



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 15, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 15, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation regarding 2745 Walnut Avenue.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

MAYOR HANSEN RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:10 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item. A status report was given and no reportable action was taken.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on the Clean Water Quality Initiative.

Dennis Howland, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the commercial vehicle traffic on Orange Avenue.

Mayor Hansen requested a report on the Orange Avenue traffic issue at the next Council meeting.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Hansen presented a proclamation to Captain Mark in recognition of 2012 National Police Week.
- b. Mayor Hansen presented a proclamation to Casey Quinn and Carlos Perez, representing the Signal Hill Public Works Department in recognition of Public Works Week, May 20th – 26th.
- c. Mayor Hansen introduced Colleen Doan, new A Planner for the City of Signal Hill.
- d. Mayor Hansen introduced Denise “Sparkle” Peterson, Principal for Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy. Ms. Peterson briefed Council on the opening of the new facility.
- e. Mayor Hansen introduced Diane Lara, Vice President of Food Finders, Inc., who gave a presentation regarding the Food Finders program.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Economic Development Assistance Program – Office Depot

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report and requested continuing the public hearing to the June 19 City Council meeting.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak who is unable to attend the June 19th meeting to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and requested supporting documentation to substantiate claims by Office Depot.

There being no additional testimony, Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to continue the public hearing to June 19, 2012.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Enforcement of the Vehicle Code and Establishment of a Preferential Parking Zone on Catalina Drive

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

City Council discussed the preferential parking zone and asked questions. Public Works Director and the Police Captain addressed questions posed by Council.

Steve Ruzak, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the preferential parking zone.

Emerson Fersch, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the preferential parking zone.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-5959 permitting the enforcement of the California Vehicle Code on Catalina Drive by the Signal Hill Police Department and set a public hearing for June 5, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether a preferential parking zone should be established on Catalina Drive.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-05-5959:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, PERMITTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE ON CATALINA DRIVE BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to set a public hearing for June 5, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether a preferential parking zone should be established on Catalina Drive.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Resolution Establishing a Right Turn Only From Southbound Palm Drive Onto Obispo Avenue

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

City Council discussed the right turn only and asked questions. Public Works Director answered questions posed by Council.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and suggested a possible time limit for the right turn only.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-5960 establishing a right turn only from southbound Palm Drive onto Obispo Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-05-5960:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING RIGHT TURN ONLY FROM SOUTHBOUND PALM DRIVE ONTO OBISPO AVENUE

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Green Building Policy

City Manager introduced the Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with the Community Development Director there is no cost to residents for this program.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Resolution Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 and Approving the Engineer's Report

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments, sets the public hearing for June 19, 2012, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-5961 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2012-2013 and approving the engineer's report, and set the public hearing for June 19, 2012.

- b. Purchase of Base Station Radios and Related Equipment for the New Emergency Operations Center

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase three (3) base-station radios for the new Police Facility Emergency Operations Center and additional accessories required for P25 compatible portable radios.

Recommendations: Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the P25 compatible base-station radios and radio accessories from Advanced Electronics in an amount not to exceed \$25,965 and approve \$25,965 budget appropriation from COPS Technology Grant Fund to Account No.028.280.545.510.

c. Resolution of Intent to Grant a Nonexclusive Towing and Storage Franchise to Mr. C's Towing, Inc. and Kruger Tow, Inc.

Summary: The City's existing contract services agreement for towing and storage services expired on May 10, 2012 and have been extended on a month to month basis. The City has completed the Request for Qualifications process and identified the best qualified towing and storage vendors. This resolution states the City Council's intent to grant nonexclusive franchises to Mr. C's Towing, Inc., and Kruger Towing, Inc.

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-5962 declaring its intention to grant nonexclusive towing and storage franchises to Mr. C's Towing, Inc., and Kruger Towing, Inc., and set a public hearing for June 5, 2012 to receive public comment on the proposed franchises.

d. 2012 Sponsor/Site Agreement with the City of Long Beach for a Summer Food Program

Summary: The City utilizes the Summer Food Program provided by the California Department of Education and administered by the City of Long Beach to provide lunches for children. Each year, a Sponsorship and Site Agreement must be signed. This year's agreement will provide for lunches at Discovery Well and Signal Hill Parks.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Sponsor/Site Agreement between the Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Raymond Arbor Play Equipment Purchase

Summary: Staff is recommending replacement of one piece of play equipment at Raymond Arbor Park as part of a larger capital improvement project, and donation of the existing piece of equipment to a nonprofit organization for use in an underprivileged community overseas.

Recommendations: Authorize the purchase of a Mobius climber from Landscape Structures in the amount of \$20,984.33 for installation at Raymond Arbor Park and declare the play equipment to be removed as surplus, and authorize staff to pursue donation of the equipment to Kids Around the World.

f. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and its former Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report. Funds in the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency will be transferred to the Signal Hill Successor Agency upon completion of final audit.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

g. Warrant Register Dated May 15, 2012

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 May 15, 2012.

h. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, May 1, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Wilson requested item (a) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested item (h) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to approve items (b) thru (g) on the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Wilson left Council Chamber for Council discussion of Consent Calendar agenda item (a) due to a conflict of interest.

a. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-5961 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2012-13 and approving the Engineer's Report and set the Public Hearing for June 19, 2012.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-05-5961:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Council Member Wilson returned to Council Chamber.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the minutes of the May 15 City Council meeting.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve Consent Calendar item (h).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester requested bringing back a report on maintenance and operations costs of NPDES compliance at a future Council meeting.

Council Member Forester announced that he, along with Vice Mayor Noll and Council Member Ward will be participating in the Pride Parade on Sunday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Council Member Ward announced the Golden Eagle Restaurant serves great broasted chicken.

Council Member Ward encouraged everyone to shop in Signal Hill.

Council Member Wilson announced he will be attending the Contract Cities Conference this weekend.

Council Member Noll announced he checked the Food 4 Less parking lot this past weekend and was very disappointed at the amount of trash in the lot.

Council Member Noll requested staff look into a large pothole on E. 20th Street and Papadakis Way.

Mayor Hansen announced the Long Beach Unified School District cleared the weeds on Redondo Avenue and E. Hill Street.

Mayor Hansen announced that Vice Mayor Noll and Council Member Ward will be inducted and honored at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Harvey Milk Promenade Park at 3rd Street and The Promenade at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Mayor Hansen announced the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is conducting a tire recycling event on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Mayor Hansen announced B.A.R.K. Dogs at Signal Hill Library every 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. allowing story time with children and registered therapy dogs. For additional information please call (562) 989-7323.

Mayor Hansen announced Hounds on the Hill on Saturday, June 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Hansen announced the Community Services Department plans many great excursions for Active Adults. For information on upcoming trips, please call (562) 989-7330 or visit our website at www.cityofsignalhill.org.

Mayor Hansen announced the Concerts in the Park series begins on Wednesday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Signal Hill Park. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330 or visit our website at www.cityofsignalhill.org.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 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 HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk