



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 6, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Miranda et al v. Bonner et al (Case No. CV-08-03178 SJO (VBKx).
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the timing of closed session reports when the meeting reconvenes.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:14 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. Council gave direction to staff. No reportable action was taken.

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

Dennis Howland, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the purchase of a computer system for the new police station and Mayor Hansen's letter in the August 3, 2012 issue of the Signal Tribune.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and requested the recent 2011-2012 Los Angeles Grand Jury report regarding charter cities be agendized at a future meeting.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Los Angeles Grand Jury report regarding charter cities and city salaries.

City Manager announced a draft report has been prepared regarding the Grand Jury report and will be on the agenda at the August 21st City Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Resolution Finding the City to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program

City Manager read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the Congestion Management Program and asked questions. Public Works Management Analyst addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Congestion Management Program to please come forward. There was no testimony.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-08-5973 finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management

Program (CMP) and adopting the CMP Local Development Report (LDR), in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-08-5973:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT (LDR), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

- b. Public Hearing – 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 Wells

City Manager read the form of notice.

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

City Council discussed the Ordinance and asked questions. Community Development Director addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance to please come forward. There was no testimony.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2012-08-1449 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.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Urgency Ordinance No. 2012-08-1449:

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Restricting Truck Access to Local Streets

City Manager introduced the Assistant City Attorney who presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the limits discussed in the report and requested the potential truck traffic study include the north end. City Manager addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

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

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and suggested a survey of the residents in the impacted area on Orange Avenue.

City Council commented on a traffic study.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to direct staff inclusive of the City Traffic Engineer to continue working with all interested parties to prepare a draft ordinance that will mitigate truck traffic impacts on Orange Avenue south of Burnett Street and on other local streets that could be impacted by the Orange Avenue restrictions. Staff will return to Council with the draft ordinance and report on the impacts on surrounding streets, prior to scheduling a public hearing.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Forester left Council Chamber at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:43 p.m.

b. Park Ordinance Review

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

City Council discussed the report and asked questions. Community Services Director addressed questions posed by Council.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked questions regarding the proposed changes to the Signal Hill Municipal Code.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked questions regarding the proposed changes to the Signal Hill Municipal Code.

Community Services Director addressed questions posed by Signal Hill residents.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to move forward with suggested changes to Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.08 with agreed amendment.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. California Prison Reform and Realignment AB109/AB117

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

City Council discussed the staff report and asked questions. Police Chief addressed questions posed by Council.

Dennis Howland, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the staff report.

Council Member Ward left Council Chamber at 8:27 p.m. and returned at 8:31 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Los Angeles County Operational Area

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training. The County of Los Angeles has been designated as the grant administrator for Los Angeles County.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to accept grant funding through the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program.

b. Contract Service Agreement for the Management of the Day Laborer Center

Summary: In August 2011, the City of Signal Hill entered into a one-year contract service agreement with an independent contractor to manage the day laborer center located in the Home Depot parking lot at 2450 Cherry Avenue. This report discusses renewing that contract service agreement for two additional years.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a two-year contract service agreement with the independent contractor to manage the day-to-day operations of the center, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Approval of Amendment No. 1, Extending the Coordinated Monitoring Program of the Metals TMDL with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Summary: The City has participated in a water quality monitoring effort on the Los Angeles River. This Memorandum of Agreement would extend the water quality monitoring effort for an additional fiscal year.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the MOA.

d. Warrant Registers Dated August 6, 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 Registers dated August 6, 2012 for FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 9, 2012 (Amended).
Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 17, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester announced upcoming public hearings beginning August 7th in Paramount regarding the Environmental Impact Report on the expansion of the 710 freeway.

Council Member Wilson reminded everyone to watch for upcoming information regarding Health Care Reform Act rebates.

Council Member Ward announced Logan Tom, is an Olympic volleyball player whose mother lives in Signal Hill. This is her fourth time participating in the Olympics and encouraged everyone to cheer her on.

Council Member Ward reminded everyone to shop in Signal Hill.

Council Member Forester announced the opening of Black Bear Diner on Willow Street.

Mayor Hansen announced the Mulholland Drive Bridge Demolition and 405 freeway closure on Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th. For additional information, visit www.metro.net/405.

Mayor Hansen announced Community Coffee with Senator Alan Lowenthal on Saturday, August 18th from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at It's a Grind on E. Willow Street, Signal Hill. For additional information, please call (562) 495-4766.

Mayor Hansen invited the Police Chief to come forward to announce National Night Out.

Police Chief announced National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Reservoir Park. For additional information, please call (562) 427-3153.

Mayor Hansen announced Concerts in the Park is continuing for two more weeks – August 8th and August 15th.

Mayor Hansen announced Food Finders Food Drive during August Concerts in the Park. Bring canned or packaged food or hygiene products and turn in at the information booth.

Mayor Hansen announced Youth Excursions during the summer. For cost and registration information, contact the Youth Center at (562) 989-7329.

Mayor Hansen announced the Children's Summer Reading Program through August 31st. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7324.

Mayor Hansen announced Wild Animals at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7324.

Mayor Hansen announced there are some great upcoming Active Adult Excursions. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Hansen announced the Evening Book Club will meet on Monday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. and First Fridays Book Club will meet on Friday, September 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7324.

Mayor Hansen announced the Summer Food Program for youth 18 and younger at Signal Hill Park and Discovery Park. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7329.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 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
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk