



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
March 17, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on March 17, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 2477 Gaviota Avenue.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04 P.M.

Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:44 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Manager reported on closed session item. Item was discussed and directions were given to the real property negotiator, a meeting will be conducted with the applicant.

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

Ellen Ward on behalf of the Historical Society thanked sponsors, attendees and the City for making the Casino Night fundraiser a success.

Suely Saro, representative from the office of Senator Ricardo Lara announced that nominations for the 2015 Woman of Distinction Awards are due Friday, March 27, 2015. Nomination forms are at <http://sd33.senate.ca.gov/women-distinction>.

INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Wilson swore in newly elected City Clerk Robert Copeland.

The City Clerk swore in re-elected Council Members Larry Forester and Tina Hansen and the newly elected City Treasurer Larry Blunden.

- b. The City Clerk introduced the poll workers who worked the City's General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. They were presented with a gift of appreciation in recognition for their services.
- c. Mayor Wilson presented the representative of American Red Cross with a proclamation in recognition of "March is Red Cross Month."

Representative of American Red Cross thanked volunteers and donors who support the organization and its missions.

Mayor Wilson announced the City sells emergency preparedness kits and to contact Community Services at (562)989-7330 for more information.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Resolution Certifying the Canvass of the March 3, 2015, General Municipal Election

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked for any public comments and there were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-6122 reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on March 3, 2015, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-03-6122:

RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 2015, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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 commented on his term as mayor with remembering and rebuilding the City this past year in review: the Community Satisfaction Survey, celebration of the City's 90th Anniversary, Measure U, adoption of the first two-year budget, overdue accounting software update, public outreach on water conservation, award of drought relief grant, Long Range Property Management Plan, selection of new businesses in the City, affordable housing developments, Cherry Avenue Widening Project, Police Department accomplishments, and Mayor's personal recognitions.

Vice Mayor Forester moved to advance agenda item (c) for presentation.

c. 2014 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Community Development Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked for any public and council comments.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Mayor Wilson for directing the City Council this past year.

Council Member Woods announced that she requested the General Plan Annual Progress Report be presented as a City Manager Report item and thanked staff for the report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive and file the report and authorize staff to submit the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

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 Reorganization

City Clerk declared nominations open for Mayor.

Council Member Woods nominated Council Member Hansen for Mayor.

Council Member Hansen nominated Council Member Forester for Mayor.

Council Member Wilson moved to close the nomination and City Clerk declared nomination closed.

City Clerk asked for any Council discussion before the roll call vote.

Mayor Wilson expressed Vice Mayor Forester's value as a Council Member, his belief the title of Mayor should be an elected position rather than the existing annual rotation process and explained why he would not support Council Member Forester's nomination for Mayor.

Council Member Woods expressed Vice Mayor Forester's value as a Council Member and explained why she was not supporting his nomination for Mayor at this time.

Council Member Hansen commented on Vice Mayor Forester's re-election and expressed her support for his nomination as Mayor.

Council Member Noll voiced respect of City Council comments, expressed his concerns have been reassured and is in support of Vice Mayor Forester's nomination as Mayor. He asked the Code of Ethics be moved forward for Council approval.

Council Member Wilson called for roll call vote.

City Clerk conducted roll call vote of City Council in alphabetical order.

The following vote resulted:

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER:	Larry Forester
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	Larry Forester
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	Larry Forester
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	Tina Hansen
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS:	Tina Hansen

City Clerk declared Larry Forester as the new Mayor of the City of Signal Hill.

Mayor Forester declared nominations open for Vice Mayor.

Council Member Hansen nominated Council Member Woods for Vice Mayor.

There were no additional nominations.

Mayor Forester declared nominations closed.

The following roll call vote resulted for Council Member Woods as the new Vice Mayor:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Vice Mayor Woods expressed she will honor City Council's majority vote, support the newly elected Mayor Forester, and looks forward to learning from the Mayor this coming year.

Mayor Forester presented a proclamation and plaque to outgoing Mayor Wilson. The following representatives presented outgoing Mayor Wilson with certificates and words of appreciation: Mayor Forester on behalf of Congressman Alan Lowenthal; Suely Saro, representative for Senator Ricardo Lara, Chief Jackson, representative for Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby; Terry Rogers and Judie Johnson, representatives for the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce; Chris Wilson, representative for Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Deputy City Administrator Tim Patton; and Megan Kerr, representative of Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Broadcast Television Production and Playback System Equipment

Summary: The City received three proposals to replace outdated equipment used to record City Council meetings and air programming on the City's local cable channel. Staff is seeking authorization to purchase the equipment from VMI, Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to purchase broadcast television production and playback system equipment from VMI, Inc. in the amount of \$45,045.20 plus \$5,000 for contingencies.

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 March 17, 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 March 17, 2015.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Adjourned Regular Meeting of March 5, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson wished everyone happy St. Patrick's day.

Mayor Forester reported his attendance with Vice Mayor Woods at the Courtyard Care Facility in celebration of Ms. Grace Towns, 100th Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting in the name of Ms. Grace Towns to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 7, 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 FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk