



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 2, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT: MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct City Manager evaluation.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding City of Cerritos, et al v. Water Replenishment District of Southern California (Case No. BS 128136).

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 P.M.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.
Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:23 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. There was no reportable action taken.

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

Phil Martin, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding his water bills, the need for resurfacing on his street, and recent work in the area utilizing trucks with no dust control.

City Manager offered to look into the mailing issue with regards to Mr. Martin's water bills and will see the recent late fee is waived.

Kathy Wade, President of Assistance League of Long Beach addressed Council regarding Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 27th at Signal Hill Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Facilitate the Development of a Publicly Managed Community Garden at 1917 E. 21st Street

Deputy City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

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

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to direct staff to re-notice the public hearing for November 20, 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. Award of Contract for the 2013 Pavement Management Project, No. 688

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

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the 2013 Pavement Management Project, No. 688. Staff is recommending an award of contract to American Asphalt South, Inc.

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. Water Rate Review

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

City Council discussed the report, water rates, and contract with the Public Works Director.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the unpaid WRD water fees. Finance Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

City Attorney commented on the Central and Western Basins and Prop. 218.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to receive and file.

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

CHAIR HANSEN CALLED THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO ORDER

Roll Call:

PRESENT: CHAIR HANSEN
 VICE CHAIR NOLL
 MEMBER FORESTER
 MEMBER WARD
 MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

c. Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center Project Takeover Agreement

City Manager introduced the Deputy City Manager who presented the staff report and requested this item be continued to the Council meeting on October 16, 2012.

It was moved by MEMBER/COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by MEMBER/COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to continue this item to the October 16, 2012 City Council and City Council as Successor Agency meetings.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CHAIR HANSEN RECESSED THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. State of California – Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Program. The Chief of Police is seeking authorization to accept the grant.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding through the OTS Step Grant Program.

- b. Resolution Establishing CalPERS Health Insurance Contribution

Summary: The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act requires a resolution to establish contribution rates for City employees and retirees for calendar year 2013.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-10-5979 repealing Resolution No. 2011-10-5917 and fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.

- c. Resolution Designating 27th Street from Walnut Avenue and the Alley West of Walnut Avenue as One-Way

Summary: Staff is recommending designating 27th Street between Walnut Avenue and the alley west of Walnut Avenue as one-way in the eastbound direction. This portion of 27th Street will serve as the primary exit for Police patrol units leaving the new police station.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-10-5980 designating the segment of 27th Street between Walnut Avenue and the alley west of Walnut Avenue one-way in the eastbound direction.

d. Contract Services Agreement for Construction Management Services for the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue Traffic Signal Project

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 RKA Consulting Group, Inc. to provide construction management services during construction 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 RKA Consulting Group, Inc. to provide construction management services during construction of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue traffic signal, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Approval of Alcohol Use and City Media For Show and Sell Event

Summary: The Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts (FOSHCA) is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their Show and Sell event scheduled for November 3, 2012, in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council. They are also seeking approval to utilize City media resources to advertise the event. Per City policy, such media resources must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize FOSHCA to provide alcoholic beverages at the event, and utilize City media resources to advertize it subject to the conditions outlined herein.

f. Warrant Register Dated October 2, 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 October 2, 2012.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, September 18, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

Mayor Hansen requested item (g) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve Consent Calendar items (a) through (f).

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 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve Consent Calendar item (g).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: VICE MAYOR NOLL

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester thanked the Community Services Department for a successful Let's Move event on Saturday, and Signal Hill Petroleum for helping to support the event.

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) meeting with Vice Mayor Noll.

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance at the Mobility 21 conference last Friday.

Mayor Hansen invited the Community Services Director to come forward.

Community Services Director reported on the recent Let's Move event, spoke about upcoming fitness classes, and introduced Wayne Moore, President of Friends of the Signal Hill Library.

Council Member Ward thanked everyone for attending the Signal Hill Historical Society Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Chief Langston and family for cooking, Mary Justice, President of the Signal Hill Historical Society for her hard work, and the sponsors for helping to support the event.

Council Member Ward announced the Friends of Long Beach Animal Shelter are holding their annual Pet Fair and Walk on Saturday, October 13th at El Dorado Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Ward recommended Delius Restaurant for lunch.

Council Member Wilson announced Delius Restaurant is hosting a cognac tasting event on Thursday, October 4th.

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

Council Member Wilson announced he worked in the Long Beach Community Gardens for several hours on Saturday and suggested contacting Long Beach for suggestions when planning the community garden in Signal Hill.

Council Member Wilson congratulated the Community Services Department for a successful Let's Move event.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments conference.

Vice Mayor Noll reported on his attendance at the SERRF meeting with Council Member Forester.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on a recent article in California City News regarding trust of local government.

Vice Mayor Noll voiced his concerns regarding calls he has received from residents regarding the petition circulating by volunteers on behalf of Community First and giving misinformation. If residents feel they were given misinformation and would like to remove their name from petition, please visit City Hall for the appropriate form.

Vice Mayor Noll reported on his attendance at a League of California Cities conference in San Diego. Traffic tickets were discussed and Vice Mayor Noll invited Chief Langston to come forward.

Chief Langston reported on traffic tickets, traffic laws, safety, and the officers who patrol in Signal Hill.

Council Member Forester also commented on calls from residents regarding the petition circulating by Community First.

Mayor Hansen encouraged residents to ask questions regarding the petition and commented on the scare tactics being used.

Mayor Hansen announced Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste event on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Long Beach Veteran's Stadium at Clark Avenue and Conant Street. Please call (800) 238-0172 or visit www.lacsd.org for additional information.

Mayor Hansen congratulated the Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy on their ribbon cutting ceremony last week.

Mayor Hansen announced Banned Book Week October 1-6 at the Signal Hill Library.

Mayor Hansen announced the In-N-Out "Cover to Cover" Reading Incentive Program from October 6th through November 17.

Mayor Hansen announced the upcoming Active Adult Excursions: Cleopatra Exhibit at California Science Center on October 18; Jonathan Tour to Chinatown on November 15. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Hansen announced Fall 2012 Classes for children and teenagers. Please visit the city website at www.cityofsignalhill.org for additional information or call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Hansen announced the Annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Signal Hill Park Basketball Courts, \$3.00 per child. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced Evening Book Club on the second Monday of each month; First Fridays' Book Club on the first Friday of each month; Signal Hill Social Club on October 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Library. Please call (562) 989-7324 for additional information.

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, October 16, 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 8:37 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk