



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
November 15, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 15, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding California Redevelopment Association, League of California Cities, and John Shirey v. the State of California.

Mayor Forester requested the following item be added to Closed Session:

- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding LASC Case No. BC464772 notifying all pumpers that unless they file an objection to validation of WRD's 2011-2012 replenishment assessment by December 2, 2011, they will lose all rights to ever challenge the validity of the 2011-2012 RA.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to add the item to the agenda based on the need to take action subsequent to the posting of the agenda and the need to take action prior to the next meeting.

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 ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about agenda item (b) and the subject matter to be discussed. The City Attorney advised Ms. Harris he would be reporting to Council the review and observations concerning the oral argument made on the litigation.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to recess to Closed Session.

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident thanked Council and staff for reorganizing the agenda and requested the structure be published in the next issue of City Views and on the City website. Ms. Harris also commented on the Show and Sell event on November 12th and thanked Council.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Re-Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 12 by Adding Chapter 12.05: Street Tree Ordinance

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the appeal fees.

Public Works Director explained the appeal fees and the process in determining the fee.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-11-1441 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 12 by adding Chapter 12.05 allowing for the establishment of standards for street tree planting, removal, replacement, and maintenance under Ordinance No. 2011-11-1441 herein.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-11-1441:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 12 BY ADDING CHAPTER 12.05 ALLOWING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS FOR STREET TREE PLANTING, REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11-1441 HEREIN

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. Contract Services Agreement for a Water Rate Study with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the Contract Services Agreement with the Public Works Director and Mayor Forester requested the summary of the scope of services be read for the record.

Public Works Director read the list of summarized scope of services by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Water Rate Study and Public Works Director answered Ms. Harris' questions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated (RFC), to perform a Water Rate Study, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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. LA Impact Joint Powers Authority

Summary: The Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) has formally organized itself as a Joint Powers Authority. In taking steps to continue ongoing benefits of membership within LA IMPACT and opportunities to help shape the policies of LA IMPACT going forward, the City may join the LA IMPACT Authority.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-11-5923 approving the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (LA IMPACT JPA), authorizing the City's membership in LA IMPACT; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the JPA Agreement.

b. 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.

c. Warrant Register Dated November 15, 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 November 15, 2011.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

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

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 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

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll thanked the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts for a successful Show and Sell event and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society will be holding their Christmas party on Friday, December 16th. Tickets are \$20 each. Please call (562) 544-6003 for additional information.

Council Member Ward wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Wilson, as a member of the Advisory Board, reported on Miller Children's Hospital.

Council Member Wilson thanked everyone for their birthday wishes.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced the traffic signal on Cherry Avenue at the Home Depot parking lot is on a very short cycle. Deputy City Manager advised this issue is currently being addressed.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced she attended the Veteran's Day parade in Long Beach with the Boy Scouts and announced she will be riding in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade.

Mayor Forester wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Forester thanked the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts for a successful Show and Sell event.

Mayor Forester announced he will be traveling to Houston, Texas from December 1 – December 4 to attend the Gay and Lesbian Institute.

Mayor Forester announced the Christmas Store will be held on December 17th. Please go to betterbalancelongbeach.org for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information. Council Member Wilson requested additional hot chocolate this year.

Mayor Forester announced Brunch with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10th. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk