



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

November 12, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 12, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *HNL Properties, LLC v. City of Signal Hill, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 18STCV01292.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: Community Development Director.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 P.M.

Council Member Hansen left closed session at 6:40 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. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken for items (a) and (b), and item (c) was not discussed.

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

Representatives of OneLegacy spoke about the organization and organ donation, and invited City Council to attend an event to preview the Donate Life Float for the 2020 Rose Parade.

Mayor Woods commented on the Donate Life Float.

Daniel Pursglove, Signal Hill resident, addressed the Council and shared various observations and concerns about the City.

Mayor Woods advised Mr. Pursglove that his concerns will be addressed by staff.

Council Member Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 7:21 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Try out the new voter experience at a Demo Center showcasing Los Angeles County's new ballot marking devices now through November 23, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Call (562) 989-7305 for more information.

Intro to Calligraphy on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 to register and for more information.

Annual Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 4 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Discovery Well Park Community Center. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Cost is \$5 per person. Call (562) 989-7330 to register and for more information.

Participate in Bricks on the Hill and Signal Hill Dog Park Brick Program. Call (562) 989-7330 or visit the City website for more information.

Mayor Woods spoke in memory of Signal Hill employee Ashleigh Williams-Pearce. City Council commented on their memories of Ms. Williams-Pearce.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Acting Community Development Director provided a presentation regarding the Fall Mayor's Clean-Up event on October 12, 2019.

Mayor Woods commented on the Mayor's Clean-Up event.

Mayor Woods pulled item (c) out of order.

- c. Communications Specialist made a presentation on Shop Signal Hill.

- b. Community Services Director made a presentation on the Halloween Carnival.

Mayor Woods commented on the Halloween Carnival.

Community Services Director thanked the volunteers, sponsors, and City staff for a successful event.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Ground Lease Agreement With GL LBH, LLC for Properties Located at 1400 E. Spring Street

City Manager introduced Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

City Attorney commented on the Ground Lease Agreement.

Vice Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the property.

Economic Development Manager addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland.

Council Member Jones invited the representative from GL LBH, LLC to come forward.

David Nehrir, General Manager of GL LBH, LLC, introduced himself and thanked City Council for the consideration.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement for 1400 E. Spring Street between the City of Signal Hill and GL LBH, LLC in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Woods pulled item (c) out of order.

c. Resolution Declaring Intention to Amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, Establishing Rates for Water Delivered Through the City's Distribution System

City Manager introduced Public Works Director, Water Systems Superintendent, Acting Finance Director, and Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Jones asked questions regarding the water rates.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Jones.

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

Randy Hartshorn, Signal Hill resident, asked questions regarding the water rates and operational costs.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Mr. Hartshorn.

Vice Mayor Copeland commented on public input opportunities.

Marianne Hartshorn, Signal Hill resident, asked a question regarding the water

rate increase.

Public Works Director and City Council addressed the question posed by Mrs. Hartshorn.

Mr. Pursglove asked questions regarding water pressure.

Water Systems Superintendent addressed the questions posed by Mr. Pursglove.

City Council asked questions and commented on the water infrastructure, water rates, and the Water Department staffing.

Water Systems Superintendent and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to confirm the recommended proposed water rate adjustments of 15% in 2020, 15% in 2021, 12% in 2022, 7.5% in 2023, and 7.5% in 2024 to all rates for five years; waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-11-6446 declaring City Council's intention to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130 establishing rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system; and adopt a resolution setting the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing for January 14, 2020.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-11-6446:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.130 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER DELIVERED THROUGH THE CITY'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Woods commented on the water rates and thanked staff for the presentation.

b. Solid Waste Audit Results and Extension of Contract Term

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

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding waste collection and sorting.

Mayor Woods invited Steve South, President of EDCO Disposal, to come forward.

Mr. South introduced himself, addressed questions posed by Council Member Wilson, and stated he looks forward to continuing to provide service for the City.

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

There was no public comment.

City Council commented and asked questions regarding recycling bins.

Public Works Management Analyst, Public Works Director, and Mr. South addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Vice Mayor Copeland thanked EDCO Disposal for their service.

Mayor Woods reopened the public comment period.

Mr. Pursglove asked a question regarding the organics recycling bin.

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 8:46 p.m.

Mr. South addressed the question posed by Mr. Pursglove.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to receive and file the Performance Audit of EDCO Disposal Corporation report; and approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Amended and Restated Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and EDCO Disposal Corporation, DBA Signal Hill Disposal, extending the contract term to 2035, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Confirming Abatement Costs for 3309 Lemon Avenue

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

Council Member Wilson, Mayor Woods, and Vice Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the property abatement.

Acting Community Development Director and Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson, Mayor Woods, and Vice Mayor Copeland.

Acting Community Development Director commented on the recommendations.

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

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Copeland, Mayor Woods, and Council Member Jones commented on the property abatement.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to confirm the itemized list of abatement costs and authorize staff to serve the property owner with a Notice of Total Abatement Costs; and authorize staff to record a lien on the property if the total costs are not paid in the allowed 30 days, or an appeal of the costs is not filed within 15 days.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

e. A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application for Senate Bill (SB) 2 Planning Grant Funds to Accelerate Future Production of Housing

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

City Council asked questions regarding the Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation and the Planning Grants Program (PGP) application.

Acting Community Development Director and Deputy City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council.

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

There was no public comment.

Council Member Wilson commented on the PGP.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-11-6447 authorizing application for SB 2 Planning Grants Program funds.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-11-6447:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SB 2 PLANNING GRANTS
PROGRAM FUNDS

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Request for Waiver of No Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Summary: The Signal Hill Community Foundation (SHCF) is co-hosting a memorial celebrating the life of late Signal Hill Community Services Recreation Coordinator Ashleigh Williams-Pearce. SHCF is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at the memorial, scheduled for November 16, 2019 at the Signal Hill Public Library Signal Point Terrace. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize the Signal Hill Community Foundation to host donated alcoholic beverages at this event.

b. Contract Services Agreement with Governmental Financial Services for Accounting Services

Summary: The City Council will consider approving a Contract Services Agreement with Governmental Financial Services for accounting services.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Governmental Financial Services for accounting services in the amount of \$65,000 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Approval of Excused Absence for Council Member

Summary: The City Council will consider excusing the absence of Council Member Keir Jones from the regular City Council meeting of December 10, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve an excused absence for Council Member Keir Jones from the regular City Council meeting of December 10, 2019.

d. Warrant Register Dated November 12, 2019

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 November 12, 2019.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of October 22, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Meeting on November 6, 2019; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council Meeting on November 7, 2019; the Long Beach Veteran's Day Parade on November 9, 2019; and the Cambodian Independence Day Event on November 9, 2019. Council Member Wilson also asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of long time Signal Hill resident Lupe Montalvo and wished his daughter Ashley Wilson a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Jones recognized City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Acting Finance Director, and Acting Community Development Director during this transition period; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and invited everyone to attend the Tree Lighting event on December 4.

Vice Mayor Copeland reported on his attendance at the SCAG Regional Council Meeting on November 7, 2019 and wished Council Member Wilson Happy Birthday.

Council Member Wilson commented on a *Signal Tribune* article and commended the Grand Marshals that were recognized at the Veteran's Day Parade on November 9, 2019.

City Clerk commented on OneLegacy and organ donation.

Mayor Woods commented on the California Contract Cities Association Meeting that was hosted at the Signal Hill Library on October 23, 2019; a meeting with Arkansas Congressman Garret Graves, hosted by Congressman Alan Lowenthal; information and City Council agendas on the City website; and the Metro A Line.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Signal Hill employee Ashleigh Williams-Pearce and longtime Signal Hill resident Lupe Montalvo. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755. There will be no regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK