



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
January 26, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 26, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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), potential litigation - Petition of NRDC, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and Heal the Bay, for Review by the State Water Resources Control Board of the Regional Board Executive Officer's Action to Conditionally Approve Nine Watershed Management Programs Pursuant to the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Order No. R4-2012-0175, NPDES Permit No. CAS004001, SWRCB_OCC File A-2386.

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 6:31 p.m.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:44 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:06 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, Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce President announced the 75th Annual Awards and Installation event of the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce will take place on January 28, 2016 from 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; the Signal Hill Police Foundation will hold an Inaugural event on January 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.; and the Signal Hill Historical Society will host a Casino Night in February and is looking for sponsors for the event.

Vice Mayor Woods asked Ms. Rogers to verify the start time of the Signal Hill Police Foundation Inaugural event.

Ms. Rogers confirmed the event start time is 6:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

- a. Mayor Forester introduced Tiarra Warner, new Recreation Coordinator with the Community Services Department.

Ms. Warner expressed excitement to work closer to home and getting to know everyone.

ORDINANCES

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 15-06 Prohibiting Mobile Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Delivery Services Citywide and Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-03 Prohibiting Medical Marijuana Cultivation

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 VICE MAYOR WOODS to 1) Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-01-1483 approving Ordinance Amendment 15-06 amending Title 9 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.50 prohibiting mobile medical marijuana dispensaries and delivery services citywide; and 2) Waive further reading and adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 2016-01-1484, approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-03 amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code by prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation in all commercial and industrial zoning districts including specific plans and as a home occupation and revising the definition of medical marijuana dispensary to include mobile delivery services.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-01-1483:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-06 AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.50 PROHIBITING MOBILE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND DELIVERY SERVICES CITYWIDE

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-01-1484:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-03 AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANS AND AS A HOME OCCUPATION AND REVISING THE DEFINITION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY TO INCLUDE MOBILE DELIVERY 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

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public Hearing-Consideration and Adoption of Urgency Ordinance Establishing New Regulations for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Deputy City Manager read the form of Notice.

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

Public Works Management Analyst introduced Assistant City Attorney Christy Lopez who discussed next steps after the adoption of the urgency ordinance.

City Council asked questions regarding specific requirements of the ordinance and details presented in the staff report.

Assistant City Attorney, City Manager, and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked questions about micro-cell towers, view impact, and applications of proposed sites.

Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Forester asked for clarification on the State issued authorizations for wireless telecommunication installations on City properties and relative right of ways.

Assistant City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Mayor Forester.

Council Member Hansen asked for clarification regarding the intention and concept of the urgency ordinance relative to a regular ordinance adoption process, and telecommunication coverage criteria of potential applicants.

City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-01-1485 amending Title 12 of the City of Signal Hill Municipal Code by adding Chapter 12.21, entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, Regulating Wireless Installations in the Public Right-Of-Way", and declaring the urgency thereof.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-01-1485:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 12.21, ENTITLED "WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, REGULATING WIRELESS INSTALLATIONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY", AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

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. Initiative Measure to Allow Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivation Facilities in the City of Signal Hill

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Attorney commented on potential legal issues regarding the Initiative Measure.

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

Council Member Wilson asked about a special election in the event that 15% of Signal Hill registered voters are obtained.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to receive and file.

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. Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index

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

Mayor Forester commented about the Human Rights Campaign.

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

Council Member Wilson asked about the highest maximum score available.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester thanked the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager for their efforts, commented on the Human Rights Campaign scoring process, and ask the LGBT community members to bring forward to the City any issues that need to be addressed in the future.

Council Member Noll thanked Mayor Forester and staff for their work in raising the Municipal Equality Index for the City of Signal Hill.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive and file.

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. Award of Contract for the Signal Hill Park Play Area Surface Replacement Project, No. 799

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

Council Member Noll and Council Member Hansen asked questions about the grant and associated funding sources.

Public Works Director clarified the questions posed by Council Members.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about the budget adjustment worksheet presented with the staff report.

Council Member Wilson confirmed with the Public Works Director that the Public Works Department does review and coordinate all budget adjustments with the Finance Department.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to 1) Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Signal Hill Park Play Area Surface Replacement Project, No. 799, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, to Unlimited Engineering Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$82,500. 2) Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, Account No. 400-29-600, to the Signal Hill Park Play Area Surface Replacement Project, Account No. 400-40-895, Project Capital Improvements Job No. 80.14004 to total \$93,375.

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. Biennial Conflict of Interest Code

Summary: The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially. It is necessary to amend the City's Conflict of Interest Code to update changes in job titles.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-01-6154 amending Resolution No. 2014-09-6097, amending the conflict of interest code for the City of Signal Hill to amend certain job titles.

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 January 26, 2016

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 January 26, 2016.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS 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 commented on the change of Council Meeting dates and the City Attorney's recent absence due to an emergency.

City Attorney addressed the comments made by Council Member Wilson.

City Council discussed the comments made by Council Member Wilson and the City Attorney.

Council Member Noll announced he will be absent at the February 9, 2016 City Council Meeting as he will be away to celebrate his birthday.

Council Member Hansen asked the City Attorney to work with his staff and define for Council Members, Council Agenda - New Business, for future meetings.

Vice Mayor Woods encouraged community attendance at the Water Rate Workshop on January 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center, reported on her recent attendance at the League of California Cities Conference for new Mayors and Council Members, commented on presentations at the Conference, complimented the City and staff for the sound financial status the City has with CalPERS, and reported on the California Road Charge pilot program. Go to www.californiaroadchargepilot.com for additional information.

Mayor Forester commented about the California Road Charge Pilot Program and reported on his attendance with Vice Mayor Woods and staff at the League of California Cities Medical Marijuana briefing.

Mayor Forester made the following announcements: All citizens are invited to attend and participate in the Water Rates Workshop on January 27, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Signal Hill Community Center for a presentation of analysis and rate

adjustment options brought forward by the City Council appointed Subcommittee; Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce 75th Anniversary Awards and Installation will take place on January 28, 2016, 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at The Grand; Signal Hill Police Foundation Inaugural Celebration and Police Awards Ceremony will take place on January 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'euvers, at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

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, February 9, 2016 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 8:23 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk