



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

February 14, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 14, 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER - 6:01 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(1), existing litigation, regarding *Douglas Cruse and Iveta Cruse v. Jacob Emory Swigger; Signal Hill Police Department*; City of Signal Hill Case No. BC602211, Los Angeles County Superior Court.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential exposure to litigation in an undisclosed matter.

**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.**

Vice Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:11 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

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

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council and read a letter regarding a local business owner and ordinance recently adopted.

Mr. Abol, owner of Prestige Auto Body addressed City Council regarding his business.

Council Member Forester confirmed the location of Mr. Abol's business.

Sylvia Hopper, representative of the Signal Hill Historical Society announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night fundraiser on Friday, February 24 at the Petroleum Club from 7-10 p.m. Please call (562) 208-0040 for tickets.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council and commented on the Casino Night Fundraiser.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council in support of the letter read earlier by Ms. Churchill.

Keir Jones, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council and reminded everyone to vote at the Signal Hill General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 7.

Mayor Woods assured Mr. Abol his concerns would be addressed.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked the City Attorney if there were any actions that could be taken at tonight's meeting on behalf of Mr. Abol.

City Attorney stated the only action that can be taken is the direction to staff and agendaing for a future meeting.

City Council directed staff to meet with Mr. Abol and agendaize item for the City Council meeting of February 28.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Clean-Up on Saturday, March 11 from 9-11:00 a.m. Meet at Kluger Architects parking lot at 1855 Coronado Avenue to clean-up the southeast neighborhood. Please call (562) 989-7340 for additional information.

Movie Night at the Library tomorrow, Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to view the movie, *The Hustler*.

Vote at the Signal Hill Municipal Election on March 7, 2017. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Your polling location is listed on your sample ballot or call the City Clerk's office (562) 989-7305.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Woods and Community Services Director introduced week twenty-one in a series focusing on the Red Cross program 21 Weeks to Prepare. The series is aimed at assisting individuals and families in preparing 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.

Mayor Woods announced her final article will be published in the Signal Tribune on Friday, February 17.

Council Member Wilson asked about keeping the emergency kit up-to-date.

Community Services Director recommended reviewing items bi-annually to dispose of expired foods and replace batteries.

- b. Mayor Woods introduced Community Development Senior Planner who gave a presentation regarding the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count event which took place on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.
- c. Mayor Woods introduced Community Services Director who gave a presentation regarding the After-School Recreation Club (A.R.C.).

Council Member Forester confirmed with Community Services Director the ages of the children in the program and complimented the A.R.C. program.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Contract Services Agreement with AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. for Temporary City Engineer and Project Management Services

City Manager introduced Deputy City Manager who presented the staff report and introduced Mr. Stephen Badum to answer any questions.

Mr. Badum thanked City Council and looks forward to working with the City of Signal Hill.

Council Member Forester confirmed Mr. Badum will work with consultants contracted by the City.

Council Member Wilson asked about number of hours working on site.

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

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the Contract Services Agreement.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to provide temporary City Engineer and project management services in the amount of \$61,440 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

b. Central Basin Municipal Water District Ballot Selecting Board Members to Represent District Water Suppliers

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester confirmed with the City Manager that the City has an elected representative of the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD).

Council Member Wilson confirmed with the City Manager that this position brings hands-on experience to the board and is not elected.

Mayor Woods invited members of the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to authorize the City Manager to cast a CBMWD board ballot in favor of John Oskoui for the "City Purveyor" board position and Mark Grajeda for the "All Water (At Large) Purveyor" board position.

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. Award of Contract for Library High-Speed Broadband Internet Service with Califa

City Manager introduced Community Services Manager who presented the staff report and introduced City Librarian.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods asked about funding for the project and Wi-Fi access.

City Librarian addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods invited members of the public to comment on the Contract Services Agreement.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council and asked about alternate methods of high speed internet access.

Community Services Manager and City Librarian addressed question posed by Ms. Churchill.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Califa for a five year term, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

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. Renewal of General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County

Summary: The General Services Agreement (GSA) between the City of Signal Hill and the County of Los Angeles will expire on June 30, 2017. To ensure continuation of services which we may be receiving and the ability to add or augment services in the future, the County requests that we renew this agreement for a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute the General Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and the County of Los Angeles for a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022.

b. Warrant Register Dated February 14, 2017

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 14, 2017.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 24, 2017.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

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

### **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson commented on tax preparation, tax filing and IRS will begin processing refunds beginning tomorrow, February 15, 2017, related to Earned Income Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit.

Council Member Wilson reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Council Member Noll commented on the Signal Hill streets and requested Deputy Public Works Director come forward.

Deputy Public Works Director came forward and provided an update regarding City streets after the recent rain storms.

Council Member Noll commented on the weeds growing at the new Browning School and the new traffic signal at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Redondo Avenue.

City Manager addressed comments on the traffic signal.

City Council Members commented on the new Browning School.

Council Member Noll commented on pension reform.

Council Member Forester commented on pension reform and OPEB costs.

City Council Members wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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 8:13 p.m.

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Lori Y. Woods  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk