and the Code's impact on the project at her residence.

Mayor Wilson clarified with Ms. Hughes her concern was regarding potential levied fines as result of incomplete project construction within the permitted time limit and Ms. Hughes confirmed.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager to work with Ms. Hughes and resolve the concern.

Terry Rogers, representative for the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce thanked supporters who attended the Flapjack Fundraiser, confirmed the proceeds will go to a local charity, extended an invitation for the Chamber's second mixer on Thursday, February, 12, 2015, 5 - 8 p.m. at the New Generation Empowerment Center on 1333 Redondo Avenue, and invited supporters to attend Casino Night on behalf of the Historical Society.

Gary Weinberger, Signal Hill resident and volunteer announced his family's relocation and change from being a full-time to a part-time volunteer. Among many other contributions to the City, Mr. Weinberger served the City as a Civil Service Commission Member for one year and as a volunteer of over 19 years with the Signal Hill Police Department.

Police Chief expressed Mr. Weinberger will sincerely be missed and is a true loss of the City.

Mayor Wilson and Police Chief presented a proclamation to Mr. Weinberger as Police Volunteer of the Year for 2014.

City Council separately expressed joint sentiments that Mr. Weinberger is a loss of the City and will be missed, and expressed City's sincere gratitude for his longer term service.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Wilson introduced Sylvia Soong, new Administrative Assistant with the Administration Department.

Sylvia Soong came forward, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work at the City.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson and Police Chief presented a proclamation to the School Resource Officer (SRO) -Student of Character Award recipient Josephine "Josie" Ortiz.

Ms. Ortiz thanked her teachers and parents for their support and expressed her love for school, desire to become successful, and provide a good life for her parents.

Police Officer Gossett explained the criteria for the award selection process and presented a gift certificate to Ms. Ortiz.

- b. Mayor Wilson presented to Police Chief and Deputy City Manager the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification issued by the United States Green Building Council for the Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center.

Mayor Wilson commented on the City Council's efforts to make sustainability a priority in all City operations including water conservation, recycling, and efforts to protect our rivers and ocean from polluted runoff; the goal for new City buildings designed and constructed to U.S. Green Building Council LEED Standards; and the new Police Station as the City's first facility to meet the criteria for sustainable design.

Police Chief thanked City Council for their dedication and vision to complete the facility.

Deputy City Manager, as project manager, explained the LEED Certification process and standards.

Mayor Wilson presented additional Police Station energy efficiency facts.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. New Design for City of Signal Hill's Monthly Water Utility Bill

City Manager introduced Finance Director who presented the Staff Report.

Mayor and Council Members voiced and made inquiries regarding the following concerns:

Clarification on staff report attachments for HOA versus single residence billing; potential adjustments to various sections on the new billing format; interpretation of usage and basic service fees; future potential of online billing, payment and QR Code options; future bill pay options' effects to direct debit customers; and how water customers will be notified of the new billing format.

Finance Director addressed each issue, announced new account numbers will be assigned to water customers as a result of the new billing format, and confirmed a publicity page will accompany each bill to notify customers on how to read the new bills and assignment of their new account number. An announcement article will also be published on Signal Tribune.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak on this matter to come forward.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to receive and file the redesigned water statement with a detailed view of City services and charges.

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. I-710 Project Committee Appointment

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Forester explained reasons behind his resignation after six years of service and commented on the importance to have a City Council member participate on the committee.

Council Member Woods expressed her interest to be nominated, asked for details about the committee, and asked about any potential conflict of interest with her participation.

Vice Mayor Forester addressed the concerns, commented on various past projects of the I-710 Project Committee, and offered his support as backup to the new member.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to appoint Council Member Woods as the member to the I-710 Project Committee; and moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to appoint Vice Mayor Forester as the alternate member.

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. Contract Services Agreement for Scientific Services with Exponent, Incorporated

Summary: The City has utilized the services of Dr. Susan Paulsen, through the firm of Flow Sciences, Incorporated to provide scientific research and expertise on storm water quality and drinking water quality issues since 2003. Dr. Paulsen has moved to the firm of Exponent, Incorporated. Staff is recommending entering into a Contract Services Agreement with Exponent, Incorporated to continue providing these professional consulting services with Dr. Paulsen.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Exponent, Incorporated, for one year, to provide professional consulting services in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. Approval of Alcohol Use for Historical Society Fundraiser

Summary: The Signal Hill Historical Society is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their Historical Society fundraising event scheduled for February 27, 2015, in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize the Historical Society to provide alcoholic beverages at this event.

c. Warrant Register Dated February 3, 2015

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 February 3, 2015.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015.

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 commented on the installation of three vehicle charging stations at Fresh & Easy and looks forward to additional information.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked and congratulated Terry Rogers of Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce and Larry Blunden of Signal Hill Historical Society for their job well done since taking over the organizations.

Mayor Wilson thanked Community Development Director and his staff for a job well done organizing and participating in Mayor's Clean-up as well as all of the volunteers who participated in the event.

Council Member Woods thanked residents and staff of the Las Brisas Community for their participation in the Mayor's Clean-up.

Mayor Wilson requested City departments to provide 30 days of advance notice for any upcoming event announcements.

Mayor Wilson announced the following upcoming events: 1. Travel Workshop on Tuesday February 10th and Thursday, February 12th at the Signal Hill Community Center (562) 989-7330 for RSVP, 2. Nite at the Library – Opera Talks every Wednesday till May at 6 p.m., register for limited seating events at (562) 989-7323; and 3. Chef Ollie Cigliano at the Library on February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., register for the event at (562) 989-7323.

Council Member Hansen announced her participation with Vice Mayor Forester at the Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell's swearing-in ceremony at the USS Iowa on January 24 and named various attendees.

Mayor Wilson announced the meeting will be adjourned in memory of Patricia Schauer, Signal Hill resident.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Patricia Schauer, Signal Hill resident to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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 8:46 p.m.

Edward H. J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk