



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
April 16, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 16, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR NOLL
VICE MAYOR WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association and the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.

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.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson and seconded by Council Member Woods to recess to closed session.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:03 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item. A status report was given and Council gave direction for further negotiations.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the WRD public hearing on May 10th and opposition to a fee increase.

Council Member Forester requested the City Attorney address Ms. Harris's comments regarding WRD fees for clarification to the public.

City Attorney addressed comments made by Maria Harris.

INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Noll and Captain Mark presented proclamations to Signal Hill Dispatchers and introduced Connie Sziel, Representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe who presented certificates to Signal Hill Police Dispatchers in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

City Council congratulated the Signal Hill Dispatchers.

- b. Mayor Noll presented a proclamation to Marcelo Rodriguez, Representative of "One Legacy" in recognition of DMV/Donate Life Month.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Report Concerning Multi-Year Budgeting

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions and commented on a two-year budget and a new strategic plan.

Finance Director and City Manager addressed questions and commented on a new strategic plan.

Council Member Forester asked the City Treasurer if he had any comments regarding the two-year budget.

City Treasurer stated he is in support of a two-year budget and tying it in with a new strategic plan.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and spoke in favor of a two-year budget and distributed to Council a copy of an article regarding the budget process.

City Council commented on a two-year budget and a strategic plan.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by MAYOR NOLL to implement a two-year budget cycle beginning in 2014-2015.

AYES: MAYOR NOLL
 VICE MAYOR WILSON

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to develop a new strategic plan inclusive of a two-year budget.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Report Concerning Audit Committees

City Manager introduced the Finance Director and Bob Callanan, Representative from Diehl Evans. Finance Director presented staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding an audit committee.

Finance Director, Bob Callanan, and City Manager addressed questions posed by Council.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and spoke in favor of an independent audit committee.

Council Member Hansen and Council Member Forester asked Ms. Harris questions regarding her comments. Maria Harris clarified comments about an independent audit committee.

City Council and the City Attorney commented on the formation of an audit committee.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to look at forming an independent audit committee during the strategic planning process.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Scheduling a Budget Workshop Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed dates for the annual budget workshop and decided on two possible dates: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 or Thursday June 6, 2013.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and requested the mid-year water report be made available prior to the budget workshop.

d. City Council Travel and Expense Policy

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve an internal reallocation of existing conference and meeting funds within the Council account.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Council discussed travel by Council Members, committees, and conferences.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Declaration Surplus Property

Summary: From time to time equipment purchased by the City is no longer needed. In compliance with Signal Hill Municipal Code 3.20.210, staff is required to petition the Council to declare the property surplus, obsolete, or unusable. Staff is requesting that the lockers from the old police facility be donated to other public safety divisions in the community as per 3.20.210.D. Two requests were received. One request is from the Long Beach Unified School District and the second request is from Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Chief Langston will facilitate the disposal of the lockers.

Recommendations: Declare the equipment listed on Attachment A as surplus and direct staff to donate, sell or salvage equipment.

b. Exchange Federal STP-L Funds for Flexible LACMTA STP-Local Transportation Funds

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to exchange Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local Funds for less restrictive Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) transportation funds. A fee of two percent will be charged by Metro to process and administrate the fund exchange.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Exchange Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program Local Funds with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Resolution Supporting SB 135-Earthquake Early Warning System

Summary: The City Council will consider a resolution supporting Senate Bill 135 that would require the development of a comprehensive statewide earthquake early warning system.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution supporting SB 135 (Padilla) that will create an earthquake early warning system in California.

d. 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 Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

e. Warrant Register Dated April 16, 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 April 16, 2013.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, April 2, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Woods requested Item Nos. (a) and (b) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar items (c) through (f).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

a. Declaration Surplus Property

Council Member Woods discussed the lockers from the old police facility and suggested selling them at the upcoming Community Yard Sale.

City Manager and Deputy City Manager stated the lockers are quite large and it would be costly to move them.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve Consent Calendar item (a).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Exchange Federal STP-L Funds for Flexible LACMTA STP-Local Transportation Funds

Council Member Woods requested the Public Works Director explain the process of exchanging the subject funds.

Public Works Director explained the process exchanging the funds.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester stated his thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Boston and thanked the first responders.

Council Member Forester announced he is traveling to Sacramento tomorrow to testify against SB 620.

Council Member Hansen asked the Community Services Director to come forward and speak about the *Race to Nowhere* screening.

Community Services Director announced the *Race to Nowhere* screening on Friday, April 19th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330. This screening is part of National Library Week.

Council Member Woods announced she toured the Los Angeles County Sanitation District with former Council Member Ward and is looking into arranging citizen tours.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the AQMD Lawnmower Exchange Program begins on April 17th. Please visit www.aqmd.gov for additional information.

Vice Mayor Wilson requested looking at a social media policy.

Deputy City Manager stated a social media policy is currently being finalized.

Mayor Noll asked about his blog and how often it's updated.

Deputy City Manager stated the blog is updated on a weekly basis.

Vice Mayor Wilson reminded everyone the Long Beach Grand Prix begins Friday, April 19th.

Council Member Forester wished former Council Member Ward a Happy Birthday. City Council echoed birthday wishes for Ellen Ward.

Mayor Noll reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct Commission interviews, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 NOLL
 VICE MAYOR WILSON
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR NOLL adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Michael J. Noll
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk