



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 10, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Woods commented on changes to the City Council meeting agenda with the Mayor's option to take agenda items out of order and the addition of Community Announcements at the beginning of Council meetings.

Marc Solomon, Signal Hill resident came forward and commented on the display of City offices' caller ID's.

Mayor Woods asked staff to look into the display of caller ID's.

City Manager confirmed staff will look into resolving the issue.

Keith Lukasavage, Applebee's General Manager announced the Memorial Day event at Applebee's, May 30, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to include flapjack fundraiser, entertainment, family activities, and free meals for veterans. Tickets are \$10/person.

Deborah Kern, representative of The Rock Club Music Is the Remedy and Rock for Vets announced that Council Member Wilson will be the Master of Ceremonies for the silent auction at Applebee's Memorial Day event, thanked Council Member Forester for initiating the idea to honor veterans, and she has tickets available or sale.

Council Member Forester asked Ms. Kern about the three music programs of The Rock Club Music Is the Remedy organization.

Ms. Kern clarified the question posed by Council Member Forester and provided contact information for the event; (562) 426-6723 by phone and www.musictheremedy.org online.

Staff advised the information will be made available on the City website.

Robert Dowhy, Signal Hill resident came forward to ask about the availability of EV charging stations at the former Fresh & Easy location.

City Manager advised that the City and Signal Hill Petroleum are working to find a new location for the charging stations.

Mayor Woods asked Mr. Dowhy to leave his information with the Community Development Director for further contact.

Johnny Villao, Jose Rodriguez, and Donavan Cunningham, residents of 2201 East 21st Street came forward to ask the City for support and assistance with their apartment complex management regarding repeat flooding problems from plumbing issues.

Council Member Noll asked how many units are effected.

Mr. Cunningham advised seven units are effected.

Council Member Hansen asked City Attorney which Health Department the City would work with to resolve the issue for the residents.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

City Manager confirmed Community Development Department/Code Enforcement has been working with the Los Angeles Health Department and the management of the complex to help resolve the problems.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell will be holding a town hall meeting for residents impacted by the Frontier Communications' takeover of Verizon services on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Expo Arts Center in

Long Beach, call (562) 429-0470 to RSVP or email: LetMelindaKnow@ftr.com to provide feedback.

Signal Hill Police Department Open House will take place on May 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 2745 Walnut Avenue.

Signal Hill Spring Clean-Up Event by Signal Hill waste & Recycling Services is scheduled on normal waste collection day the week of May 23 – 27, 2016 by setting unwanted bulky items and landscape next to waste containers; No hazardous wastes accepted; and residents living in multi-units may schedule pickups by calling (562) 597-0608 during the week of May 9, 2016.

Hounds on the Hill event will take place on Saturday, May 28, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Contact Community Services Department at (562) 989-7332 for more information.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Woods and Police Chief Langston introduced new Police Officers Jared Asato, David Jeong and Casey Blair, and recently promoted Senior Police Officer Don Moreau with the Signal Hill Police Department.

Officers Asato, Jeong, and Blair each came forward, introduced their family members and friends, thanked the City and the Police Department for the opportunity to serve the community, and recited the Officers' Code of Ethics for the audience.

Senior Officer Moreau came forward, introduced his family members and commented on looking forward to a long career with the Police Department.

Mayor Woods announced Senior Officer Don Moreau as the Employee of the Quarter of the Police Department for first quarter 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Connie Turner, representative of Southern California Edison made a presentation regarding the need to conserve electricity during the summer to prevent blackouts due to the anticipated natural gas shortage that will affect power generation plants.

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 7:47 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked about financial impact of rolling blackouts and alternative energy program opportunities.

Ms. Turner addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Hansen returned to the Council Chamber at 7:54 p.m.

Mayor Woods asked about additional notifications prior to rolling blackouts.

Ms. Turner addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods and advised the website resource of www.caiso.com for residents to sign up for independent notifications.

Council Member Forester recognized Ms. Turner and Southern California Edison for being platinum sponsors of the Southern California Council of Governments (SCAG).

- b. Mayor Lori Woods introduced the third week's presentation in a series focusing on the Red Cross program 21 Weeks to Prepare. The series is aimed at assisting individuals and families prepare for an emergency.

Mayor Woods announced three ways to obtain the emergency preparedness shopping list - by visiting the City website or the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org, or by texting "21 Weeks" to (562) 477-1287; and introduced the Community Services Director who presented a PowerPoint on the 21 Weeks to Prepare program.

Council Member Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:56 p.m. and returned to the Council Chamber at 7:59 p.m.

- c. Senior Police Officer Don Moreau made a presentation on the Police Department's Southeast Regional Mental Health Evaluation Team (SRMET) and how SRMET serves those in need and introduced Samantha Lopez from the Department of Mental Health.

Council Member Forester asked about the percentage of persons with mental health impairment relative to homelessness and information about the Long Beach Department of Mental Health, and thanked the staff and the County for bringing this program to the City.

Ms. Lopez and Senior Officer Moreau addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposition 218 Protest Public Hearing - Water Rate Increases

City Clerk read the form of notice and reported that eight (8) written protests were received prior to the public hearing.

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

Council Member Forester left the Council Chamber at 8:24 p.m. and returned to the Council Chamber at 8:28 p.m.

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

Council Member Forester asked about the result of litigation with Water Replenishment District and the effect on the replenishment assessment.

City Manager and City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Council Member Wilson asked about public notice of the water rate increase options.

City Attorney discussed the public notice process and options with Council Members.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the water rate increase to come forward.

Marc Solomon, Signal Hill resident came forward, provided handouts to City Council, reported on violators of the City's Water Ordinance, and asked questions about of City's Water Ordinance relative to commercial businesses.

Council Member Forester asked Mr. Solomon if he filed a protest of the current Public Hearing.

Mr. Solomon announced he did not submit a written protest.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident came forward with a written protest and asked questions about the water rate increase.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident came forward with a written protest and asked questions about the water rate increase.

Sam Henson, Signal Hill property owner came forward and protested against the percentage amount of the water rate increase and announced he had previously submitted a written protest to the City Clerk.

Council Member Noll left the Council Chamber at 9:05 p.m. and returned to the Council Chamber at 9:07 p.m.

Raul Castro, Signal Hill resident came forward and protested against the compounding percentages of the water rate increase and asked questions about water table depletion. Mr. Castro did not submit a written protest to the City Clerk.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 9:13 p.m.

Public Works Director and Public Works Management Analyst addressed questions posed by residents and discussed with City Council and City Attorney the water fund requirement to necessitate the rate increase, minimum water reserve balance, industrial/commercial rates, irrigation rates, management of past years without any water rate increase, and effect of drought on water depletion.

City Council individually made comments and discussed Council's past decisions to freeze water rate increase due to recessions, future water cost increase, justifications of water rate increase, comparisons of the two options of water increase, and recalled how the current rate increase plan came into process.

Council Member Forester requested the number of protests received by the City Clerk.

City Clerk reported the protest count of eleven (11).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2016-05-1486 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, establishing rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system and repealing Ordinance No. 2008-10-1390.

Council Member Hansen and Council Member Wilson announced they would be voting no on the motion.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-05-1486 and requested a clause of the Ordinance be amended to reflect the number of protests received:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.130, ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER DELIVERED THROUGH THE CITY'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-1390

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

NOES: VICE MAYOR TINA HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Public Hearing - Conditional Use Permit 16-01 Auto Center Freeway Sign

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

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

Council Member Wilson asked questions about Auto Center sign message display and City's use of the sign.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Hansen asked question about Auto Dealers' designation of the Auto Center as located in the City of Signal Hill as opposed to Long Beach.

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

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Conditional Use Permit to come forward.

Bob Davis, President of the Signal Hill Auto Center Dealers Association came forward and expressed appreciation of the City Council and staff, and commented on the dealers' excitement of the new Auto Center sign.

Rod Wilson, President of VMI came forward and introduced himself as the original builder of the existing Auto Center sign, thanked the City for the support, and offered to answer any technical questions.

City Attorney asked about the building permit and commencement of construction.

Mr. Wilson addressed the questions posed by the City Attorney.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 10:08 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6164 adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration 04/08/16(1), relative to Conditional Use Permit 16-01 to refurbish and operate an existing outdoor advertising structure for the Signal Hill Auto Center Association at 3100 California Avenue; and 2) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6165 approving Conditional Use Permit 16-01, a request to refurbish and operate an existing outdoor advertising structure for the Signal Hill Auto Center Association at 3100

California Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-05-6164:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/08/16(1), RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-01 TO REFURBISH AND OPERATE AN EXISTING OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURE FOR THE SIGNAL HILL AUTO CENTER ASSOCIATION AT 3100 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-05-6165:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/08/16(1), RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-01 TO REFURBISH AND OPERATE AN EXISTING OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURE FOR THE SIGNAL HILL AUTO CENTER ASSOCIATION AT 3100 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment 16-02 and Related Negative Declaration - Amendments to the Signal Hill Municipal Code to Permit Accessory Uses Associated with the Signal Hill Auto Center in Industrial Zones

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Development Senior Planner who presented the staff report.

City Attorney commented regarding the Ordinance requirements of property improvements and timelines involved.

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

Council Member Noll commented about the shortening of timeline and aesthetic requirements of the zoning amendments.

Community Development Senior Planner addressed the question posed by Council Member Noll.

Council Member Forester asked whether staff worked with Public Works regarding compliance with storm water capture regulations.

Community Development Director, Senior Planner and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 10:29 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 10:30 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to refer the amendments and improvements back to the Planning Commission for approval.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Negative Declaration for the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-Basin 4 Storm Water Capture Facility

City Manager reported that Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Los Angeles County Flood Control District requested more time to compile the environmental report, and asked the Mayor to open the public hearing for any comments and move to delay to a new public hearing at a later date.

Council Member Noll asked about the public hearing delay affecting the grant deadline.

City Manager addressed the concern posed by Council Member Noll.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 10:31 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the proposed resolution to come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 10:31 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to delay the public hearing to a later date pending the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's report.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI 15) Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Grant Program

City Manager introduced Police Captain who presented the staff report.

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

Mayor Woods asked about receiving of signals on mobile units versus permanent fixtures.

Police Captain addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to: 1) Authorize the City Manager to accept UASI 15 Grant Funds and to execute a Sub-recipient Agreement with the City of Los Angeles; and 2) Approve a budget adjustment for \$120,791 to the UASI Grant Revenue account number 270-39-110, and expenditures for \$120,791 to UASI Grant expenditure account number 270-40-740.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Appointment of Council Member to Community Recreation Needs Assessment Consultant Interview Panel

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

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to select Vice Mayor Hansen to serve on the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment consultant selection interview panel.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Resolution Amending Designated Official Posting Locations in the City

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6166 amending Resolution No. 2008-09-5710, designating the places for posting public notices in accordance with Section 1.08.010 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-05-6166 and commented on the Resolution updating the prior Resolution to include addresses:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09-5710 DESIGNATING THE PLACES FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.08.010 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 74159

Summary: Summerhill Signal Hill, LLC, is requesting approval of Final Parcel Map No. 74159. This subdivision is located on the northeast corner of Walnut Avenue and Crescent Heights Street. Staff has determined that the final map substantially conforms to the approved tentative map and that the subdivision conditions of approval have been met. Staff is recommending approval of the final map.

Recommendation: Approve Final Parcel Map No. 74159.

b. Warrant Register Dated May 10, 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 May 10, 2016.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

Mayor Woods requested pulling consent calendar item (a).

Vice Mayor Hansen requested pulling consent calendar item (c).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar, item (b).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

a. Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 74159

Community Development Director introduced Keven Doherty of Summerhill Housing Group who came forward, explained the purpose of the Parcel Map, and offered to answer any questions.

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

Mayor Woods asked about commencement of ground breaking.

Mr. Doherty addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve Final Parcel Map No. 74159.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016

Vice Mayor Hansen did not attend the meeting of April 26, 2016, with an excused absence.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson reported on his recent attendance at the 2016 SCAG Annual Regional Conference of the General Assembly and commented on topics discussed.

Council Member Noll discussed about his personal experience with the Verizon to Frontier Communications transition and asked about additional options to resolve the issue.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Noll.

Mayor Woods shared her experience dealing with Frontier Communications' customer service.

Council Member Forester reported on his recent attendance at the 2016 SCAG Annual Regional Conference of the General Assembly as a voting delegate and commented on items passed and topics reviewed; and congratulated Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor of Long Beach as the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mayor Woods advised Mr. Solomon she will pass on his exhibits of excessive water use to staff for review.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked Community Services Director about City's summer youth programs for children of year round track schedule and traditional school schedule.

Community Services Director came forward and addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to recess to Closed Session.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Woods recessed to closed session at 10:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in two undisclosed matters.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 11:24 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, May 24, 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 WOODS
VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk