



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 6, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 6, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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 54957, to discuss a Civil Service Commission Disciplinary hearing 2011-09-0001.
- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at the southwest corner of Cherry Avenue and 19th Street, adjacent to Jessie Nelson Middle School (approximately 1,950 square feet in size).

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON 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 – 7:02 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: Agenda item (a), directions were given for further negotiations. No reportable action was taken; (b) Council voted to receive and file the report of the Civil Service Commission. There was a motion by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Ward and the vote was 5/0 to receive and file and by this the Council will not review the decision; (c) A status report was given and no reportable action was taken.

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

Denise Damrow, President of the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts announced the Family Art-Making Workshop on Sunday, December 11th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Discovery Well Park.

Terry Rogers with the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce invited everyone to their holiday party at No Limits Fitness on Industry Drive on Thursday, December 8th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Melissa Guy, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding two recent car accidents in Signal Hill.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding an article about Signal Hill at www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Captain Chris O'Quinn of the California Highway Patrol and Sharon Abbott, representative of Automobile Club of Southern California presented Signal Hill Police Officer Justin Hidalgo with the 10-851 Stolen Vehicle Recovery Award.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-11-1441 Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 12 by Adding Chapter 12.05: Street Tree Ordinance

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt 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. Award of Contract for the Demolition of Improvements at 1917 E. 21st Street Project, No. 788

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Demolition of Improvements at 1917 E. 21st Street Project, No. 788, in a form approved by the City Council, to Superior Demolition, Inc. in the amount of \$23,550 and accept DHI Construction's request to withdraw their bid and approve an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Park Development Fund balance.

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

b. Purchase of Replacement In-Car Camera System and Mobile Data Terminal Upgrades

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

City Council discussed the in-car camera system with the Police Chief.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the account used for the purchase and asked for an example of each system. The City Manager and the Police Chief addressed Ms. Harris' questions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the Police Department to purchase a replacement ICCS and MDT upgrades from Hub-Data 911 not to exceed \$150,000 and approve \$150,000 budget appropriation from General Fund-Fund Balance Reserves to Account No. 001.330.525.510.

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. Council Workshop on the Open Meeting Law

City Manager introduced the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney who presented the staff report and conducted the workshop.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

Council Member Ward left Council Chamber at 7:49 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

City Council discussed the Open Meeting Law with the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney.

Council Member Wilson left Council Chamber at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Forester recessed the meeting 8:38 p.m.

Mayor Forester reconvened the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Bob Mendoza, Maria Harris, Richard Harris, and Gloria Nava, Signal Hill residents asked questions regarding the Brown Act. City Attorney addressed each question.

City Manager announced the Library Design Committee is subject to the Brown Act.

City Council discussed the process and moving forward with a resolution in the future.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to direct staff to draft a resolution implementing the various provisions of the Brown 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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Contract Services Agreement for the Design of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue Traffic Signal

Summary: At times, the Public Works Department utilizes the services of professional consultants to provide specialized services for the City. Staff is recommending approval of a Contract Services Agreement with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Incorporated to provide engineering services for the design of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue traffic signal.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc. to provide engineering services for the design of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue traffic signal, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- b. Resolution Declaring the City's Intention to Vacate Certain Rights-Of-Way Relating to the EDCO Transfer Facility

Summary: This resolution declares the City's intent to vacate certain rights-of-way including portions of Olive Avenue and one alley. The vacation of these rights-of-way is in conformance with the Circulation Element and General Plan. The resolution also sets a public hearing to allow public participation on this matter.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-12-5924 declaring the City's intention to vacate that certain east-west alley lying north of Patterson Street and south of 28th Street bounded on the west by Olive Avenue and on the east by California Avenue and Olive Avenue between Patterson Street and 28th Street. 2. Set a public hearing for January 3, 2012.

- c. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Government to Fund Intersection Improvements at Walnut Avenue and Willow Street

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) to fund the design and construction of traffic signal and ADA improvements at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Willow Street. Adoption of this resolution provides City Council authorization to enter into agreement with GCCOG for Truck Impacted Intersection funds to improve the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Willow Street and also authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all necessary documents to encumber funds.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-12-5925 authorizing an agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments for truck impacted intersection funding to improve the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Willow Street.

- d. Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement for Development of the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL Jurisdictional Group #1 Agencies Implementation Plan

Summary: The City Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at the July 21, 2009 City Council Meeting with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to act as the fiduciary agent for the agencies that are tributary to the lower reach (Reach 1) of the Los Angeles River for development of the Los Angeles River Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Coordinated Implementation Plan. Amendment 1 to this MOA further develops and details Coordinated Implementation Plan milestones.

Recommendations: Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for the administration and cost sharing of the development of the Coordinated Implementation Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Loads.

- e. Contract Services Agreement to Install, Operate and Maintain an Inmate Calling System and Install and Maintain an Inmate Video Visitation System at the Signal Hill Police Department Jail Facility

Summary: As a means of improving the efficiency of the Signal Hill Jail Facility, the Signal Hill Police Department would like to enter into a contract services agreement with Inmate Communications Corporation to provide inmate calling and video visitation services to the Department's jail facility.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a multi-year contract services agreement with Inmate Communications Corporation to install, operate and maintain an Inmate Calling System at both the current Police Department Jail Facility and new jail facility upon occupancy and install and maintain the Police Department's Inmate Video Visitation System (IVVS) at the new jail facility.

f. Warrant Register Dated December 6, 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 December 6, 2011.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, November 15, 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 announced he was re-appointed to the Revenue and Taxation Committee by the League of California Cities and he will be attending a meeting on January 19, 2012.

Council Member Noll announced the article featuring Signal Hill at www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com.

Council Member Noll wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Member Ward thanked Mary Gilmore, Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel for a job well done.

Council Member Ward thanked the Community Services Department for hosting the recognition reception for volunteers and sponsors.

Council Member Ward invited everyone to attend the Signal Hill Historical Society Christmas Party. Please call (562) 544-6003 for additional information.

Council Member Ward wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Member Wilson announced he cannot get good cell reception where he lives in Signal Hill and calls drop frequently.

Council Member Wilson announced the great article on Signal Hill at www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com.

Council Member Wilson announced he is on the Advisory Board for the Miller Children's Hospital and read a letter sent to him by the hospital and thanked the City for supporting the hospital.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Hansen also thanked Miller Children's Hospital.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced the timing for the traffic light at Cherry Avenue at Home Depot is still not working properly. Public Works Director advised it has been an issue and the timers are currently being worked on.

Mayor Forester asked the Police Chief to look at the speeding issue on Cherry Avenue discussed by a resident earlier this evening.

Mayor Forester announced he attended a Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute in Houston, Texas last weekend.

Mayor Forester announced he went to Sacramento today to testify before the Water Quality Control Board.

Mayor Forester announced an article on Signal Hill in the Late Extra Section of the LA Times.

Mayor Forester announced Christmas Tree recycling on Wednesday, December 28th and Wednesday, January 4th. Please put your undecorated tree out to the curb and remove stands.

Mayor Forester announced street sweeping and refuse and recycling will have no interruption in service over the Christmas or New Year's holidays.

Mayor Forester announced the Community Library Workshop on Monday, December 12th at the Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1780 E. Hill St. from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mayor Forester announced tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of Bob Peterson, long time Signal Hill resident and in memory of Shaun Lumachi, Long Beach resident and community leader.

Mayor Forester wished everyone happy holidays.

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, January 3, 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 9:39 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk