



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
July 7, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 7, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney requested to add a closed session item for discussion subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to add closed session item (b).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

- 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 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 – 6:03 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:46 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:02 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Item (a) was discussed, a status report was given, directions were given for further negotiation, and no reportable action was taken. Item (b) was approved by Council to be added for discussion subsequent to the posting of the agenda, a status report was given, and no reportable action was 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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident thanked the Chief of Police for his quick response addressing a neighbor's traffic concern due to the Cherry Avenue widening project.

Carole Yochum voiced concern regarding car break-ins on Skyline Drive and Mayor Forester asked the Chief of Police to follow up.

Mayor Forester asked if any items on the agenda will be modified or pulled.

City Manager reported that items 12(b) and 12(c) will be pulled from the agenda due to State delayed execution of the grant agreement.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Forester presented proclamations from the City and certificates of recognition from Senator Ricardo Lara to outgoing Parks and Recreation Commissioners Ken Davis and Alisha Lopez, and outgoing Civil Service Commissioner Bill Yochum.

Commissioner Yochum thanked City Council and dedicated the proclamation to the Civil Service Commission.

Commissioner Lopez thanked City Council and the Community Services staff for giving her opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor Forester read the proclamation for Commissioner Davis as he was unable to attend the meeting to accept the proclamation in person.

Council Member Noll thanked Commissioner Davis for dedicating 16 years of service to the community.

- b. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation from the City and a certificate of recognition from Senator Ricardo Lara to Debbie King, owner of Wille's Tin Shop in recognition of 109 years in business.
- c. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Community Services Department in recognition of July as Parks Make Life Better!© Month.

Community Services Manager came forward, thanked Mayor Forester for making her introduction as the soon to be Community Services Director, and acknowledged the Community Services staff for their work.

Mayor Forester and Council Members announced Summer Concerts in the Park will begin on July 8, 2015, every Wednesday for seven weeks with food and drink purchase available, and recognized the Community Services Department for their work and execution of the events.

Council Member Hansen recognized the Community Services Director for her last City Council meeting before retirement.

- d. City Manager introduced Chris Young who presented the OpenGov, a platform used to publish interactive budgets to share with the community through the City's website.

City Council discussed the OpenGov platform and asked questions about the program.

Mr. Young and City Manager addressed each question posed by Council.

Mayor Forester commented on his anticipation of a staff report on OpenGov for Council consideration and thanked Mr. Young for the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Ordering the Levy of Assessments Within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Council Member Wilson recused himself and left Council Chamber at 7:46 p.m. since he resides in the Landscape and lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Council Member Noll and Vice Mayor Woods asked staff about utilities and reserve funds.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to ordering the levy of assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-16 to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-07-6133 ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-07-6133:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2105-2016.

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 Member Wilson returned to Council Chamber at 7:54 p.m.

b. Public Hearing - Resolution Finding the City to Be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about State gas tax revenue and the exemption of lower income housing from conformance.

City Manager and Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to finding the City to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-07-6134 finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and adopting the CMP Local Development Report (LDR), in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-07-6134:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT (LDR), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE SECTION 56089.

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. FY 2015-2016 Agreement for Children's Health Services

City Manager introduced the Community Services Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Vice Mayor Woods asked staff about the programs, funds, and the number of children assisted in Signal Hill.

Community Services Director clarified about the two different programs.

Community Services Director introduced Diane Nichols, The Children's Clinic representative and Christina Leonard, Miller Children's Hospital representative, who made presentations about their programs and services, and thanked the City Council for their support and funding.

City Council asked about grant funding, the Affordable Care Act, periodic updates and reports.

Ms. Nichols, Ms. Leonard, and Community Services Director addressed questions posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to Authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and Miller Children's Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and The Children's Clinic, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, 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

Mayor Forester restated that agenda items 12(b) and 12(c) have been pulled from the meeting.

- d. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Valleycrest Landscape, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services of Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

There were no questions for staff.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to execute a third amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc., for landscape maintenance services at Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park. The amendment will provide a two-year extension of the existing contract under the contract's current terms with a three percent (3%) reduction in the annual cost.

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 Noll complimented ValleyCrest for doing a great job with the parks.

Vice Mayor Woods complimented staff for negotiating a contract cost decrease.

e. Contract Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Tree Trimming and Maintenance Services

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Council Member Wilson asked staff about list of contractors and the process of the Request for Proposal.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident commented about the earlier agenda item regarding the work performed by ValleyCrest, and voiced concern over water restrictions and the sycamore trees in Discovery Well Park.

Vice Mayor Woods inquired about mulch recycling in the City.

City Manager reported that the City of Long Beach has a location on California Avenue across from the EDCO facility that provides mulch recycling.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement for tree trimming and maintenance services with WCA, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a three-year term, in the amount of \$380,387.

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

f. Use of Portable Restroom for Rock for Vets Benefit Concert

City Manager introduced the Community Services Director who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the request by Rock for Vets and setting a precedence for future requests.

City Attorney addressed the concern posed by Council.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the use of the portable restroom by the Rock for Vets and waive the staff costs associated with the mobilization and cleaning of the restroom.

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. FY 2015-2016 Contract Agreements for Proposition A Transportation Programs

Summary: Annually, the City receives Proposition A revenues to be utilized for transportation related programs. Agreements have been prepared for Long Beach Public Transportation Company to provide Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift services, and Administrative Services Cooperative to provide Dial-A-Taxi services.

Recommendations: 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City, Long Beach Yellow Cab Corporation and Long Beach Public Transportation Company in the amount of \$27,500 for Dial-A-Lift Subsidy, in a form approved by the City Attorney; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City and Long Beach Public Transportation Company in the amount of \$43,440 for Fixed Route Bus Subsidy, in a form approved by the

City Attorney; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City and Administrative Services Cooperative in the amount of \$15,000 to provide Dial-A-Taxi services, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Used Oil Payment Program Grant Application

Summary: Staff requests authorization to submit an application for the Used Oil Payment Program to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the successor agency to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). This grant helps offset the cost of used oil public education and collection. Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-07-6135 provides City Council authorization to submit a grant application in FY 2015-16 and authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all necessary documents. This would be in effect for subsequent years until rescinded.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-07-6135 authorizing the submittal of an application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Used Oil Payment Program.

c. Purchase of One Vehicle Replacing Community Services Vehicle – Unit # 15399

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a new vehicle to replace a Community Services Department passenger van. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle locally from a Signal Hill auto dealer.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan from Glenn E. Thomas Dodge, for a purchase price of \$31,907.

d. Resolution Establishing Annual Salary for City Manager and Cost of Living Salary Adjustments for Management Personnel

Summary: The City Council recently appointed Charlie Honeycutt as the City of Signal Hill's new City Manager and a new annual salary was established in his Employment Agreement adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2015. Revisions to the Management Resolution are needed to establish the City Manager's annual salary and to update Department Head and management salary ranges to reflect the 2% cost of living adjustment for all department heads and managers.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-07-6136 amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6033 revising management salary ranges to establish the salary for City Manager and to correspond with changes to the Signal Hill Employees' Association Memorandum of Understanding.

e. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial compensation from Sara Stanley.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Sara Stanley.

f. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received claims for financial compensation from Douglas Cruse and Iveta Cruse.

Recommendation: Deny the claims of Douglas Cruse and Iveta Cruse.

g. Warrant Register Dated July 7, 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 July 7, 2015.

h. Minutes of the Following Meetings

Adjourned Regular Meeting May 11, 2015.

Adjourned Regular Meeting June 2, 2015.

Regular Meeting of June 16, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN 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 announced the Fifth Annual Long Beach Gospel Fest, will take place on Sunday, July 19, 2015, at Marina Green Park. Tickets for the Gold Experience are \$50 otherwise it is free for the public. The Worship Experience takes place at 10:30 a.m. and the concert begins at 12:30 p.m.

Council Member Noll asked staff to bring back to Council at the next meeting an update on the dog park.

Council Member Hansen commented on the traffic issue on Cherry Avenue and 21st Street, thanked Chief of Police for taking her call to report on a vandalism incident at her residence, and asked Chief of Police if any citations were issued for the fireworks violations on 4th of July.

Chief of Police came forward and addressed the question about fireworks violations.

Mayor Forester asked about Police Department's hiring status of new officers and the Sunset View Park after hour surveillance.

Chief of Police addressed the questions posed by Mayor Forester.

Council Member Hansen announced she will be meeting with the Long Beach Unified School District with the City Manager to address traffic concerns relative to the affordable housing project; and thanked the Community Services Director for her services and commitment to the City and the community as she will surely be missed.

Council Member Noll thanked the Community Services Director for her superb job running the Department and her friendship.

Vice Mayor Woods asked Council to consider conducting a feasibility study to add fencing around the Discovery Well Park playground, an inquiry made by a resident with disabled children; announced the Signal Hill free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is taking place on August 5, 15, and 22, 2015, attendee commitment is required for all three weekends, seats are still available but limited, for more information visit the Community Services web page, and to contact Sgt. Robert Cravens at the Police Department for information and sign up, email: rcravens@signalhillpd.org; and asked staff to address the restricted left turn on 19th Street.

City Manager commented on the left turn restriction and confirmed Public Works Director is addressing the issue.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Signal Hill North Neighborhood Association meeting and voiced a concern from the meeting over insufficient lighting on Orange Street, a possible contribution to multiple traffic accidents.

Mayor Forester asked the Chief of Police to come forward, thanked the Police Department officers and staff for doing a great job on the Fourth of July, and requested information on the upcoming Car Show and National Night Out.

Chief of Police announced the 25th Annual Signal Hill Car Show will take place on Sunday, August 2, 2015, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park; and the Signal Hill National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park.

Mayor Forester asked Chief of Police to invite the LGBT of Long Beach to the event and inquired if staff cancelled the Council Meeting on the same night.

City Manager confirmed the City Council Meeting of August 4, 2015 is dark thus cancelled.

Mayor Forester announced DJ 101 will take place on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Public Library, reserve limited space by calling (562) 989-7323; and Concert in the Park will take place every Wednesday July 8 – August 12, 2015 with a Rock for Vets bonus concert on August 19, 2015 at the Signal Hill Park, contact (562) 989-7330 for more information.

City Council discussed and concurred to have the Parks and Recreation Commission initiate a review process and provide the City Council with recommendations concerning adding fencing around the playground of Discovery Well Park.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 21, 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 8:51 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk