



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 19, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Police Officers' Association.
- b. A closed session was held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: City Manager.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:05 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:21 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items on the agenda. Items were discussed, status reports were given, Council gave further directions, and no reportable actions were taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Forester read the proclamation in recognition of Los Angeles County CalFresh Awareness Month.

Council Member Wilson entered Council Chamber at 7:07 p.m.

- b. Mayor Forester presented Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell's 2015 Woman of Distinction Award in Business to Terry Rogers and Woman of Distinction Award in Community Service to Rose Richárd for the City of Signal Hill.

Ms. Rogers came forward and thanked her business mentors, John Weeks and Ross Tesser, and expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Ms. Richárd came forward, expressed thanks and spoke about the pleasure of living in Signal Hill and giving back to the community.

- c. Mayor Forester presented Senator Ricardo Lara's 2015 Woman of Distinction Award to Debra Russell for the City of Signal Hill.

Ms. Russell came forward to express appreciation and extended recognition to the staff at Signal Hill Petroleum.

Council Member Hansen entered Council Chamber at 7:14 p.m.

- d. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Public Works Department in recognition of Public Works Week, May 17th – May 23rd, 2015.

Public Works Director came forward and recognized the entire staff of Public Works Department along with Diane Bartosch and Chad Anema, staff representatives present at the meeting.

ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 15-02 Amending Title 15 Revising Regulations for “Buildings and Construction”

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt 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

Council Member Hansen proposed moving forward City Manager Report item (13b) before conducting the Public Hearing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- b. Interview of Applicants for Civil Service Commission

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed options and decided to conduct the interviews on June 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting; any closed session items will be discussed following the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Commission appointments will be agendaized for the June 2, 2015 regular City Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing - Introduction of Ordinance Amendment 15-01, Amendments to Title 16 Entitled "Oil Code" and Chapter 20.52 Entitled "Site Plan and Design Review" Establishing Regulations to Allow Development on Top of and in Close Proximity to Abandoned Wells and Revising Methane Assessment and Mitigation Procedures

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Director who presented key points of the staff report.

Community Development Director introduced the Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Susan Paulsen, Consultant from Exponent presented the report of *Impact of Oil Field Operation on Groundwater Quality in Signal Hill-Long Beach Area*; work performed by Flow Science Incorporated in coordination with Evans & Walker.

Susan Mearns, Consultant from Mearns Consulting presented a report on methane testing procedures, assessment, and mitigation.

Tom Walker, Consultant from Evans & Walker presented a report on Well Abandonment Equivalency Standard.

Mayor Forester asked if Council had any clarification questions.

Mayor Forester and Council Member Wilson asked various clarification questions.

Staff and consultants addressed each question posed by Mayor Forester and Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the ordinance amendment 15-01 to please come forward.

Kevin Laney, Signal Hill resident and Signal Hill Petroleum Vice President of Rig Operations came forward to voice support for the oil code amendment and complimented staff for the comprehensive report.

Keven Doherty, Signal Hill Crescent Square homes builder came forward to compliment staff, the Planning Commission and voiced his support.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident and Planning Commissioner came forward to voice support and complimented the coordination among staff, consultants and Signal Hill Petroleum.

Richard Manuel, former employee of Division of Oil and Gas came forward and expressed support.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Council Member Noll and Council Member Wilson praised the Community Development Director, the Associate Planner and staff for years of effort put into the project, expressed the importance of consultants' roles, and commented on Signal Hill being a leader in this area.

Vice Mayor Woods asked questions about oil well operator comments, performance bonds and insurance, methane testing of risers, nested probes, how oil reaches the surface, smoke testing, and additional analysis for Conditional Use Permits.

Community Development Director, Associate Planner, and Ms. Mearns addressed each question posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

Mayor Forester asked Ms. Paulsen to clarify findings of "no significant effect".

Ms. Paulsen clarified the statement for Mayor Forester.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-6126 adopting Negative Declaration 04/03/15(1), relative to Ordinance Amendment 15-01.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-05-6126:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/03/15(1), RELATIVE TO ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-01.

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 VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Ordinance Amendment 15-01, amending Title 16 entitled "Oil Code" and Chapter 20.52 entitled "Site Plan and Design Review" establishing regulations to allow development on top of and in close proximity to abandoned wells and revising methane assessment and mitigation procedures and site restoration standards.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-05-1475:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-01, AMENDING TITLE 16 ENTITLED "OIL CODE" AND CHAPTER 20.52 ENTITLED "SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW" ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT ON TOP OF AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ABANDONED WELLS AND REVISING METHANE ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND SITE RESTORATION STANDARDS.

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 thanked staff for a job well done and Signal Hill Petroleum for the data to facilitate the process.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolution Declaring a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Condition

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

City Council made recommendations and asked questions as follows: small system conservation goals versus required urban compliance, revision of watering time per station, decreased water consumption effects on water pressure, enhancement of rebates, homeowner association residents and commercial consumers outreach, elimination of parkway (mow strip) watering, use of community street signing and campaign type signage as outreach, free mulch at Long Beach City Yard, promoting a long term drought mindset, review of City water billing income against budget.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed each question posed by Council.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident came forward and voiced support for public outreach and suggested that City review homeowner associations' CC&R's against water restriction requirements.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked questions regarding commercial and industrial sector water restriction requirements, handheld watering, and whether mandated the water reduction requirement is per resident or for City as a whole.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

City Manager commented on the State mandate regarding water restrictions, the City's responsibility to comply with the State mandate, and commented on his meeting with water officials in Sacramento.

City Council discussed commercial water use for consumers such as auto dealers and medical water manufacturers, City's potential transition from a small water system user to an urban system water user, and corresponding water restriction requirements as result of the transition.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring a Level 2 Water Shortage condition in accordance with City of Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 13.03.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-05-6127:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A LEVEL 2 WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.03

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 WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize staff to seek Metropolitan Water District turf replacement rebate for the proposed civic center demonstration landscaping project.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Extension of Contract Services Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc.

Summary: The City of Signal Hill utilizes W. G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc. (WGZE) to serve as the City Traffic Engineer and provide professional traffic engineering services. Staff is seeking authorization to extend the current Contract Services Agreement for an additional three-year term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and W. G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc. for professional traffic engineering services, in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed the maximum contract amount of \$90,000 for the three-year contract term.

b. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments, sets the public hearing for July 7, 2015, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-6128 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2015-16 and approving the engineer's report; and set the public hearing for July 7, 2015.

c. Claims for Damages

Summary: The City has received five claims for financial reimbursement from Bradley Much.

Recommendation: Deny the claims of Bradley Much.

d. 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.

e. Warrant Register Dated May 19, 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 19, 2015.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of May 5, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

Vice Mayor Woods requested pulling consent calendar item (a).

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested pulling consent calendar item (b).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar items (c) through (f).

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

a. Extension of Contract Services Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc.

Vice Mayor Woods requested adding “annually” to Exhibit C-2 of the Contract Services Agreement to read, “...amended contract sum of \$30,000 annually...”

Public Works Director confirmed the addition will be made.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve Consent Calendar item (a).

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. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Council Member Wilson recused himself and left Council Chamber at 9:58 p.m.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked staff to clarify the revenue and expense forecast projected for FY 2015-16 on the staff report.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to approve the Consent Calendar items (b) and waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-6128 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2015-16 and approving the engineer's report; and set the public hearing for July 7, 2015.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-05-6128:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson entered Council Chamber at 10:01 p.m.

Council Member Wilson announced City of La Habra Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center.

Council Member Wilson reported on his recent attendance at the Contract Cities Annual Conference and commented on session topics discussed.

Council Member Noll asked Public Works Director to contact Cal Trans to resolve misleading traffic detour signage issues on Spring Street and Temple Avenue.

Public Works Director confirmed he will contact Cal Trans.

Council Member Noll announced Boxcar 7 will perform at the first 2015 Signal Hill Concerts in the Park on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park.

Council Member Hansen announced Long Beach will kick off the “100 Days of Summer” with an outdoor concert at Marine Stadium featuring Pop Vinyl on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Woods also reported on her recent attendance at the Contract Cities Annual Conference and named speakers who participated at the conference.

Vice Mayor Woods reminded residents May 18-22 is Spring Cleanup Week for disposal of bulk trash.

Vice Mayor Woods asked Chief of Police to come forward and recap on the recent Police Department Open House.

Chief of Police came forward and reported on the great turn out for the event and commented on the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) signups.

Mayor Forester complimented the Police Department staff and officers who organized and assisted with the event.

Vice Mayor Woods elaborated on the CERT training process and encouraged interested citizens to sign up by contacting the Police Department.

Mayor Forester reported on his attendance at the 50th Anniversary Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly with Council Member Wilson and various topics discussed.

Mayor Forester commented on participation in the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

Mayor Forester introduced the City’s new audio and visual equipment in the Council Chamber capable of broadcasting directly to stations and bypassing the use of a third party.

City Council wished Council Member Hansen a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Forester made the following Mayor’s Announcements: Ocean Marine Science Program on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and First Friday Book Club on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Signal Hill Public Library, contact (562) 989-7323 for more information; Hounds on the Hill on Saturday, June 6, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park, contact (562)989-7330 for more information; and Signal Hill Spring Cleanup Event scheduled on the

normal waste collection day the week of May 18 – 22, 2015 to dispose unwanted bulky items.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council to conduct a budget workshop on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 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 10:17 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk