



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
March 8, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on March 8, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 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 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in two undisclosed matters.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:12 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:07 P.M.

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe addressed the City Council regarding his service as the Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fourth District.

City Council each expressed thanks and appreciation to Supervisor Knabe for the various projects he worked on in support of the City, and shared personal impacts Supervisor Knabe has made in their lives.

Mayor Forester motioned for the City Council to donate \$500 to the Los Angeles County Safe Surrender program established by Supervisor Knabe.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to authorize a contribution of \$500 to the Scholarship Program of the Los Angeles County Safe Surrender 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

City Council presented a gift of appreciation to Supervisor Knabe.

- b. David Slater, Signal Hill Petroleum Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer made a presentation about the Porter Ranch gas leak and provided a comparative overview of gas and oil operations in Signal Hill.

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

Council Member Wilson asked about the response time of the Porter Ranch gas leak, the presence of natural gas in oil wells, and Signal Hill Petroleum's emergency response plans.

Mr. Slater addressed each question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Vice Mayor Woods suggested that staff post Mr. Slater's presentation onto the City's Cable Channel.

City Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Slater for the presentation.

- c. Gary Hamrick of Cambridge Systematics made a presentation on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Strategic Transportation Plan.

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 7:53 p.m.

City Council asked questions about the Green Streets program and funding relative to the Strategic Transportation Plan, discussed implementation of the recommendations made in the Plan, and thanked Mr. Hamrick for the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

City Clerk read the form of notice.

Council Member Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 7:59 p.m.

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 Hansen asked about funding amount of the Brown Bag program.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the adoption of the Resolution or the allocation of funds to come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester closed the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked for a survey of other cities' allocation of the CDBG funds.

Community Services Director confirmed the survey will be conducted.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about CDBG fund allocation and its parameters.

Micheal Neal, City of Signal Hill CDBG Consultant addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to: 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-03-6159 approving the City's 2016-2017 application for Housing and Community Development Funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG allocation for FY 2016-2017 funds of \$56,513, with 15% or \$8,476 for Public Service Projects, and \$48,037 for an increase in the funding of the Street Overlay & ADA Improvements at the 23rd Street Project.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-03-6159:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2016-2017 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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. Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Vacation of Certain Right-of-Way Relating to 2085 Freeman Avenue

City Manager introduced Public Works 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 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the adoption of the resolution approving the vacation to come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Forester closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-03-6160 approving the vacation of a portion of that certain north south alley lying north of E. 20th Street to its terminus bounded on the west by Orizaba Avenue and on the east by Freeman Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-03-6160:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN NORTH SOUTH ALLEY LYING NORTH OF E. 20TH STREET TO ITS TERMINUS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY ORIZABA AVENUE AND ON THE EAST BY FREEMAN AVENUE

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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. 2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report

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.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize staff to submit the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

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. Award of Contract for the Discovery Well Park Play Area Surface Replacement Project, No. 113

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

Mayor Forester asked for clarification on the bidding amount made by Access Pacific, Inc.

Public Works Director clarified for Mayor Forester the amount of bid and final contract amount for the project.

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

Council Member Hansen thanked the Community Services Department for bringing forth the project and asked about the timing of project construction.

Public Works Director responded to the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Discovery Well Park Play Area Surface Replacement Project, No. 113, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, to Access Pacific, Inc., in the amount of \$107,010.83.

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. Extension of Contract Services Agreement for Project Management Services with Simplus Management Corporation, Inc.

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

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 8:22 p.m.

Robert Coffee, Architect for the Library project came forward and presented the conceptual design plans for the project.

Council Member Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions of Mr. Coffee's presentation.

There were no questions for Mr. Coffee.

Paul Buckley, President of Simplus Management Corporation came forward and presented the Library and Civil Center phasing plan.

Public Works Director presented City Council with a summary of the Library project milestone and work plan.

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

Council Members expressed appreciation to State Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, local officials, current and past Mayors, City Attorney and staff for bringing the Library project to fruition.

Council Member Wilson asked staff to bring back to Council effects of the Library move on the Parks and Recreation programs and a presentation on specific aspects of the Library design.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Simplus Management Corporation for project management services, in a form approved by the City Attorney, extending the contract term to March 8, 2017.

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

d. Reschedule a Budget Workshop Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council agreed to reschedule the budget workshop on May 31, 2016.

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. Warrant Register Dated March 8, 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 March 8, 2016.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN 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 Noll asked City Council to adjourn the meeting in memory of his neighbor Eloise Driscoll.

Mayor Forester asked City Council to adjourn the meeting in memory of Marvee Cook and Ray Loen, long-time residents of the City of Signal Hill.

Vice Mayor Woods announced the newest member of the Signal Hill Sustainable City Committee, Bozena Jaworski, and voiced appreciation of Signal Hill Commission Members who attend the City Council meetings.

Mayor Forester made the following City announcements: Design a Bookmark Contest of the Signal Hill Library, entries due by March 12, 2016, and Family Discovery Time on Saturday, March 12, 2016, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., to register call (562) 989-7323; Spring Fest 2016 on Saturday, March 26, 2016, 10:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park, purchase \$3 wristbands to cover activities, participants must bring their own bag or basket to collect egg hunt goodies, and call (562) 989-7330 for more information; Mayor's Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. staging at 2475 Cherry Avenue in the former Fresh & Easy parking lot for a clean-up in the Crescent Heights Historic District; and Signal Hill Police Department will be hosting "Coffee with a Cop" at the Signal Hill Police Department's Emergency Operation Center on March 31, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., contact Lieutenant Brian Leyn, (562) 989-7209 or bleyn@signalhillpd.org for more information.

Mayor Forester thanked Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe for his address to Council, and Signal Hill Petroleum and Gateway Cities Council of Governments for their presentations at the meeting.

Council Member Noll asked staff to look into and resolve the recent issues with Discovery Well Park being locked during open hours.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Eloise Driscoll, Marvee Cook and Ray Loen to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 22, 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 8:42 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk