



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
November 24, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 24, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), significant exposure to litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 2175 28th Street between the City of Signal Hill and Global LBH, LLC.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:04 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:16 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given, and no reportable actions were taken.

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

Terry Rogers, as representative of the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce, extended invitations to the Chamber Christmas Dinner and Party at the Grand on December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., tickets are \$25 per person, RSVP's are requested.

Terry Rogers, as representative of the Signal Hill Historical Society, extended invitations to the Mission Inn Festival of Lights and Dinner on November 30, 2015, tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members, and optional annual membership for additional \$25; and announced the Historical Society Christmas Party will take place at the Petroleum Club on December 14, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. with no host bar at 5:30 p.m., tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members, limited to 40 guests, and RSVP's are requested by contacting Sylvia Hopper or Terry Rogers.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Forester and Police Chief introduced Devin Moreno, Ian Bridges, and Adrian Jimenez, new Police Officers with the Signal Hill Police Department.

Officer Moreno thanked the City, the Police Department, and his family, and commented on his dream job and passion to serve and protect the community.

Officer Jimenez thanked the City and the Police Department for the opportunity, expressed pride to serve the community, and thanked family members for their support.

Officer Bridges thanked his family for their support and expressed excitement for a long term employment with the City and the Police Department.

Officers Moreno, Jimenez, and Bridges jointly recited the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Police Chief asked the Officers' family to rise and be recognized.

Mayor Forester announced that Council Member Noll is excused on vacation.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Emergency Operations Coordinator Richard Johnson presented to the City a Certification of Participation for the 2015 Great California Shakeout.

Mr. Johnson made a presentation on the City's preparations and what City residents and businesses can do to prepare for El Niño storm conditions.

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

Council Member Wilson asked a question regarding a warning system equipped in his personal vehicle.

Mr. Johnson addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked about contact numbers for the community for any additional questions and requested that staff members look into posting Mr. Johnson's presentation on the cable channel and YouTube.

Mr. Johnson provided his City contact number of (562) 989-7239 and the Public Works Director announced that the City Website has a webpage specifically dedicated for El Niño information accessible from the homepage.

City Manager confirmed that staff will look into posting the informative slides from Mr. Johnson's presentation on the cable channel and YouTube.

Council Member Wilson left the Council Chamber at 8:02 p.m.

ORDINANCES

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-11-1480 Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the City Council and the California Public Employees' Retirement System Pertaining to the Addition of Section 20516 for 3%@50 AND 3%@55 Signal Hill Police Officers' Association Members

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 were no public comments.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11-1480, authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council and the California Public Employees' Retirement System pertaining to the addition of Section 20156 for 3%@50 and 3%@55 Signal Hill Police Officers' Association Members.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-11-1480:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PERTAINING TO THE ADDITION OF SECTION 20516 FOR 3%@50 AND 3%@55 SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

- b. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 15-04 Repealing Chapter 13.10 of the Municipal Code and Replacing it with Revised State Mandated Water Conservation Regulations, Limiting Turf and Improving Irrigation Efficiency in New Development and Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-02 Amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code by Adding Landscape and Hardscape Standards to Promote Turf Replacement in Existing Development

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 were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11-1481 approving ordinance amendment 15-04 repealing Chapter 13.10 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code and replacing it with revised State mandated water conservation regulations, limiting turf and improving irrigation efficiency in new development and zoning ordinance amendment 15-02 amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code by adding landscape and hardscape standards to promote turf replacement in existing development.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-11-1481:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-04 REPEALING CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH REVISED STATE MANDATED WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS, LIMITING TURF AND IMPROVING IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-02 AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE STANDARDS TO PROMOTE TURF REPLACEMENT IN EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing – Introduction of Ordinance Amendment 15-05 Adding Chapter 18.13 Finance and Conveyance Maps to the Signal Hill Municipal Code

Deputy City Manager read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Development Director 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 opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

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

Keven Doherty, representative of SummerHill Housing Group, commented this unique tool is applicable and critical to potential developments in the City.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Forester asked staff if the Planning Commission has reviewed this addition of the Finance and Conveyance Maps.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Mayor Forester.

Vice Mayor Woods asked staff about the introduction of the Finance and Conveyance Maps and asked the City Attorney if there are any challenges or loopholes.

Community Development Director and City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2015-11-1482 approving ordinance amendment 15-05 adding Chapter 18.13 Finance and Conveyance Maps to the Signal Hill Municipal Code consistent with the Subdivision Map Act.

City Attorney read the title of the Ordinance No. 2015-11-1482:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-05 ADDING CHAPTER 18.13 FINANCE AND CONVEYANCE MAPS TO THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CONSISTENT WITH THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment

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

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

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill resident asked about the time of the Community Meeting.

Community Services Director confirmed the Meeting will be in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting taking place at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2016.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to 1) Authorize staff to participate in the Los Angeles County needs assessment; and 2) Enter into the participation/funding agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as-to-form.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Resolution Approving the Application for (Prop A) Grant Funds for the Reservoir Park Playground and Signal Hill Park Irrigation Improvements and Approves the Adoption of a Youth Employment Plan

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

Mayor Forester asked the City Attorney if he should recuse himself from the Council Chamber as he is a member of the Conservation Corp.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Mayor Forester.

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

Vice Mayor Woods asked if there are any requirements of matching funds.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-11-6148 approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fourth Supervisorial District Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition (Prop A) funding for the Reservoir Park playground and Signal Hill Park irrigation improvements and approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan.

City Attorney read the title of the Resolution No. 2015-11-6148:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION (PROP A) FUNDING FOR THE RESERVOIR PARK PLAYGROUND AND SIGNAL HILL PARK IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Subcommittee to Review Cost of Water Operations

Mayor Forester reported that he held a prior discussion with the City Manager recommending that a subcommittee be formed to review the analysis.

City Manager provided his recommendation of the subcommittee members to include two Council members and indicated he had previously confirmed with the absent Council Member Noll and Council Member Wilson their willingness to participate as subcommittee members.

Mayor Forester recommended Council Member Noll and Council Member Wilson to represent City Council as subcommittee members.

Vice Mayor Woods asked staff if there is room for community members to be on the subcommittee.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

It was moved by MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to appoint Council Member Noll and Council Member Wilson to serve on a subcommittee to review the preliminary financial analysis performed on the cost to provide water service and develop recommendations for any necessary water rate adjustments.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Real Property for Additional Public Right-of-Way at 924 Vernon Street

Summary: This resolution will accept the dedication of additional public right-of-way to be used for alley purposes adjacent to 924 Vernon Street.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the Resolution No. 2015-11-6149 accepting the dedication of real property for additional public right-of-way for alley purposes at 924 Vernon Street.

- b. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 2201 E. 19th Street

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 2201 E. 19th Street.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-11-6150 designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 2201 E. 19th Street for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

c. 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.

d. Warrant Register Dated November 24, 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 November 24, 2015.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of November 3, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Woods spoke in favor of the emergency preparedness plan

presented by Mr. Johnson and looks forward to the information to be shared with the community.

Mayor Forester reported on a meeting he attended with the City Manager with the U.S. Postal Service regarding the relocation of the Stephen Horn Post Office; The Postal Service is seeking public comments on the proposed relocation, written comments will be received through December 24, 2015 by email at choneycutt@cityofsignalhill.org, and more information will be made available on www.cityofsignalhill.org, and thanked the City Manager for orchestrating the meeting.

Mayor Forester announced the Signal Hill Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center and the cost is free.

Council Member Hansen asked the Public Works Director if staff has been testing the tree lighting as her son noticed the lights being on.

Public Works Director addressed Council Member's comments.

Mayor Forester announced Cookies with Santa will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015, cost is \$3 per person and limited to 4 adults per family, pre-registration is required, and contact Community Services at (310) 989-7330.

Community Services Director announced two seatings will be available for Cookies with Santa: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. and 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Mayor Forester announced sandbags will be available at the City Yard on 2175 E. 28th Street on a first come first serve basis due to limited supply, 10 sandbags per residence and proof of residence is required, additional sandbags may be available in the event of storms, and contact the City Yard at (562) 989-7250 for potential secondary locations.

Mayor Forester reported on his recent attendance at the annual LGBT Leaders' conference with various topics discussed, and looks forward to his upcoming tour of the Poseidon Desalination water facility in San Diego County.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, December 8, 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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk