



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
October 6, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 6, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

**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.

**INTRODUCTION**

a. Mayor Forester introduced Dan Bartelson, new Deputy City Manager.

Mr. Bartelson thanked the Council and the City Manager for the opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone and for the City.

**PRESENTATIONS**

b. Mayor Forester introduced Meredith Berkson, representative of PATH, who presented the Gateway Connections program and introduced Shannon Parker of PATH Long Beach (LCA 4).

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

Ms. Parker presented the PATH program outreach and successes in the City of Signal Hill and provided the PATH Outreach Hotline, (562) 373-5264.

Mayor Forester commented on his position as Vice Chair position with the Urban Community Outreach program at the First Congregational Church.

Council Member Wilson commented on this great opportunity for PATH to make the public announcement at the City Council meeting.

- a. Mayor Larry Forester proclaimed October 2015 as National Community Planning Month and introduced Community Development Administrative Assistant who presented the American Planning Association's celebration of National Planning Month at Signal Hill and various art projects created by the children of the City's After School Recreation Club program.

Mayor Forester thanked the Community Services Department for coordinating the art projects with the children.

- c. Mayor Forester and staff presented a Water Conservation Public Service Announcement.

City Manager introduced the Public Service Announcement, played the video for Council Members and the public, and confirmed the video will be aired on the City's website, cable channel and YouTube Channel.

## **ORDINANCES**

- a. Adoption 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 for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

Assistant City Attorney requested amending the first two paragraphs of the Ordinance.

Council Member Wilson discussed and voiced opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Forester, Vice Mayor Woods, and Council Member Noll voiced their support of changing meeting days to accommodate the City Attorney's request.

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

Council Member Noll asked staff to review and fine tune the process of changing meeting days in the future.

Council Member Hansen asked staff to confirm when the Ordinance becomes effective. City Manager confirmed the second meeting of November is on November 24, 2015. This will begin the new schedule for City Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

- b. Adoption 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 Manager 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 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-09-1478 approving the revision of Chapter 13.03 Water Conservation Program.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of 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

Vice Mayor Woods asked staff to clarify details of the Ordinance and suggested additional clarification amendments to the Ordinance.

Council Member Wilson asked staff to clarify the watering of 48 hours during and following rain discussed from the prior Council meeting.

City Manager and Public Works Management Analyst addressed the requests and questions posed by Council Members.

Mayor Forester asked if Council Member Noll and Council Member Hansen were in agreement with the amendments requested.

Council Member Noll and Council Member Hansen confirmed they were in agreement.

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. Resolution Establishing Solid Waste Collection Service Rate Adjustments

City Manager introduced Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report and introduced EDCO President Steve South to address any additional questions.

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

Vice Mayor Woods asked about the required 30-day notice following Council approval and tipping fees.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Woods and Mr. Steve South came forward to explain the tipping fees.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the rate charge and collection of the fees regarding the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Standards (NPDES), and voiced opinion on the responsible party for the NPDES fees.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Forester commented on the NPDES in relation to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer 4 System (MS4) and its requirement under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Council Members discussed and asked about effective date of the rate increase relative to the required 30-day notice.

Mr. South and the Assistant City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt the Resolution No. 2015-10-6143 pursuant to Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 08.08.040(I), establishing maximum rates for solid waste collection services for each residential unit and commercial/industrial establishment.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-10-6143:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, PURSUANT TO SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 08.08.040(I), ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT

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. View Park Project Update and Design Review

City Manager introduced Community Services Manager who presented the staff report and introduced the representative from the design firm to address any additional questions.

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

City Council discussed and asked about tile art design, night time safety precautions, American Disability Act (ADA) compliance, patrol requirements, and hours of operation.

Community Services Director and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Ashley Schaffer, Signal Hill Petroleum representative came forward and thanked the City and staff for working with Signal Hill Petroleum on this project and looks forward to the opening of View Park.

Council Member Noll complimented staff for a job well done.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about trails' composition material for the View Park.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to review the 50% complete design submittal and direct staff to complete the plans and specifications for the View Park.

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. Professional Services Agreement for Los Cerritos Channel Sub-Basin 4 Watershed Management Compliance Program

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

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

Council Member Wilson asked about the Grant, project facility lifespan, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about any Grant provisions to account for staff time in the MOU with the City of Long Beach.

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

Council Member Wilson suggested staff look into a Grant fund matching component.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech Inc. in the amount of \$436,938 for the preparation of a TMDL Compliance Plan for the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-basin 4 Drainage Area 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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Purchase of One Replacement Police Patrol Vehicle

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a new replacement Police Department patrol vehicle. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle from Wondries Fleet Group under a Los Angeles County purchase order.

Recommendations: 1) Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2015 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Wondries Fleet Group under Los Angeles County Purchase Order SH 15320005-1; and 2) Approve the attached budget adjustment appropriating \$42,500 from Account No. 601-29-600 to Account No. 601-40-842.

b. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 2671 E. Wall Street

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 2671 E. Wall Street.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-10-6144 designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 2671 E. Wall Street for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

c. Warrant Register Dated October 6, 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 October 6, 2015.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting



Regular Meeting of September 15, 2015

Recommendation: Approve.

Mayor Forester requested pulling Consent Calendar item (a).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar items (b) through (d).

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. Purchase of One Replacement Police Patrol Vehicle

Police Chief reported on his recent visit with Mayor Forester to Tesla automaker.

Mayor Forester asked staff to research and follow up with the feasibility and potential use of hybrid vehicles for the Police Department.

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 Rock for Vets Casino Night at Roxanne's

on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Noll asked Community Development Director to follow up with the dying oleander plants on Cherry Avenue, the dying trees in the oil field landscapes with Signal Hill Petroleum, and to assess water conservation restrictions for these City locations.

Council Member Wilson thanked the City Manager and staff for organizing the Browning High School Community Workshop, and Council Members discussed the community's concern with various traffic and parking issues around the school site.

City Manager summarized topics discussed at the Workshop and City's proactivity working with the City of Long Beach to resolve potential traffic and parking issues.

Council Member Noll asked Public Works Director to explain the Cherry Avenue Phase II sign on display.

Public Works Director came forward and addressed the request made by Council Member Noll.

Vice Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Annual Conference and that she will be meeting with the City Manager with recommendations for the City.

Mayor Forester and City Treasurer reported on their recent attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Meeting.

Mayor Forester complimented the Director of Finance for her work on keeping City's financial strength based on diagnostics he learned at the Annual Meeting.

Mayor Forester announced The Mayor's Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the west side of Reservoir Park for a clean-up of the north end neighborhood.

Mayor Forester and Community Services Director made the following announcements: In-N-Out "Cover to Cover" Reading Incentive Program taking place October 3 – November 4, 2015 at the Signal Hill Library; Tween/Teens at the Library taking place September 17 – December 10, 2015 at the Library for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students; and contact the Library (562) 989-7323 for more information. Halloween Carnival is on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park, admission cost is \$3 per person (infants under one is free); City is seeking volunteers to work at the Carnival; and contact Community Services Department (562) 989-7330 for more information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, October 20, 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 8:50 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk