



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 5, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, regarding review of Civil Service Commission decision regarding Appeal Hearing 2014-11-0001.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the City's unrepresented employee.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:32 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:04 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items on the agenda. Items (b), (c) and (d) were discussed, status reports were given and no reportable actions were taken. Item (a) was not discussed and Council will recess to closed session following tonight's meeting to discuss the item.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chris Wilson, Signal Hill resident invited City residents to the Signal Hill North Neighborhood Association's inaugural meeting taking place on June 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at 3255 Cerritos Avenue.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Forester presented a Sustainability Award to the owner of the residence at 2060 Dawson Avenue, Manuel Tollini.

Mr. Tollini came forward to express his appreciation for the award and love for the City.

- b. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to Paul Armstrong, contract building official with CSG Consultants, Inc., in recognition of May 2015 as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is in appreciation of building safety officials, contractors, and tradespeople who work to ensure the safe construction of buildings.

Mr. Armstrong came forward to speak about the theme of Resilient Buildings and expressed his appreciation for the City's support.

- c. Mayor Forester asked Vice Mayor Woods to present the certificates of recognition to the 90th Anniversary sponsors and their representatives: Signal Hill Petroleum, Aleshire & Wynder, EDCO and Efrain Ramirez, Signal Tribune, and Lisa Gary.

Vice Mayor Woods expressed appreciation on behalf of the City, highlighted each sponsor's contribution in detail, and presented recognitions to the Community Services Director, Community Services Manager and their staff.

Mayor Forester thanked Vice Mayor Woods for taking on the 90th Anniversary Celebration task.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Introduction of Ordinance Amendment 15-02 Amending Title 15 Revising Regulations for Buildings and Construction

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Paul Armstrong, contract building official with CSG Consultants, Inc. who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll commented on the easy to understand format of the presentation and Mr. Armstrong recognized Ginny Hellerud, Community Development Administrative Assistant for organizing the presentation.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Title 15 amendment revising regulations for buildings and construction to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

City Council asked for clarification on the requirement relative to building with capacity for solar, amendment of the ordinance, and time lag of building code adoption process.

Mr. Armstrong and Community Development Director clarified each question posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2015-05-1474 approving Ordinance Amendment 15-02, amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled "Buildings and Construction".

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-05-1474:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-02, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION".

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize staff to submit the Building Code Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Contract Services Agreement – Crossing Guard Services

City Manager introduced Police Captain who presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked about the expiration date of the original contract.

Police Captain addressed the question.

Mayor Forester asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak on the matter.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Woods asked staff to look into the preschool at the Burroughs school location and determine if the program is part of Long Beach Unified School District and therefore under the City's jurisdiction to provide crossing guard services.

Police Captain confirmed staff will research and report back to Council.

Mayor Forester asked staff to contact the City of Long Beach and address safety protection issues for the future Browning High School.

Deputy City Manager confirmed staff has communicated and will continue to address traffic and safety issues with the City of Long Beach.

City Council commented on the necessity of traffic control must be addressed as soon as possible for the Browning school.

Council Member Wilson commented that the process of request for proposal should commence six months before a City contract expires.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with All City Management Services Incorporated (ACMS) to provide crossing guard services for a period of three years with two optional one-year extensions, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

b. Support for the National Football League Stadium in the City of Carson

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Attorney reported on the Stadium meeting highlights from the Carson City Council Meeting he attended the prior evening.

Mayor Forester asked if Council has questions for staff and if there are any public comments.

Maria Harris asked if the adoption of a resolution would obligate the City to participate with the City of Carson as joint authority.

City Attorney addressed Ms. Harris' question.

Council Member Wilson voiced his support for the resolution and expressed potential economic benefits for the City.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-6125 supporting efforts to build a stadium for the Chargers and the Raiders in the City of Carson.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-05-6125:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO BUILD A STADIUM FOR THE CHARGERS AND THE RAIDERS IN THE CITY OF CARSON.

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

c. Proposed Senate Bill 16, Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program

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

City Council discussed funding for streets and State's possible control of the funds, difficulty for a bill to cover the needs of all cities, exploring revenue sources not based on gas, and Council's support for drafting a letter if modified.

Mayor Forester asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment on the matter.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident expressed his agreement with Council Members' comments and voiced his opposition to tax increases based on transportation.

City Council discussed modification options to the original staff report recommendation.

Deputy City Manager recommended an opposition letter with amendments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize City staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature expressing City of Signal Hill's opposition for the bill with amendment recommendations.

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

d. Economic Development Division Budget

City Manager introduced the Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen left Council Chamber at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor asked if Council has questions for staff and if there are any public comments.

There was no question for staff or public comment.

Council Member Wilson expressed appreciation for the more detailed budget analysis.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve a budget appropriating \$450,000 from the General Fund Reserve fund balance (Fund 100-29600) to the Economic Development fund, 10-47-420 (Attachment "A").

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Contract Extension for Police Towing Services with Mr. C's Towing Inc. and Kruger Tow Inc.

Summary: The City's existing contract services agreement for towing and storage services with Mr. C's Towing Inc. and Kruger Towing Inc. will expire on July 1, 2015. The City Council will consider a five year contract services agreement extension including modest storage and towing rate increases with Mr. C's Towing Inc. and Kruger Towing Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year Contract Services Agreement extension including modest towing and storage rate increases between the City and Mr. C's Towing Inc. and the City and Kruger Tow Inc., subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Approval of Executive Recruitment Services Agreement

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a contract with Bob Murray & Associates to provide executive recruitment services for the recruitment of the Deputy City Manager position.

Recommendation: Approve the Contract Services Agreement for executive recruitment services between the City of Signal Hill and Bob Murray & Associates in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Warrant Register Dated May 5, 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 May 5, 2015.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll asked the Community Services Director to come forward and present information on Emergency Survival Kits; Kits cost \$65 for a one-person kit and \$90 for a two-person kit, advance order is necessary from the Community Services Department, (562) 989-7330, due to certain items having expiration dates, and no online ordering is available at this time.

Council Member Hansen returned to Council Chamber at 8:27 p.m.

Council Member Noll asked Public Works Director to come forward and clarify private property versus mow strip (parkway) landscape permit process, available rebates, and new water restrictions.

Public Works Director addressed each question, referred City's website www.cityofsignalhill.org (Water Conservation page) and www.bewaterwise.com for rebate and conservation information, and reported staff will present to Council updated water conservation restrictions for the City at the next regular Council meeting.

City Manager announced the State Water Board is currently holding emergency drought regulations hearings which may render stricter water restrictions mandatory.

Council Member Wilson reported about the great turn out at the Community Yard Sale and suggested that City provide shading for vendors in future events.

Council Member Wilson requested that tonight's meeting also be adjourned in memory of Barbara Palacios.

Mayor Forester asked staff to research water conservation restrictions for condominium associations with bylaws that require maintenance of landscape, spoke about his personal grey water fountain, and asked staff to post water conservation tips on the City website.

City Manager announced the Economic Development Manager is finalizing the next issue of City Views Newsletter with the first page dedicated to water conservation, staff will present to Council updated water conservation restrictions following the outcome of the State Water Board meeting, and staff will work with the City Attorney to address condominium associations' water restriction requirement issue.

Mayor Forester thanked Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti for holding the Mayor's quarterly meeting and reported his attendance and the topics discussed at that meeting.

Mayor Forester announced he will be attending the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments with Council Member Wilson and the City Treasurer.

Mayor Forester made announcements of the following City events: Sidewalk Astronomers on Tuesday, May 6 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m and Ocean Marine Science Program on Thursday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Public Library, (562) 989-7323; Signal Hill Spring Clean-up Event scheduled on normal waste collection day for the week of May 18-22 and asked residents of multi-family communities to call (562)597-0608 during the week of May 11 to schedule a pick up; Commercial Recycling Program - contact EDCO Disposal for a custom recycling collection plan and cost benefit analysis at www.edcodisposal.com or (562) 597-0608; and Chief of Police announced Signal Hill Police Department Open House on May 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 2745 Walnut Avenue.

Council Member Noll asked staff to provide a list with City's top 25 water users in the next water restriction report and obtain clarification regarding schools' exemption.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 8:46 P.M.

City Council recessed to closed session in memory of John Leahy and Barbara Palacios.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item (a).

City Council voted on item (a).

It was moved by MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to overturn the Civil Service Commission decision regarding Appeal Hearing 2014-11-0001 and instruct the City Attorney to draft a Statement of Decision for City Council's review and adoption. Council Member Hansen recommended to modify the decision to a demotion.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council to conduct commission interviews on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 6:30 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 10:00 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk