



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
September 13, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 13, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Carson v. Logan, 2nd Appellate District, Court of Appeals, Case No. B2774400.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:06 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:10 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status report was given for item

(a) and directions were given for further negotiations. Item (b) was discussed, status report was given, and no reportable action was taken.

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

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill resident, and Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill Historical Society Vice President, came forward and announced Signal Hill Historical Society's 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's. Ms. Hopper commented on the mission and work of the Signal Hill Historical Society.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Hansen made the following announcements:

Movie Night – Suffragette will be playing at the Signal Hill Public Library (Community Center) on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Register for the screening by calling (562) 989-7323.

Coffee and Coloring for Adults (18+) will take place on Wednesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Signal Hill Public Library (Community Center) where coffee, coloring pages, and colored pencils will be supplied by the Library. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information.

Teens and adult volunteers are needed for the Annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

The next Mayor's Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., at Raymond Arbor Park, 1881 Raymond Avenue, for a clean-up in the Southeast Residential Neighborhood, no RSVP will be required, and walk or carpool to the park is encouraged.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Woods introduced Hannah Shin-Heydorn, new Deputy City Manager with the Administration Department.

Ms. Shin-Heydorn thanked the City Council for the employment opportunity and looks forward to working with colleagues to serve the City and the community.

- b. Mayor Woods and Police Chief Langston introduced recently promoted Police Sergeant DeAngelo Gossett with the Signal Hill Police Department.

Sergeant Gossett introduced family and friends in the audience, commented on his career at the Signal Hill Police Department, and recited from memory the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Woods announced agenda item (b) will be moved up for presentation first.

- b. Mayor Lori Woods introduced the eleventh 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. Each City Council meeting will focus on items to add to your emergency supply kit and after 21 meetings your kit will be complete.

Community Services Director presented the week's shopping list for the 21 Weeks to Prepare program, suggested community members could save \$1.75 per week for the purchase of a weather radio at the end of 21 weeks, and announced Community Services Department has assembled emergency kits available for purchase by contacting (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Woods announced the Signal Tribune will post the 21 Weeks to Prepare shopping list with emergency preparedness tips in the Friday editions following the Council meeting.

- a. City Council and the Signal Hill Community Foundation recognized the major sponsors of the Concert in the Park series and presented the following sponsors with certificates of recognition:

Rockstar Sponsors: Crimson Pipeline, L.P – David Blakeslee, Courteney Nojiri, and Victoria Kopaz, and Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. – Debra Russell and Kevin Laney.

Lead Singer Sponsors: Aleshire & Wynder LLP – David Aleshire, Enterprise Holdings – Fred Abdelnour, Liftech Elevator Services, Inc. – Jessica Ortega, Signal Hill Historical Society – Larry Blunden and Sylvia Hopper, Signal Tribune Newspaper – Neena and Steve Strichart, and Terry Rogers with Coldwell Banker.

City Council thanked the major sponsors who could not be in attendance at the meeting: Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor, Don Knabe, and EDCO Disposal Vice President, Efrain Ramirez.

City Council recognized Concert volunteers and presented the following volunteers with certificates of recognition: Chan Brainard, Dyana Dulin-Blanchard, Gil Griego, Alex Honeycutt, Kevin Jacobsen, Alyssa Lujan, Phong Trinh, and the Signal Hill Police Department Volunteers.

Community Services Director played a slide show of the 2016 Concerts in the Park series compiled by Alex Honeycutt.

City Council thanked Mr. Honeycutt for the slide show and complimented him on a job well done.

Mayor Woods asked staff to post the slide show on various City media.

City Manager confirmed staff will post the slide show on the City's Website, YouTube Channel, and Cable Channel.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Continued Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment 16-03 for a New Specific Plan for the Courtyard Residential Development of 10 Condominiums

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Woods announced Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll will recuse themselves from the Council Chamber due to their residents' proximity to the residential development.

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak on the agenda item to come forward.

John Riordan, Treasurer and representative of the property owner, United Anglers of Southern California, addressed Council and expressed the property owner intends on working with the City to bring the project to fruition.

David Fukumoto, resident on Temple Street, west of the development property, addressed Council about height variances.

Patrick Faecke, resident of Temple View Apartments addressed Council and requested the developer work further with the surrounding residents regarding height variances.

Alin Chitanu, resident of Temple View Apartments addressed Council and commented that progress has been made between High Rhodes Property Group

and surrounding residents but additional compromises will be necessary from both sides.

Brad Hillgren, Principal of High Rhodes Property Group addressed Council Members about working with residents on the development projects and offered to answer any questions.

Council Member Wilson commented that he is pleased the developer and residents are working together.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

City Attorney discussed with Council and staff whether to close or continue the public hearing to a later date.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to close the public hearing and receive and file the status report.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll returned to the Council Chamber at 8:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolution Opposing Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure M

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Forester asked if staff had reached out to Phillip Washington, CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) regarding opposition to Measure M.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Wilson, as a Board Member of Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) commented on his position as well as the COG's position on Measure M, provided information he learned from a meeting with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and asked if staff is aware of the amount of revenues that will benefit local transportation agencies.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Noll and Council Member Forester each expressed their opposition stance on Measure M.

City Council discussed Measure M revenues against allocation of funds.

Mayor Woods commented on her opposition stance on Measure M specifically of the priorities and order of projects of the Initiative.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-09-6188 opposing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure M.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-09-6188:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEASURE M

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Wilson announced although he is voting no on the agenda item, he will represent the City and City Council at the Gateway Cities COG, and vote in opposition to Measure M.

b. Award of Contract for Community Recreation Needs Assessment

City Manager introduced Community Services Director who presented the staff report and announced Richard Fisher of Richard Fisher Associates is available to answer any questions.

Mayor Woods asked Mr. Fisher to come forward and introduce himself and the firm.

Mr. Fisher came forward to address City Council and expressed excitement to take on the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Project.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the selection process conducted by the subcommittee.

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification on the selection process.

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

Mayor Woods asked about the telephone survey process.

Mr. Fisher addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification about stakeholders, the possibility of involving City's youths in the Needs Assessment Project, and suggested utilizing texting to conduct community surveys.

Community Services Director addressed the question about stakeholders, Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the subcommittee's plans to involve the youths with the assessments, and Mr. Fisher commented about community surveys.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement with Richard Fisher Associates for the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment in the amount of \$93,000 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to appoint Mayor Woods and Vice Mayor Hansen to a Needs Assessment Advisory Committee to assist throughout the process.

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. Approve Agreement with Landscape Structures, Inc., for the Reservoir Park Playground Equipment and Surface Replacement Project, No. 114

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

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

Council Member Forester asked about the new surfacing materials' heat retention and resistance qualities.

City Manager and Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Woods asked about playground play structure components and accommodations for ADA access.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Council Member Wilson asked about Grant timing requirement and suggested staff strive to utilize a local play structures builder and other local businesses for the City's projects.

City Manager and Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods suggested the business mentioned by Council Member Wilson would be a good candidate for the Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Chris Wilson, Signal Hill resident and President of the Signal Hill North Neighborhood Association came forward and thanked City Council and staff for utilizing the Grand in the North Neighborhood.

Mayor Woods asked about the fencing project for Reservoir Park surrounding the playground.

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to approve a contract for the Reservoir Park Playground Equipment and Surface Replacement Project, No. 114, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, with Landscape Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$245,357.39.

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. Authorize Staff to Solicit a Request for Qualifications for Construction Services Related to the Library Construction Project, No. 119

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

Deputy Public Works Director addressed Council on follow up items from the previous Council Meeting regarding Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Standard Certification and solar energy system for the project; and advised Robert Coffee, Project Architect and Paul Buckley and Steven Much, Paul Buckley, Management Consultants were in attendance to answer any questions.

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

Council Member Wilson asked if solicitation for a Request for Qualifications process was used for the Police Station project, and significant specialty qualifications requirements for the Library project.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Members asked about a newly discovered abandoned oil well near the job site, the inclusion of Library interior furnishings in the project budget, and the requirement of surety bond.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

Mayor Woods asked Deputy Public Works Director to introduce the project team in attendance at the meeting.

Bob Coffee, Chief Architect of Robert Coffee and Associates came forward and provided additional information on LEED Certification and solar energy system.

City Council commented on the benefits of a future, potential solar energy system for the Library.

Paul Buckley, President of Simplus Management Corporation addressed City Council and provided an update on the abandoned oil wells and the bid process.

Council Member Forester asked if Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) will be involved in the abandoned oil wells.

Community Development Director came forward and addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Steven Mutch, Senior Construction Manager of Simplus Management Corporation came forward and addressed City Council.

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 authorize the Public Works Director to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Services to prequalify the most qualified and capable construction firms to bid on the Library Construction Project, No. 119.

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

Vice Mayor Hansen reiterated the target construction completion date of March, 2018.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. State Authorization to Exchange Federal STP-L Funds for Flexible LACMTA STP-Local Transportation Funds

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to exchange Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funds for less restrictive Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) transportation funds. A fee of two percent will be charged by Metro to process and administrate the fund exchange.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Exchange Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program Local Funds with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. Approve Purchase of Chevrolet Colorado Truck

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a new vehicle to replace an older Public Works truck. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle from National Auto Fleet Group under a National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2016 Chevrolet Colorado truck under National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

c. State of California – Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The Chief of Police is seeking authorization to accept the grant.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding through the OTS Step Grant Program.

d. Warrant Register Dated September 13, 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 September 13, 2016.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of August 23, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the consent calendar items (a) through (d).

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

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of August 23, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve consent calendar item (e).

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 Noll and Vice Mayor Hansen asked Public Works Director to come forward and voiced concerns over proper signing and traffic delineation of the Charter Communications construction project on 21st Street.

Public Works Director confirm staff will address their concerns.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked about the timing of the slurry seal completion on Raymond Avenue that was followed by the Charter Communications' construction project.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Council Member Forester asked about repairing and paving requirements of streets with upcoming projects.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Woods announced spaces are still available for Signal Hill residents to attend the free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The three-sessions training will take place on September 17 and 24, 2016, and October 1, 2016. Contact Signal Hill Police Department Emergency Operations Center to sign up.

Council Member Forester announced Conservation Corps of Long Beach Gateway Cities Charter School serves 18 – 25 year olds desiring to complete their high school credits to earn their diploma. Contact Ms. Q at (562) 216-1790 for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight’s meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 27, 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
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk