



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

August 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 16, 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, to discuss real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Charles Reeder, of the CR Trust, regarding a private alley at the 1000 block of E. 32nd Street.

RECONVENE – 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and directions from Council. No reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

PRESENTATION(S)

Mayor Forester presented Brenda Lee with a certificate of thanks for the three photographs she took of views from Hilltop Park and presented to Council.

Mayor Forester and Denise Damrow, with Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts presented certificates to the following sponsors for the 2011 Concert in the Park series: Supervisor Don Knabe, Aleshire & Wynder, Charter Communications, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Shell Oil, Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce, Signal Hill Petroleum, Signal Hill Tribune, Signal Hill Disposal, Signal Hill Police Department Volunteers and Willow Urgent Care.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Interim Urgency Ordinance Adopting Interim Regulations for the Development of Properties with Abandoned Oil Wells Pending Completion of Special Studies Necessitated by Recent Policy Changes of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources Concerning Developing Projects Adjacent to or on Top of Abandoned and Re-Abandoned Oil Wells

City Manager and Community Development Director presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding development projects and Community Development Director addressed questions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-08-1430 adopting interim regulations for the development of properties with abandoned wells pending the completion of studies on how the Signal Hill Oil Code shall address the health and safety issues of oil wells caused by the policy changes of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources concerning abandoned oil wells.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No 2011-08-1430:

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING INTERIM REGULATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES WITH ABANDONED OIL WELLS PENDING THE COMPLETION OF STUDIES ON HOW THE SIGNAL HILL OIL CODE SHALL ADDRESS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES OF OIL WELLS CAUSED BY THE POLICY CHANGES OF THE STATE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES CONCERNING ABANDONED OIL WELLS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Forester introduced Celia Ayala, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles Universal Preschool, who made a presentation about the preschool program located in the Las Brisas community.

b. Amending Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing the Operations of Hotels and Motels

City Manager introduced the Police Chief who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-08-1431 amending Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code redefining a term; outlining criteria for approval of alternate guest registration systems; and, correcting a citation error.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-08-1431:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.18 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE REDEFINING A TERM; OUTLINING CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE GUEST REGISTRATION SYSTEMS; AND, CORRECTING A CITATION ERROR

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Chair Ward called the Redevelopment Agency to order.

a. Resolution Adopting Investment Policy

City Manager introduced City Treasurer who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-08-5907 amending and adopting its investment policy for public funds.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-08-5907:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING ITS INVESTMENT POLICY FOR
PUBLIC FUNDS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by MEMBER WILSON and seconded by MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-08-463:

Assistant Agency Counsel read the title of Resolution No. 2011-08-463:

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING ITS INVESTMENT POLICY FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE CHAIR WARD
MEMBER FORESTER
MEMBER HANSEN
MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: CHAIR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Vice Chair Ward recessed the Redevelopment Agency.

b. Award of Contract for Online Credit Card Services with Paymentus

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract between the City of Signal Hill and Paymentus, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Property Acquisition – 1917 E. 21st Street

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

Council Member Wilson questioned the closing cost and Economic Development Manager addressed the question.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked a question regarding eminent domain. City Manager confirmed the property is not being acquired under eminent domain.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between Elre Holdings, LLC and the City of Signal Hill for property located at 1917 E. 21st Street and approve the budget adjustment appropriating \$195,000 from the Park Development Fund (Fund 50) to Account No. 050.640.545.788.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Contract Agreement for Computer Services with Greyhound Computers, Inc.

Summary: The City of Signal Hill utilizes the services of Greyhound Computers, Inc. to provide Information Technology support and computer services. The City Council will consider a contract extension with Greyhound Computers Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal of a three-year Contract Services Agreement between the City and Greyhound Computers, Inc., subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Award of Contract for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804

Summary: On August 2, 2011, the City received bids for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804, in a form approved by the City Attorney to Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving in the amount of \$183,142.90.

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 August 16, 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 August 16, 2011.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, August 1, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society will hold their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 17th at Discovery Well Park from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and tickets will sell for \$6.00 each.

Council Member Ward announced she attended the car show sponsored by the Signal Hill Honorary Police Officers Association and congratulated them on a job well done.

Mayor Forester read a peace declaration letter received from the City of Hiroshima dated August 6, 2011.

Mayor Forester announced he will be presenting a proclamation to Jimmy at Big E's Pizza at noon on Wednesday, August 17 at Big E's Pizza.

Mayor Forester announced tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of Helen Lopez, wife of George Lopez, longtime business owner in Signal Hill.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 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 WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk