



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
May 7, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 7, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Water Replenishment District of Southern California v. City of Signal Hill, Case No. B242071; Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. VC060496, BS128136.

**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.**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:05 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **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 Noll introduced Paul Nader, owner of Nader's Popular Furniture and his nephew Nick Nader, Store Manager at the Signal Hill location, who gave a presentation regarding his business.
- b. Mayor Noll presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2013 Sustainability Award to Office Depot, represented by Jose Gomez, Store Manager, and Brian Garrett, District Sales Manager, for the two facilities in Signal Hill.
- c. Mayor Noll introduced Connie Turner, representative from Southern California Edison who gave a presentation regarding SCE emergency communication plan for local governments.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Public Hearing-Municipal Code Amendments to Chapter 9.08 Conduct in Public Places

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

City Council asked questions regarding the Ordinance.

Community Services Director addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Noll invited anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to the ordinance to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the language proposed in the Ordinance.

Mayor Noll closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

City Attorney addressed Ms. Harris' comments and clarified language in the Ordinance.

City Council discussed the language in the ordinance.

City Attorney and Community Services Director addressed concerns and/or questions posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2013-05-1453 amending Chapter 9.08 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code regarding conduct in public places.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-05-1453:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.08 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PLACES

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 MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Appointments to the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Civil Service Commission

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Noll thanked everyone who participated in the application and interview process for a Commission position.

Mayor Noll confirmed all Commission candidates are aware of the time commitment.

Mayor Noll opened the nominations for the Planning Commission.

Council Member Woods nominated Saul Rowen, Devon Austin, and Shannon Murphy to serve the Planning Commission.

Council Member Hansen nominated Devon Austin, Tom Benson, and Shannon Murphy to serve the Planning Commission.

Council Member Forester nominated Devon Austin, Tom Benson, and Shannon Murphy to serve the Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Wilson nominated Devon Austin, Tom Benson, and Shannon Murphy to serve the Planning Commission.

Mayor Noll nominated Devon Austin, Tom Benson, and Shannon Murphy to serve the Planning Commission.

Mayor Noll closed the nominations for Planning Commission.

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Devon Austin to the Planning Commission.

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Shannon Murphy to the Planning Commission.

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Tom Benson to the Planning Commission.

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Woods commented on the experience of Planning Commission nominee Saul Rowen.

Mayor Noll opened the nominations for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Woods nominated Wayne Moore, Louise Cunningham, and Carmen Brooks to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Hansen nominated Gary Dudley to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vice Mayor Wilson nominated Denise Damrow to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Noll closed the nominations for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Council discussed Parks and Recreation nominee Carmen Brooks.

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Carmen Brooks to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Louise Cunningham to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

NOES: VICE MAYOR WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Denise Damrow to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

AYES: MAYOR NOLL  
VICE MAYOR WILSON

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Council discussed Parks and Recreation Commissioner nominee Denise Damrow.

City Council discussed Parks and Recreation Commissioner nominees Gary Dudley and Wayne Moore.

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Gary Dudley to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Noll opened the nominations for the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Woods nominated Dan Tusa to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Hansen nominated Steve Strichart to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Vice Mayor Wilson nominated Bill Yochum to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Forester nominated Frank Virga to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Noll closed the nominations for the Civil Service Commission.

City Council discussed the nominees for Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Steve Strichart to the Civil Service Commission.

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Dan Tusa to the Civil Service Commission.

AYES:       COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

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

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Frank Virga to the Civil Service Commission.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Noll asked for a vote to appoint Bill Yochum to the Civil Service Commission.

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Council commented on the Commission application process and thanked all candidates.

b. Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease

City Manager presented the staff report.

Robert Stewart, Representative from Signal Hill Petroleum addressed Council regarding the subsurface oil and gas lease.

City Council thanked Signal Hill Petroleum and commented on the report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to approve the Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease and direct the City Manager to execute it.



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. Amendment to the Memorandums of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officer's Association and Signal Hill Employees' Association

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to grant eligible employees one (1) merit increase.

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 called the Housing Authority to order.

ROLL CALL

MEMBER WOODS  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER FORESTER  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
CHAIR NOLL

Mayor Noll reconvened the Successor Agency.

ROLL CALL

MEMBER WOODS  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER FORESTER  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
CHAIR NOLL

d. Authorization of Protest – WRD Water Rate Increase

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council and City Attorney discussed the notice from the WRD, public hearing, and protest.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the WRD water rate increase, public hearing, and protest.

City Council and City Attorney discussed the notice from the WRD, public hearing, and protest.

City Council:

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to authorize the City Manager to file protests on behalf of the City to the WRD's proposed (Replenishment Assessment) RA rate increase from \$244 per acre-foot up to \$298 per acre foot of water pumped from the Central Basin.

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

Housing Authority:

It was moved by VICE CHAIR WILSON and seconded by MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the Executive Director to file protests on behalf of the Housing Authority to the WRD's proposed Replenishment Assessment (RA) rate increase from \$244 per acre-foot up to \$298 per acre foot of water pumped from the Central Basin.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR NOLL  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
MEMBER FORESTER  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE CHAIR WILSON to adjourn the Signal Hill Housing Authority.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR NOLL  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
MEMBER FORESTER  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Successor Agency

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE CHAIR WILSON to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to file protests on behalf of the City Council as Successor Agency to the WRD's proposed Replenishment Assessment (RA) rate increase from \$244 per acre-foot up to \$298 per acre foot of water pumped from the Central Basin.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR NOLL  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
MEMBER FORESTER  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Noll recessed the Successor Agency.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-05-6018 designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

- b. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments, sets the public hearing for July 2, 2013, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-05-6019 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and approving the engineer's report. Set the public hearing for July 2, 2013.

c. 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.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

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

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve Consent Calendar items (a), and (c) through (d).

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

Vice Mayor Wilson left Council Chamber at 9:20 p.m. for Council discussion of Consent Calendar agenda item (b) due to a conflict of interest.

b. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adopt Resolution No. 2013-05-6019 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and approving the engineer's report. Set the public hearing for July 2, 2013.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-05-6019:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    VICE MAYOR WILSON

Vice Mayor returned to Council Chamber at 9:22 p.m.

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

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments Annual Regional Conference last week.

Council Member Hansen announced an informative environmental newsletter sent out by EDCO and requested the information be posted on the city website.

Council Member Woods spoke about Signal Hill's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and requested agendaing at a future Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported on his attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments Annual Regional Conference last week.

Vice Mayor Wilson wished Signal Hill resident Mae Johnson a happy birthday. Ms. Johnson will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the Fair Political Practices Commission has a new phone application.

Council Member Forester announced May 19, 2013 is the Gay Pride Parade and Festival in Long Beach.

Mayor Noll announced the many volunteering opportunities in Signal Hill. For volunteering at special events or the library please call (562) 989-7330. If you are interested in being a police volunteer please call (562) 989-7200.

Mayor Noll announced tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of William Vandament, former Signal Hill Planning Commissioner.

Council Member Woods spoke about William Vandament.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of William Vandament, former Signal Hill Planning Commissioner. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 9:35 p.m.

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Michael J. Noll  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk