



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
September 15, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 15, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 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(b)(1) to evaluate the performance of the City Attorney.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding *Quinn v. City of Signal Hill*, Case No. BS157239.

**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 6:16 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:05 P.M.**

Council Member Hansen was absent from the Council Chamber.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Forester thanked staff for the flag stretchers in the Council Chamber as the flags are made more visible.

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

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce President thanked the City and the Signal Hill Police Department for hosting the last two Chamber Mixers, and extended invitations to the Salvation Army's Groundbreaking Ceremony taking place at 10:00 a.m., September 16, 2015, at 3012 Long Beach Blvd.

Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill resident announced the Signal Hill Historical Society's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2015, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's and proceeds will go to the LGBTQ charity in honor of the late Ellen Ward; commented that she had a good time at the Summer Concerts in the Park series and the National Night Out event; and thanked the volunteers, the City staff and the Police Department for their help and participation.

Council Member Noll encouraged community members who could not attend the Pancake Breakfast to purchase tickets and pass them on to others in the community.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. The items were discussed and no reportable actions were taken.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 7:09 p.m.

- a. Mayor Forester presented the Sustainability Award to the owners of the residence at 2001 Obispo Avenue, Mary and Nicholas de los Reyes.

Mrs. de los Reyes voiced their appreciation for the City's recognition and encouraged the community to follow their work in progress of drought tolerant planting.

Council Member Wilson complimented Mrs. de los Reyes for her talent of hand crafting the mosaic wall and the drought tolerant landscaping.

- b. Community Services Director reported a slide show presentation was provided prior to the Council Meeting and thanked the sponsors and volunteers who assisted with the 2015 Concerts in the Park Series.

Mayor Forester thanked the Community Foundation and the City staff for the Concert Series, and presented the following sponsors of the 2015 Concerts in the Park Series with certificates of recognition:

Headliner Sponsors: Los Angeles County 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Don Knabe, Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. - Stefanie Gillett and Debra Russell, and Crimson Pipeline, L.P. - David Blakeslee, Courteney Nojiri, and Victoria Kopaz; Rockstar Sponsors: Aleshire & Wynder LLP – Dave Kwon, EDCO – Efrain Ramirez, Signal Tribune Newspaper – Neena and Steve Stirchart, Mesa Environmental Services Inc. – Jessica Ortega, Liftech Elevator Services, Inc., and Wells Fargo; Leadsinger Sponsors: Coldwell Banker – Terry Rogers, Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce – Terry Rogers, and Hooman Toyota and Hooman Nissan of Long Beach – William Murray; and Concert Volunteers: Dyana Dulin-Blanchard, Police Department Volunteers, Alex Honeycutt, Saron Tefera, Jessica Listi, Kristen Stock, Chan Brainard, and Gil Griego.

Representatives in attendance for each sponsor came forward to receive the certificates and commented on their contributions.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Public Hearing – Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 13.03 by Repealing Chapter 13.03 and Replacing it with a Revised Chapter 13.03: Water Conservation Program

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager announced that staff has provided for City Council a copy of an opposition letter from the California Association Pool and Spa Professionals and introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification on water runoff and pooling of water and confirmed the revised program made no amendments to the existing pool and spa regulations.

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

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance to come forward.

Jose Solorio, Association of Pool and Spa Professionals representative came forward and commented on pool water usage against traditional turf, existing restrictions on the fill/no fill of pools and spas, environmental effects of improperly

filled pools, requested the removal of existing restrictions, and provided compromise and solution suggestions.

Council Member Noll asked Mr. Solorio whether the Association has reached out to the City District Senator and Assemblymember.

Mr. Solorio commented on the suggestion made by Council Member Noll.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident suggested re-wording the restriction of watering in the event of rain.

City Manager clarified the no water restriction of 48 hours is before and after a rain storm.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

City Council discussed and asked about watering times and various restrictions.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2015-09-1478 amending Chapter 13.03 of the City of Signal Hill Municipal Code relating to the water conservation program and motion as amended to include running and standing water clause.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of the Ordinance No. 2015-09-1478:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.03 OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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

## ORDINANCES

a. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amending Section 5.18.060 of Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Relating to Inspection of Guest Registration Cards

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-09-1477 Amending Section 5.18.060 of Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Relating to Inspection of Guest Registration Cards.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-09-1477:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.18.060 OF CHAPTER 5.18 OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INSPECTION OF GUEST REGISTRATION CARDS

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. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Sections 2.08.040 and 2.36.060 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code to Change the Meeting Days for the Regular City Council Meetings and the Regular Planning Commission Meetings

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Wilson asked about the reasons behind prior years' meeting date changes, requested staff to play the excerpt from the City Council Meeting dated November 12, 2008 regarding meeting dates change, voiced his opposition to change the meeting dates, and suggested polling the City for the decision to change the meeting dates.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and staff played the video excerpt for City Council.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

City Council discussed the viability of polling the City, commented about the importance of the City Attorney's historical involvement and support to the City in closed session and Council Meetings, confirmed with staff that prior polling of the Planning Commission was accomplished, requested the polling of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer, and individually voiced their support and/or opposition to the Ordinance amendment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2015-09-1479 amending Sections 2.08.040 and 2.36.060 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code to change the meeting days for the regular City Council meetings and the regular Planning Commission meetings.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-09-1479:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2.08.040 AND 2.36.060 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE MEETING DAYS FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT:       NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association

City Manager recognized Mary Gilmore and Elise McCaleb on behalf of the City, and Officers Steve Noble and Jeff Poor on behalf of the Signal Hill Police

Officers' Association for negotiating the agreement; and introduced the Human Resources Manager who presented the staff report.

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

There were no questions for staff.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-09-6142 amending Resolution No. 2013-12-6051, 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 Police Officers' Association; and 2) Approve the budget adjustment reallocating \$175,000 for FY 2015-16 from already appropriated funds.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-09-6142:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12-6051, 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 POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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. Environmental Assessment Services Contract

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

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

City Council asked whether the Successor Agency will be funding the contract, the last project Mearns Consulting, LLC worked on for the City, the amount of properties the Contract Services Agreement will cover, and confirmed the contract indicates a not to exceed amount subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

City Manager and Economic Development Manager addressed each question posed by Council Members.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Mearns Consulting, LLC for environmental assessment services.

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. Appointments to the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority

Summary: The City of Signal Hill is a member of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Water Management Authority and serves on the Governing Board. Staff is recommending appointing the Public Works Director as the Secretary and Treasurer and the Deputy City Manager as the alternate Member.

Recommendations: 1) Appoint the Director of Public Works as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Board; 2) Appoint the Deputy City Manager as the alternate Member of the Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Board.

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 September 15, 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 September 15, 2015.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of September 1, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL 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 thanked the Police Department, the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Southern California Edison for responding to the recent smoking utility box incident near his residence.

Council Member Noll asked the City's eastside community to be cautious and report suspicious activities of potential mail thefts while the USPS and the Signal Hill Police Department are investigating the recent incidents; and urged each City resident to look around their home and property for flood prevention work in preparation for the forecast of an El Niño weather season.

Vice Mayor Woods announced she will be attending the upcoming California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and League of California Cities annual conferences and meetings.

Mayor Forester reported that Southern California Edison was asked to communicate with the Police Department and Fire Department in the future regarding any specific, effected power outage areas following the North End neighborhood and Gateway City Plaza outage earlier that day; and reported on the wonderful celebration of life at Ellen Ward's recent memorial, thanked the staff for attending, and announced the upcoming Pancake Breakfast will also be an event honoring Ms. Ward.

Mayor Forester announced the following City specific events: City residents are invited to attend the Browning High School Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Discovery Well Park; the next Mayor's Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the west side of Reservoir Park for a clean-up of the North End neighborhood; September is Library Card Sign-up Month, Tween/Teens at the Library September 17 – December 10, 2015 free to all students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, Sea Otter Awareness Program at the Library on September 19<sup>th</sup>, and contact the Signal Hill Library (562) 989-7323 for more information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, October 6, 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 8:48 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk