



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
November 20, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 20, 2012.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 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 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

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

Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:07 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 item. No reportable action was taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

### **INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Mayor Hansen introduced Ann Govoni new full-time Police Records Clerk for the City of Signal Hill.
- b. Hazel Wallace, the City's representative on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Board gave a presentation to the City Council on vector control efforts in the area.

Council Member Forester thanked Dr. Wallace for her hard work and dedication.

### **ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance and a Resolution of Intent to Approve and Authorize an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of the City of Signal Hill and the California Public Employees' Retirement System Pertaining to the Exclusion of Future Council Members from the California Public Employees' Retirement System

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the proposed ordinance and resolution and asked if current elected officials could opt out of receiving pension and health benefits.

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with the Deputy City Manager that the current City Treasurer is not enrolled in CalPERS. The City Clerk is currently enrolled in CalPERS, although if a new City Clerk is elected in the future, they would not be enrolled.

Council Member Forester stated for the record, he is not receiving health benefits through CalPERS.

Mayor Hansen asked if there was research done regarding what other public agencies are doing. Deputy City Manager offered to conduct research if directed by Council.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Hansen commented on the benefits and compensation received as a council member.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to continue this item to a future meeting while staff does additional research.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:       MAYOR HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:       VICE MAYOR NOLL  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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

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 7:43 p.m.

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

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2012-11-1452 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 12-03 revising the official zoning map by changing the zoning designation for 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street from “RLM-1”, Residential Low/Medium-1 to “OS”, Open Space and listing “Publicly Managed Community Gardens” as a permitted use in the “OS”, Open Space zoning district.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2012-11-1452:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 12-03 REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR 1917 E. 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET FROM "RLM-1", RESIDENTIAL LOW/MEDIUM-1 TO "OS", OPEN SPACE AND LISTING "PUBLICLY MANAGED COMMUNITY GARDENS" AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE "OS", OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICT

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. Public Hearing – An Appeal of a Notice and Order Dated August 1, 2012 Requiring Removal of a Trailer/Structure from the Rear Yard of the Property at 2047 North Terrace Drive

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the appeal to please come forward.

Thomas Fischetti, Appellant, addressed Council and spoke in favor of the Appeal.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the appeal to please come forward.

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill real estate agent speaking on behalf of several neighbors of the appellant, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

Mr. Fischetti presented a slide to Council and spoke in favor of the Appeal.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

City Council discussed and amended the resolution to increase the time period to abate the nuisance from 15 days to 30 days.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5994 confirming the determinations made in a Notice of Order dated August 1, 2012 requiring removal of a 96 sq. ft. trailer/structure from the rear of the property at 2047 North Terrace Drive and authorizing the City Manager to commence abatement in accordance with S.H.M.C. Section 8.12.110 if the nuisance is not completely abated within thirty days of service of notice of the City Council's decision.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-11-5994:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DETERMINATIONS MADE IN A NOTICE AND ORDER DATED AUGUST 1, 2012 REQUIRING REMOVAL OF A 96 SQ. FT. TRAILER/STRUCTURE FROM THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY AT 2047 NORTH TERRACE DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE ABATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.H.M.C. SECTION 8.12.110 IF THE NUISANCE IS NOT COMPLETELY ABATED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION

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. Amending Security Alarm Systems Ordinance and Contracting Alarm Permit Management Services

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

City Council discussed the Security Alarm Systems Ordinance and the process of obtaining and renewing business licenses.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Security Alarm Systems ordinance.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to direct the Chief of Police and City Attorney to amend the Security Alarm Systems ordinance and return said ordinance back to Council for consideration and direct the Chief of Police and Finance Director to investigate contracting alarm permit management services to a contract service provider and return to Council with recommendations regarding contracting these services.

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. Contract Services Agreement for the 2013 Water Master Plan Update with Tetra Tech, Incorporated

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

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with the Public Works Director that the amount for the Contract Services Agreement has been budgeted.

Council Member Forester confirmed with the Public Works Director the Agreement does not address recycled water.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR 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 Tetra Tech, Incorporated, to perform the 2013 Water Master Plan Update, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Contract Services Agreement with California Watershed Engineers, Incorporated to Provide Preliminary Engineering for the Alamitos Avenue Low-Flow Storm Water Diversion Facility

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 California Watershed Engineers, Incorporated, to perform a preliminary design study for the Alamitos Avenue Low-flow Stormwater Diversion Facility located adjacent to the Hamilton Bowl Storm Water Retention Facility.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and California Watershed Engineers, Incorporated, to perform a preliminary design study for the Alamitos Low-flow Stormwater Diversion Facility, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- b. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 1856 Stanley Avenue

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1856 Stanley Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5995 designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1856 Stanley Avenue for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

c. Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Real Property for Additional Public Right-Of-Way at 1972 and 1974 Dawson Avenue

Summary: This resolution will accept the dedication of additional public right-of-way to be used for alley purposes at 1972 and 1974 Dawson Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5996 accepting the dedication of real property for additional public right-of-way for alley purposes at 1972 and 1974 Dawson Avenue.

d. Purchase of Two Replacement Police Interceptor Sedans

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase two replacement Police Department Interceptor sedans. Staff proposes to purchase these vehicles from Wondries Fleet Group. This purchase will “piggy back” on the County of Los Angeles, Purchase Order number PO-SH-11323318-1.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase two new/unused 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Sedans from Wondries Fleet Group through the County of Los Angeles, Purchase Order number PO-SH-11323318-1.

e. LA Impact Joint Powers Authority

Summary: The Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) Joint Powers Authority has amended the Joint Powers Agreement to clarify issues that were not addressed in the original Joint Powers Agreement. As a Member city, the City may approve the changes to help shape the policies of LA IMPACT going forward.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5997 approving an amendment to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and authorizing the City Manager to execute the JPA Amendment.

f. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.



g. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Jean Survillas for property damages.

Recommendation: Deny the claim for Jean Survillas.

h. Warrant Register Dated November 20, 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 November 20, 2012.

i. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, November 6, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

Mayor Hansen request item (h) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to approve Consent Calendar items (a) through (g).

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 WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to approve item (h) on the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

### **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Forester asked the Assistant City Attorney about the process for public records requests.

Assistant City Attorney announced public records requests may be obtained from and submitted to the City Clerk's office.

Council Member Forester reported on his trip to Sacramento today with the City Manager to attend a State Water Board workshop.

Council Member Forester requested adjourning tonight's meeting in memory of Larry Van Nostran, long time Council Member for the City of Lakewood.

Council Member Forester wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Ward reported on her attendance at the Joint Powers Insurance Authority's Risk Management Conference in San Francisco from November 7-9<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Ward wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Wilson announced the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce holiday party will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Delius from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. Please call (310) 717-5789 for additional information.

Council Member Wilson announced Ability First will have an open house on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3770 E. Willow beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please call (562) 426-6161 for additional information.

Council Member Forester announced Ability First is trying to raise money to purchase a new bus.

Council Member Wilson announced the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Wilson commented on the effectiveness of a Neighborhood Watch as his home was recently burglarized and due to the quick action of his neighbor and the Signal Hill Police Department, the suspects were apprehended. He thanked his neighbor and the police officers who responded so quickly.

Chief Langston commented on the importance of a Neighborhood Watch program and announced the officers who responded to the call were Sergeant Cravens, and Officers Swigger, Moreau, and Hyllested.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Noll wished the Signal Hill staff and residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hansen announced there is a display in the Library recognizing American Indian Heritage Month.

Mayor Hansen announced the Active Adult Excursions: Palm Springs Follies on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Rose Parade float decorating and lunch on December 29<sup>th</sup> and Winemaker for a Day on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Discover Well Park.

Mayor Hansen announced Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced the 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 the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Library. Please call (562) 989-7324 for additional information.

Vice Mayor Noll thanked the Community Services Department for the dinner they hosted last week to thank the many volunteers.

Mayor Hansen thanked the Signal Hill Police Department for their quick response to an emergency call she made from her home.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Larry Van Nostran, to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 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 8:50 p.m.

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Tina L. Hansen  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk