



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
March 10, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on March 10, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney requested to add two closed session items for discussion subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

- c. A closed session will be 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.
- d. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *City of Signal Hill, et al v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP03882.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to add closed session items (c) and (d).

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

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 2175 E. 28th Street.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *Ronald R. Sagmit vs. City of Signal Hill Police Department*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC706721.
- c. 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.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *City of Signal Hill, et al v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP03882.

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 7:12 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. City Attorney reported that status reports were given and no reportable action was taken for items (a) through (c);

and City Council unanimously provided direction for item (d).

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

Somone Washington, representative of OneLegacy and Signal Hill resident, spoke about the organization and invited City Council to proclaim April as Donate Life Month.

Mayor Woods commented on OneLegacy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Mayor's Reception on Tuesday, March 24 starting at 8:00 p.m. at the Library.

Spring Fest on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. A wristband can be purchased in advance for \$4 or on the day of the event for \$5. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Ellen Ward Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Call (562) 989-7330 if you would like to participate as a vendor or for more information.

PRESENTATION

- a. American University Health Sciences (AUHS) student pharmacists introduced themselves and made a presentation regarding COVID-19.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding COVID-19.

AUHS student pharmacists and professor addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods commented on COVID-19.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Community Survey Results – Cannabis

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced Dr. Timothy McLarney, President of True North Research, who presented the community survey results.

City Council and City Clerk asked questions regarding the community survey.

Dr. McLarney, Deputy City Manager, City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council and City Clerk.

Council Member Wilson disclosed his employment at a cannabis business in Long Beach and commented on the community survey.

City Manager presented the business survey results and introduced Brad Rowe, Cannabis Compliance Practice Leader from Avenu Insights & Analytics (Avenu).

Mr. Rowe spoke about Avenu's scope of services and offered to answer questions.

City Council and City Clerk asked questions regarding the cannabis industry.

Mr. Rowe and City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council.

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

Randy Hartshorn, Signal Hill resident, commented and asked questions regarding the cannabis industry.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mr. Hartshorn.

Council Member Wilson asked a question regarding the cannabis industry.

Mr. Rowe addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson and Mr. Hartshorn.

City Council, Mr. Rowe, City Manager, and City Attorney commented on and discussed the survey results, the cannabis industry, and financial study options.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to direct staff prepare a financial study cost estimate and present it at a future Council meeting.

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

b. Recommended Reserve Transfers and Current Year Appropriations from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to Fiscal Year 2019-20

City Manager introduced Deputy Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding the current year appropriations.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

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

There was no public comment.

City Council commented and asked questions regarding recommended reserve transfers and current year appropriations.

City Manager and Deputy Finance Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-03-6554 authorizing appropriations from the Fiscal Year 2018-19 General Fund operating surplus and current year appropriation adjustments, amending the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-03-6554, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SURPLUS AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET

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

c. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Review

City Manager introduced Deputy Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the mid-year budget.

Deputy Finance Director and City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods and Council Member Wilson.

City Manager presented the personnel reclassifications portion of the staff report.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding personnel reclassifications.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

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 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-03-6555 authorizing mid-year budget appropriations and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-20 annual operating and capital budget; and waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-03-6556 amending Resolution No. 2019-09-6443, approving and adopting a city-wide pay schedule as required by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-03-6555, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING MID-YEAR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-03-6556, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09-6443, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A CITY-WIDE PAY SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

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

Council Member Wilson asked a question regarding sales tax revenue.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize staff to update the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Personnel Summary to reclassify one Account Specialist II to a Senior Account Specialist in the Finance Department, one Administrative Assistant to a Management Assistant in the Public Works Department, and make the necessary adjustments to implement the personnel changes; approve a reimbursement in the amount of \$339,614.50 to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for overpayment in relation to the Cherry Avenue Widening Project; and authorize the City Manager to accept an additional \$400,000 in grant funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant for the View Park and Recycled Water Project.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Authorize Solicitation of a Request for Proposals for the Well No. 8 Replacement Project

Summary: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to issue a Request for Proposals for professional engineering services for the preparation of plans and specifications for the Well No. 8 Replacement Project.

Recommendation: Authorize the Public Works Director to issue a Request for Proposals.

b. Approval of Agreement with Los Angeles County for Acquisition of Aerial Imagery of Signal Hill

Summary: City Council will consider entering into an agreement with Los Angeles County to receive updated aerial imagery of Signal Hill.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Los Angeles County for the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium 6 (LAR-IAC6) Program in the amount of \$17,640, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Warrant Register Dated March 10, 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 March 10, 2020.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments meeting on March 4, 2020.

Mayor Woods invited the Public Works Director to please come forward and asked about sand bags for residents.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the Los Angeles County Fire Department East Regional Operations Bureau VIP Tour on March 5, 2020.

Council Member Wilson requested staff prepare a presentation on the recent Primary Election for a future City Council meeting.

City Manager and City Council commented on the March 3 Primary Election and the upcoming November 3 General Election.

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, March 24, 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
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK