



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

September 27, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 27, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 5:03 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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Extension and Progress Report on 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 introduced the Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt the urgency Ordinance No. 2011-09-1435 extending 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.

City Manager read the title Ordinance No. 2011-09-1435:

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING 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

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- b. Adoption of a Resolution Stating the City's Intention to Make Remittances Required by ABX1 27 in Order to Avoid Dissolution of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency

Chair Noll called the Redevelopment Agency to Order

City Manager presented the staff reports for agenda items (b), (c), and (d).

Council Member Noll commented on the resolutions and felt it is an insurance policy for the City.

Council Member Ward commented that she felt it would be better to be safe than sorry.

Council Member Wilson commented that it was his understanding from the last meeting that if the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the State, they would give agencies time to react.

City Manager commented the Supreme Court may give agencies more time, but there is no guarantee.

Vice Mayor Hansen commented her recollection of the last meeting was that the Supreme Court indicated it was their intention to grant additional time.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested the Finance Director come forward.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked the Finance Director if we needed to file something with the State regarding the Redevelopment Agency.

Finance Director advised that October 1, 2011 is the deadline for filing the Statement of Indebtedness which lists all the liabilities of the Redevelopment Agency.

Vice Mayor Hansen confirmed the filing of the Statement of Indebtedness by October 1, 2011, within the parameters of AB26 & AB27 needs to include the first remittance the State is requiring. In order for us to make the payment we need a remittance agreement in place in order for money to be transferred between the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

Finance Director confirmed Vice Mayor Hansen's statement and added a resolution is necessary stating we are intending to pay that amount of money to the state.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked the Finance Director if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the State, and this is not done, and the Statement of Indebtedness is filed without the amount of money, it's possible the Redevelopment Agency would have to close.

Finance Director again confirmed Vice Mayor Hansen's statement.

Council Member Wilson asked the Finance Director why we are using the amount calculated by the State and not the amount in our appeal to the Supreme Court.

Finance Director answered that the appeal has not been approved yet and the State feels we owe 3.8 million. When the remittance is made we will be stating we will appeal this amount.

Council Member Wilson asked why we would file something agreeing to their number if we believe that number is incorrect.

Finance Director answered the Statement of Indebtedness would list our obligation as far as the State is concerned and we are not paying the \$3.4 million because we still waiting for approval of that amount.

City Manager suggested adding a section to the Resolution of Intention stating that we have filed an appeal, and list what we believe the payments should be. In addition, a letter could be prepared that would accompany the payment schedule explaining the second year payment.

Council Member Noll confirmed with the Finance Director some of the amounts and payees on the payment schedule.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-5914 stating the City's intention to make remittances required by ABX1 27 in order to avoid dissolution of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency with modifications as suggested by the City Manager.

City Manager read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-5914:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, STATING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO MAKE REMITTANCES REQUIRED BY ABX1 27 IN ORDER TO AVOID DISSOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. ABX1 27 Remittance Agreement

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-5915 authorizing the execution of a remittance agreement by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency with modifications to Section 3 as suggested by the City Manager.

City Manager read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-5915:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE CHAIR WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-466 authorizing the execution of a remittance agreement by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency with modifications to Section 3 as suggested by the Executive Director.

Executive Director read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-466:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AYES: CHAIR NOLL
 VICE CHAIR HANSEN
 MEMBER FORESTER
 MEMBER WARD

NOES: MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Approval of the Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency Required Under AB1X 26

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by to COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to receive and file Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule as modified.

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 MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE CHAIR WARD to receive and file Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule as modified.

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 5:25 p.m.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the agenda for tonight's meeting and back up material. It was not available at the Library and she requested copies.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and thanked the Signal Hill Historical Society for a wonderful pancake breakfast. Mr. Mendoza also announced he is obtaining signatures regarding the issue of the Tattoo Parlor to be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll thanked the Signal Hill Historical Society for a successful pancake breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk