



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 21, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association and the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Nicholas C. Payiatis, regarding real property located at 1917 E. 21st Street.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to discuss a personnel matter.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

RECONVENE – 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Staff reports were given and directions from Council for further negotiations. No reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident and business owner addressed Council regarding Signal Hill business owner Mel Guy and announced Mr. Guy had recently been recognized in a local newspaper for earning his high school diploma after quitting school years ago and has served in the Signal Hill business community for many years.

Carol Yochum, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and thanked the Community Services Department for a wonderful job on the Hounds on the Hill event and thanked the department for doing so much for the community.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-06-1426 Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-03 Allowing "Rental Car Agency" as a Permitted Use in the "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan"

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-06-1426 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-03, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.49, entitled "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan," to include "Rental Car Agency" as a permitted use.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-06-1426:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "RENTAL CAR AGENCY" AS A PERMITTED USE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Introduction of an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Texaco Downstream Properties, Incorporated (TDPI) and a Resolution Finding the Franchise Categorically Exempt from CEQA Guidelines

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were any questions of staff.

Council Member Noll discussed the franchise.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone in favor of or opposed to the franchises to please come forward. No comments were received.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5897 finding the Grant of Franchise to Texaco Downstream Properties, Incorporated to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article 19 of the guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5897:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO TEXACO DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES INCORPORATED TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-06-1427 granting to Texaco Downstream Properties Incorporated the right, privilege, and franchise to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within said city.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-06-1427:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO TEXACO DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES INCORPORATED THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND FRANCHISE TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN SAID CITY

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolution Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2011-12

Chair Noll called the Redevelopment Agency to order.

Mayor Forester read a letter regarding Redevelopment Agencies and addressed to Senator Alan Lowenthal, written by eight different Mayors representing the Cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Paramount, Signal Hill and South Gate.

City Manager and the Finance Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak regarding the budget to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding her own analysis of the budget and the structural gap analysis and requested the separation of recurring and non-recurring revenues.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and presented a spreadsheet that she felt was more transparent to the public, and easier to read. The spreadsheet given to Council was prepared by Signal Hill resident Carol Churchill who could not attend the meeting.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident thanked Council for their consistency, providing transparency, and running the City honorably and with a well balanced budget.

Council Member Wilson commented on the budget and thanked the Finance Director and Department Heads for doing such a great job on the budget.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:02 p.m.

Council Member Noll commented on the budget and thanked the Finance Director, City Manager and Department Heads for working so hard on the budget.

Council Member Ward commented on the budget and thanked the Finance Director and Department Heads.

Mayor Forester commented on the budget and also thanked staff.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5898 adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5898:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE CHAIR WARD and seconded by MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-462 adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Agency Counsel read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-462:

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR NOLL
 VICE CHAIR WARD
 MEMBER FORESTER
 MEMBER HANSEN
 MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Noll recessed the Redevelopment Agency at 8:15 p.m.

b. Resolution Adopting 2011-12 Appropriations Limit

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5899 approving and adopting the annual appropriations limit for the fiscal year 2011-12.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5899:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of City Service Fees and Charges

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5900 amending Resolution No. 2010-09-5843 amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5900:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09-5843 AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FEES

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Treasurer Position – Gateway IRWM JPA

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve Deputy City Manager Charlie Honeycutt as the JPA's treasurer.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

e. Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council collectively thanked the City Manager for his hard work, dedication and outstanding service to the City.

City Manager thanked Council for their support and recognized the Department Head team as well as the City Attorney, and the Administration Department for their hard work and dedication.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve an amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement to require that the City Manager increase his contribution to pension benefits by 4%.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services of Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park

Summary: The City hired ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services at Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park in 2008. An amendment to the Contract Services Agreement is being proposed to provide a two-year contract extension under the current terms of the contract.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. for landscape maintenance services at Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park. The amendment will provide a two-year extension of the existing contract under the contract's current terms including no increase to the annual cost.

- b. Resolution Amending Conflict of Interest Code

Summary: Government Code Section 87300 et. seq. requires local governments to review their conflict of interest code to determine its accuracy or make amendments. It has been determined that the Conflict of Interest Code include the Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Public Financing Authority. It is now necessary to amend the City's Conflict of Interest Code to add the positions of Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board, Public Financing Authority Board, Agency/Authority Counsel, and Agency/Authority Executive Director.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5863 amending Resolution No. 2011-01-5863, updating the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Signal Hill.

c. Schedule of Investments

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

Recommendation: Receive and file.

d. Warrant Register Dated June 21, 2011

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 June 21, 2011.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, June 7, 2011.

Budget Study Session, May 24, 2011

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll announced the passing of Pete Bendiger a long time friend of the Council.

Council Member Noll requested Community Services Department review and try to improve on the timing of the release of the schedule for the Concerts in the Park series.

Mayor Forester announced the Summer Concert Series begins on Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. The series runs for 6 weeks.

Council Member Noll reported on his trip to Sacramento for the League of California Cities Revenue Taxation Committee and spoke about the State budget, State proposal to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies and encouraged residents to contact local legislators.

Council Member Ward announced her disappointment with local legislators and she is going to put her support behind Tony Mendoza.

Council Member Wilson announced the Metro is asking for help to plan the Regional Connector Transit Project. For meeting details please call (213) 922-7277.

Council Member Wilson reiterated his comments from the last meeting regarding the Contract Cities Conference he attended and was told by local legislators how important they felt Redevelopment Agencies were and would fight to keep it.

Council Member Wilson announced his dog was lost near Cal State Long Beach at Stearns and Bellflower, has tags and offered a \$50 reward and to please contact him at (562) 900-4819.

Vice Mayor Hansen expressed her disappointment in our local legislators regarding eliminating Redevelopment Agency.

Vice Mayor Hansen expressed her disappointment that the Concert in the Park series was not listed in the City Views Newsletter.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked Police Chief Langston why there was police activity on 21st Street today.

Police Chief Langston responded to Vice Mayor Hansen and will contact her with the information.

Police Chief Langston announced staff has sent residents letters regarding the street closures on the hilltop for the July 4th holiday. The hilltop will be closed from 6:00-10:00 p.m. If residents have questions, please contact (562) 989-7200.

Police Chief Langston complimented Captain Mark on his work with the budget.

Vice Mayor Hansen complained about the recent parking signs that went up on 21st Street for the geographical survey and felt it was very poor planning as signs were posted late and were posted for the same day as street sweeping.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked the Community Services Director about the summer park program.

Community Services Director answered questions regarding the times and number of children needed for the program.

Council Member Noll asked for an accounting and audit of the funding for Concerts in the Park.

Community Services Director informed Council Member Noll the accounting and audit has been requested of Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts and it has not been received.

Council Member Ward asked about the non-profit status of Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts and the association with the City.

Council and Community Services Director discussed the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts and the partnership with the City.

Council Member Hansen asked about lunches for the children attending the summer park program.

Community Services Director announced lunches are provided for children attending the summer park program.

Mayor Forester announced the letter read earlier during the meeting addressed to Senator Lowenthal will be printed in the Press Telegram and the Signal Tribune and encouraged residents to contact legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD, to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Edward Sandstedt, long time resident of Signal Hill and Pete Bendiger, long time friend of the City Council to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk