



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 14, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON (EXCUSED ABSENCE)

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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:06 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:04 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item. Status report was given and no reportable action was taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Adulting 102: Hands Only CPR on Wednesday, January 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Call (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library to register.

2020 Homeless Count on Wednesday, January 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Call (562) 989-7340 to register to volunteer or for more information.

Bolt Up for Books: A Big Game Event for Kids on Friday, January 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 to register.

Super Book TaleGate Adventure on Friday, January 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Library. A paid ticket is required for this event. Visit www.adventuresbythebook.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding the Super Book TaleGate Adventure event.

Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Look for your U.S. Census Bureau invitation for the 2020 Census in the mail beginning in March 2020. Apply for Census jobs at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

INTRODUCTION

- a. Mayor Woods introduced Sharon del Rosario, new Deputy Administrative Officer/Finance Director with the Finance Department.

Ms. Del Rosario thanked the City for the opportunity and stated she looks forward to working with the staff and the community.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Woods introduced Halie Simmons, the City's 2019 Employee of the Year.

Ms. Simmons thanked City Council for the recognition and City staff for the support.

- b. Mayor Lori Woods presented the Building Excellence Shaping Tomorrow - B.E.S.T. Awards to the Public Works Department for being selected as an Award Winner for the Los Cerritos Channel project and the Signal Hill Library project.

Public Works Director introduced the Public Works Department staff and commented on the B.E.S.T. Awards.

ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-12-1511 Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 19-03 to List Business Support Service Center (Shipping, Printing, Copying, Mailbox Rental, And Supplies) as a Permitted Use in the Town Center East Specific Plan Zoning District

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12-1511 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 19-03 to list business support service center (shipping, printing, copying, mailbox rental, and supplies) as a permitted use in the Town Center East Specific Plan (SP-1) zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-12-1511:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 19-03 TO LIST BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE CENTER (SHIPPING, PRINTING, COPYING, MAILBOX RENTAL, AND SUPPLIES) AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE TOWN CENTER EAST SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-1) ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Woods congratulated the applicant and commented on the zoning ordinance amendment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-12-1510 Amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Entitled Buildings and Construction

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced Paul Armstrong, contract Building Official from TRB+ Associates, who was available to answer any questions.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance to come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12-1510 by reference, approving Ordinance Amendment 19-04, amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled "Buildings and Construction"; and authorize staff to submit the Buildings and Construction Code Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-12-1510:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 19-04, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Proposition 218 Protest Hearing – Water Rate Increases

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager provided background information, reported that four (4) written protests were received prior to the protest hearing, and introduced Public Works Director, Public Works Management Analyst, Water Systems Superintendent, and Accounting Manager who presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods opened the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to submit a signed written protest to the City Clerk please give to the Deputy City Manager.

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

Mayor Woods noted that oral comments will not qualify as a formal protest unless they are accompanied by a signed written protest, which must include the parcel number of the resident.

Cecilia Fidora, Signal Hill resident, came forward with a written protest and protested against the water rate increase.

Alice Loo, Signal Hill resident, protested and asked a question regarding the water rate increase.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Loo.

Matt Herman, Signal Hill resident, protested against the water rate increase and asked questions.

Public Works Director, Water Systems Superintendent, and AKM Consulting

Engineering President Zeki Kayiran addressed the questions posed by Mr. Herman.

City Attorney and City Council asked clarifying questions regarding the residential and commercial rates.

Mr. Kayiran addressed the questions posed by City Attorney and City Council.

Mayor Woods invited Mr. Herman to come forward to clarify his questions.

Mr. Herman clarified his questions regarding union labor costs.

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

Council Member Hansen asked questions regarding the water rate increase.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident, commented on the water rate increase.

City Attorney asked Mr. Benson if he was protesting against the water rate increase.

Mr. Benson announced that he was not protesting against the water rate increase.

Ms. Fidora commented and asked a question regarding the water rate increase.

City Attorney requested all public testimony before addressing any additional questions.

Mayor Woods asked if there were any additional comments.

There were no additional protests or comments.

Mayor Woods closed the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Fidora.

Mayor Woods requested the number of protests received by the City Clerk.

City Clerk reported that four (4) protests were received prior to the meeting.

City Attorney commented on the protests received and stated that the total number of protests did not exceed a simple majority of the total number of property owners.

Mayor Woods asked the City Clerk to confirm the total number of protests received.

City Clerk reported a total of eight (8) protests were received.

Mayor Woods stated that a simple majority protest was not reached.

Council Member Hansen, Public Works Director, and Public Works Management Analyst commented on the workshops and meetings held prior to the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing.

Vice Mayor Copeland commented on the question regarding water rate increase posed by Ms. Loo earlier in the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m. to allow public comment regarding the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed ordinance to please come forward.

City Attorney commented on and read the title of Ordinance No. 2020-01-1512:

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2020-01-1512, amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, establishing rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2020-01-1512:

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Woods thanked those in attendance for coming and providing comments.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2018-19

City Manager thanked the Finance Department staff for preparing the CAFR and introduced Deputy Finance Director who presented the staff report. Deputy Finance Director also thanked the Finance Department staff and Julie Matsumoto, contract accounting consultant, for preparation of the CAFR.

Vice Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the CAFR.

Deputy Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland.

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

There was no public comment.

Council Member Hansen commented on the CAFR and the earlier Proposition 218 Protest Hearing.

Mayor Woods commended the Finance Department staff, auditors, and the accounting consultant for presenting the CAFR in a timely manner.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to receive and file the City's CAFR for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2019; direct staff to return during the FY 2019-20 Operating Budget mid-year review process with proposed appropriations for the FY 2018-19 General Fund operating surplus of \$491,431; and direct staff to distribute copies of the CAFR for FY 2018-19 as required, as well as to the Office of the

City Clerk to be placed on file for the general public and posted on the City's website.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Authorize Solicitation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lease of Photocopiers/Multi-Function Devices and Equipment and Maintenance Services

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

Council Member Jones asked questions regarding the RFP for the lease of equipment and maintenance services.

Economic Development Manager and City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Jones.

City Clerk asked a question regarding the photocopiers at the Police Department.

Police Chief addressed the question posed by City Clerk.

Mayor Woods commented on the photocopiers at the Police Department.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding the RFP.

City Manager and Economic Development Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to authorize staff to issue the RFP on January 15, 2020.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Request for Waiver of No Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Summary: The Signal Hill Community Foundation (SHCF) is co-hosting an author reception with literary event organizer Adventures by the Book. SHCF is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at the reception, scheduled for January 31, 2020 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. 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 January 14, 2020

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 January 14, 2020.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of December 10, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Jones reported on his attendance at the California Contract Cities Legislative Tour in Sacramento on January 6-7, 2020.

Vice Mayor Copeland commented on a ribbon cutting ceremony he attended for Signal Hill business, Hybrid House, on January 10, 2020; and a meeting with State Senator Lena Gonzalez's field representative, Jacob O'Donnell.

Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Legislative Tour in Sacramento on January 6-7, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES 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, January 28, 2020, 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 COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK