



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
February 5, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 5, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the recent change of polling locations and submitted a letter and correspondence to the City Clerk. (Available in the City Clerk's office)

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the recent change of polling locations.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding recent statements made during last night's Candidates Forum and Signal Hill Commissioners.

Carole Yochum, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding comments made by Ms. Nava and community participation for the Library Design Committee.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding community involvement, the application process for Commissioners, comments made during last night's Candidates Forum, and transparency.

Council Member Wilson entered Council Chamber at 7:26 p.m.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding comments made by Mr. Benson.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and stated he applied for Planning Commissioner in the past.

INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Hansen and Police Chief Langston gave a presentation on the new Signal Hill Police Station.
- b. Mayor Hansen and Police Chief Langston presented proclamations to Judy Jacobus, Signal Hill Police Volunteer of the Year; Robert Cravens, Police Officer of the Year; Dennis Joyce, Professional Employee of the Year; Detective Steve Noble, Award of Excellence; Senior Police Officer Raul Ramirez, Meritorious Conduct – Silver; Sergeant Russ Hefte, Meritorious Conduct Medal – Silver; and Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz, Medal of Valor.
- c. Signal Hill Librarian Gail Ashbrooke gave a presentation regarding Teens Read Week over Winter Break.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Resolution Approving the Vacation of a Portion of Street Adjoining 2799 E. 21st Street

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Hansen left Council Chamber at 8:26 p.m. and returned at 8:27 p.m.

Council Member Ward left Council Chamber at 8:27 p.m. and returned at 8:28 p.m.

Council Member Forester confirmed the measurements and number of lanes with the Public Works Director.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

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

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-02-6010 approving the vacation of a portion of street adjoining 2799 E. 21ST Street.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-02-6010:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF STREET
ADJOINING 2799 E. 21ST STREET

The following 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-Annual Review of the 2013 Institutional Permits

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 8:31 p.m.

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

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-02-6011 approving Annual Institutional Permit for Courtyard Care Center and the Las Brisas Child Care Center

Vice Mayor Noll commented on the Courtyard Care Center and their annual luau.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-02-6011:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL PERMIT FOR
COURTYARD CARE CENTER AND THE LAS BRISAS CHILD CARE CENTER

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. Authorize to Advertise for Construction Bids for Cherry Avenue Widening From 20th Street to 450 Feet South of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786

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

City Manager thanked the City of Long Beach for their assistance with the project.

Council Member Ward commented on the project and thanked staff.

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with the Public Works Director the signal going up at 20th Street.

Council Member Wilson asked about the timeline for construction. Public Works Director estimated the project could begin in mid-summer and would take approximately four months.

Steve Strichart, Signal Hill resident commented on the project and expressed how pleased he is to see it coming to fruition.

Council Member Forester thanked Mr. Strichart for his participation on the committee years ago in the early stages of this project.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the impact on residents in the area of the construction.

Public Works Director introduced Bill Zimmerman, Traffic Engineer who spoke about traffic mitigation. Ms. Harris requested the area residents be included in the traffic mitigation part of the project.

City Council commented on the project and thanked staff.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve and adopt Construction Drawings and Specifications for the Cherry Avenue Widening from 20th Street to 450 feet south of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786, and authorize the City Manager to advertise the Project for construction bids.

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. Certification of Petition-Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote

City Clerk presented the staff report

Council Member Ward asked for clarification regarding property taxes and County Sanitation fees. City Attorney confirmed the City cannot raise property taxes or Los Angeles County Sanitation District fees.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding property taxes and read a portion of the City Charter.

City Council asked for clarification regarding comments made by Ms. Churchill and asked questions about the initiative. City Attorney addressed comments made by Ms. Churchill and questions posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to receive and file the City Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition.

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. Warrant Register Dated February 5, 2013

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 February 5, 2013.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, January 15, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve 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 AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester asked the Public Works Director to look into the street sweeping in the area where soil testing is being conducted.

Council Member Forester commented on District 29 of the County Sanitation District.

Council Member Ward reported on her attendance at the swearing in ceremony for Congressman Lowenthal.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society Dinner and Casino Night on Saturday, February 16th from 6:30-10:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Advance tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets at the door will be \$50. Please call (562) 544-6003 or (562) 597-5963 for tickets and additional information.

Council Member Ward wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Presidential Inauguration and meetings with Congressman Lowenthal.

Council Member Wilson asked the Finance Director to please come forward to discuss the financial status of the WRD lawsuit.

Finance Director updated Council regarding the financial status of the WRD lawsuit.

City Attorney reported on the status of the WRD lawsuit.

Mayor Hansen requested agendaizing the WRD lawsuit for the next City Council meeting.

City Council gave questions to staff to be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on the 99¢ Store and the positive effect on neighboring businesses.

Vice Mayor Noll wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on the grand opening of the new Signal Hill Police Station and thanked staff, especially the Deputy City Manager for a job well done.

Mayor Hansen requested the Public Works Director look into publishing holidays for street sweeping in City Views and asked for a report back to Council.

Mayor Hansen reported on her attendance at a dinner for Dr. Bill Maletz.

Mayor Hansen announced the polling places for the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 5th: There was a change in polling locations for voters in Precinct 6450004A it is now at Family Church of Signal Hill, 2094 Cherry Avenue. Notices will be mailed to all voters in this precinct. For voters in precinct 6450001A, you will be voting at Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street. For voters in precinct 6450005A, you will be voting at Discovery Well Park Community Center, 2200 Temple Avenue. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305.

Mayor Hansen announced the Active Adult Excursions: Piecemakers Quilt Making on February 15th; Treasure of Disney Archives at Ronald Reagan Library on March 7th; The End of the Rainbow at the Ahmanson Theatre on March 17th; please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced the Signal Hill Historical Society Casino Night on Saturday, February 16th from 6:30-10:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Buy tickets early for \$40. Tickets at the door are \$50. Please call (562) 544-6003 for tickets and additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced free Emergency Preparedness Training on Wednesday, February 20th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced Family Movie Day at the Library. View *How to Train Your Dragon* on Saturday, February 9th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced Night at the Library on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. featuring music from the book *Fifty Shades of Gray*. Ages 18+. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information.

First Friday's Book Club meets the first Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the Signal Hill Library meeting room. Please call (562) 989-7323.

Signal Hill Social Club for 55 and over will meet at the Library on Thursday, February 14th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen thanked staff for the Grand Opening of the new Signal Hill Police Station.

Mayor Hansen announced tonight's meeting would be adjourned in memory of Ken Britton, long time Signal Hill resident and member of the Signal Hill Historical Society.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Ken Britton, longtime Signal Hill resident and member of the Historical Society to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 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 9:44 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk