



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

February 9, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 9, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:08 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

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

Terry Rogers, as Signal Hill Historical Society representative announced the annual Signal Hill Historical Society Casino Night will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016, 7:00 – 10:30 p.m., tickets are \$40 per person (\$50 at the door), which includes playing chips and dinner, and sponsorship is still available.

Terry Rogers, as Signal Hill Community Foundation representative announced the Signal Hill Community Foundation is seeking sponsorship of various levels for the annual Summer Concerts in the Park series.

Mayor Forester suggested that everyone calendar the Summer Concerts in the Park events which will begin weekly on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 for six weeks.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Forester and Police Chief Langston introduced Gregory Friend, Paul Johnston, and Andrew Lopez, new Police Officers with the Signal Hill Police

Department.

Police Officers Johnston, Lopez and Friend introduced family members from the audience and thanked the Police Department and the City Council for the opportunity to serve the community and work in the Department.

Police Officers Johnston, Lopez and Friend jointly recited the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

PRESENTATION

- a. Emergency Operations Coordinator Richard Johnson made a presentation on the “In Case of Emergency” phone application.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Resolution Declaring Intention to Amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, Establishing Rates for Water Delivered Through the City’s Distribution System

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

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

Vice Mayor Woods asked for clarification regarding water service charge versus water usage charge.

Public Works Management Analyst provided clarification regarding the charges for Vice Mayor Woods.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about water rate increases and limits on fund reserves relative to water rate adjustments.

Public Works Management Analyst and City Manager addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris and clarified for the Council the example used of a typical household water rate increase.

Public Works Director discussed with Council and addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris regarding limits on fund reserves.

Council Member Wilson commented on his preference on the water rate adjustment options.

City Attorney discussed and clarified for Council the intent and process of the resolution presented for adoption.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-02-6155 amending the Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130 establishing rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system and adopt Resolution No. 2016-02-6155 and set the Public Hearing for May 10, 2016.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-02-6155:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.130 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER DELIVERED THROUGH THE CITY'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Temporary Modification of Police Program Staffing Levels

City Manager introduced Chief of Police who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked if the current budget covers the requested staffing increase.

Chief of Police addressed the question posed by Mayor Forester.

Council Member Wilson asked about the recruitment process due to pending retirements and the probable outcome of over staffing.

Chief of Police addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to increase the authorized police program staffing levels within Patrol Services by one Police Officer (Recruit) position.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment Update

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

City Manager commented on Los Angeles County issuing bond proceeds to fund the projects.

Mayor Forester confirmed with staff this program is the replacement of Proposition A.

Council Member Wilson asked about the submission deadline of the City's report and asked questions about the projects assessment.

City Manager and Deputy City Manager responded to the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester suggested removing Needs Assessment Item 10 - Development of a Skate Park.

City Manager suggested the replacement of Item 10 with an original Council Item – Signal Hill Community Center Improvements.

Council Members agreed to the City Manager's proposal.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER Wilson to direct staff submit to the County, the top-10 needed projects based on

community input from the joint meeting, and replace Item 10 with Signal Hill Community Center Improvements.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Approval of Alcohol Use for Signal Hill Historical Society Fundraiser

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

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

Council Member Wilson commented on his attendance at the License Education on Alcohol and Drugs (LEAD) Server Awareness Training this past year.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the Signal Hill Historical Society to provide alcoholic beverages at this event.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

e. Schedule a Budget Workshop Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Members discussed viable dates with staff and selected June 1, 2016 for the annual budget workshop.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Award of Contract for Printing of City Views Newsletter

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a contract with ABC Press Commercial Printing for the typesetting and printing of the City Views Newsletter.

Recommendations: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the typesetting and printing of the City Views Newsletter with ABC Press Commercial Printing in a form approved by the City Attorney. The contract will be for three years for a total amount of \$38,367.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112

Summary: CEM Construction Corporation has completed the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by CEM Construction Corporation.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-02-6156 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between CEM Construction Corporation and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. Resolution Declaring the City's Intention to Vacate Certain Rights-of-Way Relating to 2085 Freeman Avenue

Summary: This resolution declares the City's intent to vacate certain alley rights-of-way. The vacation of this right-of-way is in conformance with the Circulation Element and General Plan. The resolution also sets a public hearing to allow public participation on this matter.

Recommendations: 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-02-6157 declaring the City's intention to vacate a portion of that certain north south alley lying north of East 20th street to its terminus bounded on the west by Orizaba Avenue and on the east by Freeman Avenue; and 2) Set a public hearing for February 23, 2016.

d. Warrant Register Dated February 9, 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 February 9, 2016.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR WOODS
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Forester announced the Long Beach LGBT Local Officials Caucus will be leading a breakout session on Transparent – Understanding the Legal System in Transgender at this year’s League of California Cities annual meeting in late September, 2016; and thanked the Chief of Police for responding to his request to initiate a presentation on the In Case of Emergency (ICE) application presented this evening.

Mayor Forester made the following City announcements: Design a Bookmark Contest at the Signal Hill Public Library begins February 29, 2016, entries must be submitted by Saturday, March 12, 2016, contact (562) 989-7330 for more information; and Family Movie Day at the Signal Hill Library Meeting Room on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., sitting is limited so reservation is required by calling the Signal Hill Library, (562) 989-7323.

Vice Mayor Woods announced her appointment on the Gateway Cities Metro Service Council.

Council Member Wilson requested tonight’s City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of his uncle H.J. Hardy, who served the Country in the military and whom Council Member Wilson is named after.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of H.J. Hardy to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 23, 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 WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk