



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
February 27, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 27, 2018.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. 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.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to add the following closed session item:

- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding *Long Beach Unified School District v. The County of Los Angeles et al*, Case No. BS137598.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:08 P.M.**

Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:14 p.m.

### **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:04 P.M.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on Closed Session items. Items (a) through (c) were discussed, status report given, and no reportable action taken.

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

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill resident, announced details for two upcoming events: Let's Play Bunco event on behalf of the Signal Hill Historical Society and the Signal Hill Police Foundation Community Celebration and Police Awards Ceremony.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

Let's Play Bunco game night event on Saturday, March 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. at 2865 Gundry Avenue. \$40 per ticket. Email [shhistory@icloud.com](mailto:shhistory@icloud.com) or call (562) 989-4524 to purchase tickets and RSVP.

Signal Hill Police Foundation Community Celebration and Police Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Betty Reckas Hall, 5761 East Colorado Street, Long Beach. \$75 for an individual membership and dinner for 1. Email [info@shpolicefoundation.org](mailto:info@shpolicefoundation.org) or call (562) 400-0310 for more information or to RSVP.

Mayor's Clean-Up event on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Discovery Well Park for a clean-up of the hilltop trails. Call (562) 989-7340 for more information.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss event on Saturday, March 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call (562) 989-7323 for more information or visit the Library.

Grand Opening of Signal Hill Dog Park on Saturday, March 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Mayor's Reception on Tuesday, March 27 starting at 8:00 p.m. at the Alpert Jewish Community Center. Public is invited to attend.

Spring Fest on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. A wristband can be purchased in advance for \$3 or \$4 on the day of the event. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

## **PRESENTATION**

- a. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation recognizing Ambassador Okhna Thary Ung, for more than 25 years of dedicated service to the affairs of the Cambodian community.

Ambassador Ung thanked City Council for the recognition.

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance and a Resolution of Intent to Approve and Authorize an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council and the California Public Employees' Retirement System Pertaining to the Addition of Section 20516 for 3%@50 and 3%@55 Signal Hill Police Officers' Association Members

City Manager introduced Human Resources Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson invited 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 WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-02-6254 declaring its intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Signal Hill.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2018-02-6254:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-02-1501 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Signal Hill and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2018-02-1501:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### a. Appeal of a Notice and Order Dated November 20, 2017

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Forester commented on an email he received from the property manager.

Council Member Copeland asked a question regarding the adjacent property.

Assistant Planner addressed the question posed by Council Member Copeland.

Mayor Wilson and Council Member Forester asked questions regarding activities on the subject property.

Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Mayor Wilson and Council Member Forester.

Council Member Woods asked questions regarding stormwater measures for the adjacent storage yard.

Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposition to the determinations made in the Notice and Order.

Ben Agarwal, agent of the property owner, New Mesa Partners LLC, addressed City Council, commented on the use of the property and spoke in opposition to the determinations made in the Notice and Order.

Council Member Forester asked Mr. Agarwal questions regarding stormwater requirements.

Mr. Agarwal addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked Mr. Agarwal questions regarding the management of the property.

Mr. Agarwal addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Wilson asked questions regarding development and permitted uses of vacant properties.

Community Development Director and Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Mayor Wilson.

Mayor Wilson asked a question regarding the actions that can be taken against the tenant.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson and commented on the resolution.

Council Member Woods and Vice Mayor Hansen spoke in favor of the determinations made in the Notice and Order.

Council Member Copeland asked questions regarding the compliance plan.

City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Copeland.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked questions regarding the tenant and the compliance plan.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Council Member Forester asked questions regarding stormwater requirements.

Community Development Director and Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Wilson spoke in favor of the determinations made in the Notice and Order.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-02-6255 as amended by the City Attorney to add the option of granting extensions of time for performance and the City's right to lien the property and collect all consequential abatement costs from the property owner and to confirm the determinations made in a Notice and Order dated November 20, 2017, for a previously vacant site identified as Assessor Parcel Number 7207-008-012, and authorizing the City Manager to commence abatement in accordance with Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 8.12.110 if the nuisance is not abated.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2018-02-6255 (as amended):

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DETERMINATIONS MADE IN A NOTICE AND ORDER DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2017, FOR A PREVIOUSLY VACANT SITE IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 7207-008-012, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE ABATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.12.110 IF THE NUISANCE IS NOT ABATED

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

Mayor Wilson commented that staff will make every effort to assist Mr. Agarwal in achieving compliance.

b. Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Copeland asked a question regarding project cost.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Copeland.

Council Member Woods asked questions regarding the projects at Calbrisas Park and CDBG funds.

Community Services Director and Michael Neal, CDBG consultant, addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson asked a question regarding CDBG allocation.

Mr. Neal addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposition to the resolution.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, asked questions regarding the total cost and anticipated completion date for the projects at Calbrisas Park.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-02-6256 approving the City's 2018-2019 application for housing and community development funds designating use of available unallocated funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2018-02-6256:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2018-2019 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG allocation for FY 2018-2019 funds of \$56,950, with 15% or \$8,542 for Public Service Projects, and \$48,408 to fund installation of ADA Rubberized Play Surfacing at Calbrisas Park.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

### a. Scheduling of Public Fee Study Workshop

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed viable dates and selected Tuesday, May 1, 2018 for the public fee study workshop.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding incorporating results from the public fee study workshop in the upcoming two-year budget.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Resolutions Modifying Parking Restrictions on Gardena Avenue and Crescent Heights Street within the Crescent Heights Historic District

Summary: In coordination with the opening of Mother's Market and the Crescent Square residential development, the City Council will consider two resolutions to modify parking prohibitions on the 2400 block of Gardena Avenue and the north side of Crescent Heights Street between Walnut and Rose Avenues. The modifications will allow on-street parking except during street sweeping hours.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-02-6257 removing "No Stopping" zones on portions of the 2400 block of Gardena Avenue and establishing "No Parking" zones for street sweeping; and 2. Waive further reading and adopt a resolution removing "No Stopping" zones on the north side of Crescent Heights Street between Walnut Avenue and Rose Avenue and establishing "No Parking" zones for street sweeping.

b. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

c. Warrant Register Dated February 27, 2018

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 27, 2018.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

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

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Strategic Planning Committee and at the Black and White Ball at the Center of Long Beach.

Mayor Wilson commended the staff for putting together a well-executed Winter City Views.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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 WILSON  
                  VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Keir Jones  
City Clerk