



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 16, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Employees Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in two undisclosed matters.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:01 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:40 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 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.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items (a) and (b) were discussed, status reports were given, and no reportable actions were taken. Item (c) one matter was discussed and no reportable action was taken. The second matter was not discussed.

PRESENTATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Christopher Steinhauser, Superintendent of Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD).

Mr. Steinhauser presented updates and schematics for the new Browning High School.

Tova Corman, LBUSD Executive Facilities Director, presented construction updates.

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

Traffic pattern and parking lot issues, parking spaces available, two lane painting for both directions on Obispo Avenue, school hours, crossing guards, School of Choice Program, number of Signal Hill Students enrolled in LBUSD, boundary shift for Signal Hill elementary schools, student free time at Browning, adding traffic signals on Redondo Avenue and 20th Street, and additional entrances and gates for the school.

Vice Mayor Forester suggested the creation of a committee to review issues related to the new high school.

Mr. Steinhauser agreed that LBUSD would participate on the committee.

Mr. Steinhauser and Ms. Corman addressed each issue with the City Council.

Mr. Steinhauser complimented the City and the City Council as prime examples of how a good city supports its schools.

Council Member Noll thanked Mr. Steinhauser for a job well done following the Measure K Bond.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Steinhauser for the presentation and for the Long Beach Promise Program.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolutions Approving Memorandum Of Understanding With The Signal Hill Employees' Association, Management Resolution, and Employee PERS Contributions

Deputy City Manager introduced the Human Resources Manager who presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen asked for clarification regarding the SHEA step process.

Human Resources Manager explained the salary step releases and confirmed the effective date of the contract.

Council Member Noll commented on an excellent job well done.

Mayor Wilson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the matter.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson asked the Human Resources Manager to clarify the meaning of the employee's portion of contribution to PERS.

Council Member Hansen commented on the agreement and appreciated the efforts of the negotiation team (the Human Resources Manager and the Economic Development Manager), SHEA, and the City's employees.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the Council for their previous development of the Economic Uncertainty Fund and commented that the City's employees are deserving of the negotiated outcome.

Mayor Wilson thanked the negotiation team and commented on the importance of sustainability regarding negotiations.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to 1. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6108 amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6032 approving a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the California Meyers-Milias-Brown Act by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Employees' Association. 2. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6109 amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6033 revising management salary ranges to correspond with changes to the Signal Hill Employees' Association Memorandum of Understanding. 3. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6110 amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6034 specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 2%@55 and the 2%@60 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System. 4. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6111 amending Resolution No. 2013-12-6052 specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 3%@50 and the 3%@55 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-12-6108:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08-6032 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA MEYERS-MILIAS BROWN ACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-12-6109:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08-6033, REVISING MANAGEMENT SALARY RANGES TO CORRESPOND WITH CHANGES TO THE SIGNAL HILL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-12-6110:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08-6034 SPECIFYING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE REQUIRED NORMAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 2% @ 55 AND THE 2% @ 60 RETIREMENT FORMULAS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-12-6111:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12-6052 SPECIFYING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE REQUIRED NORMAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 3% @ 50 AND THE 3% @ 55 RETIREMENT FORMULAS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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. Amended Employment Agreement-City Manager

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the matter.

Maria Harris inquired about the premium payments associated with the City Manager's benefits package.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

Council Member Hansen commented on the City Manager's continuous dedication to the City, his work ethic, and his commitment as a role model for the City's employees. Furthermore, the City Manager has in the past declined the City Council's proposals to increase his salary.

Vice Mayor Forester agreed with Council Member Hansen and thanked the City Manager on his presentation and involvement at the State Water Board Meeting.

Council Member Noll expressed his appreciation and commented on other cities' recognition of the City Manager.

Mayor Wilson joined fellow Council Members in thanking the City Manager and congratulated him on a successful year.

The City Manager thanked the City Council and the department heads and staff as well as clarified the cost of living adjustment in this amendment agreement.

It was moved by MAYOR WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to approve the amended Employment Agreement with the City Manager, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

c. Contract Services Agreement for Construction Management Services for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, Phase 1, No. 786

City Manager introduced the Director of Public Works and Bill Zimmerman, City Traffic Engineer who presented the staff report.

City Council inquired about light signals, changes and turning restrictions, concrete grinding, the construction schedules with the City of Long Beach, traffic routing and its impact to the southeast neighborhoods, neighborhood outreach, road closure on 19th Street, and the potential of using reverse 911.

Director of Public Works and Mr. Zimmerman addressed each question.

Mayor Wilson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the matter.

Maria Harris commented that she was happy the construction will be taking place but voiced concern about the traffic control mitigation plan.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the recommendation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and AndersonPenna Partners Inc., to provide construction management services during construction of the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, Phase 1, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for a Tire-Derived Products Grant

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to submit an application for a Tire-Derived Products (TDP) Grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The grant would pay for the purchase of rubber mulch playground safety surfacing for the Signal Hill Park playground. Adoption of this Resolution provides City Council authorization to submit the grant application and authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6112 authorizing submittal of an application for a tire-derived products CalRecycle Grant for playground surfacing for Signal Hill Park.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Signal Hill Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540

Summary: Encon Technologies, Inc. has completed the Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Encon Technologies, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6113 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Encon Technologies, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the City Hall and Community Center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608

Summary: RT Contractor Corporation has completed the City Hall and Community Center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by RT Contractor Corporation.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6114 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the city hall and community center HVAC Replacement Project, No. 608, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between RT Contractor Corporation and the City of Signal Hill, California.

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 December 16, 2014

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 December 16, 2014.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of December 2, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Hansen requested pulling consent calendar item (a).

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve the consent calendar items (b) through (f).

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

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for a Tire-Derived Products Grant

Director of Community Services presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen asked for clarification on the project infrastructure and cost in consideration of the grant application.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-12-6112 authorizing submittal of an application for a tire-derived products CalRecycle Grant for playground surfacing for Signal Hill Park.

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 wished everyone happy holidays, announced his reappointment to the Revenue Tax Committee by the League of California Cities, and asked the Director of Public Works to explain recent service leaks.

Director of Public Works came forward and provided an update regarding recent service leaks.

Council Member Woods wished everyone happy holidays and happy New Year then announced additional projects for 2015 which continue the recognition of Signal Hill's 90th Anniversary.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the Long Beach Unified School District for their presentation and asked the Director of Finance about the banking RFP process, warrant register, excess of service charges, and spoke about his attendance at the LGBT Leadership Institute in Washington D.C.

Director of Finance came forward and addressed each question.

Mayor Wilson announced that the Los Angeles Superior Court will replace its current telephone system with a voice-over internet protocol telephone system in the coming months. Court directories will be available on the Court's website at www.lacourt.org as the new numbers go live.

Mayor Wilson read an email from a local business owner complementing Martha Baez, Charles Hughes, and Suzie Dinh in the Community Services Department.

Mayor Wilson announced his participation in the Belmont Shore and Daisy Lane Parades, his participation in the California Additions, upcoming participation in the Dancing for the Stars Fundraiser and wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 6, 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 9:15 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk