



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 20, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Signal Hill Police Officers who have recently been promoted: Lieutenant Michael Reid, and Lieutenant Ken Bragole, Sergeant Mel Krizo, Senior Police Officer Russ Hefte and Senior Police Officer Raul Ramirez.

Mayor Wilson introduced and Police Chief Tom Sonoff swore in Jerry Maldonado and Brandon Moulton, new Police Officers with the Signal Hill Police Department.

- b. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Cindy Guzman, representative for the Fair Housing Foundation in recognition of Fair Housing Month.
- c. Mayor Wilson announced Gary Weinberger as the 2010 recipient of the Outstanding Older American Award.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Maria Marino, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council regarding the proposed entertainment club on Palm Drive.

Jennifer DeRay Givens, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council regarding the proposed entertainment club on Palm Drive.

Lilia Lopez, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council regarding the proposed entertainment club on Palm Drive.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance Amending Sections of Signal Hill Municipal Code 2.90 – Elections and Campaign Contributions

City Manager introduced Assistant to the City Manager, Deputy City Clerk who presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2010-04-1412 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Sections 2.90.020, and 2.90.050 regarding elections and campaign contributions with agreed modifications.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2010-04-1412:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.90.020 AND 2.90.050 REGARDING ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Introduction of an Ordinance and a Resolution of Intent to Approve and Authorize an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council and the California Public Employees' Retirement System Pertaining to the 2% @ 60 Retirement Formula for Miscellaneous Employees Hired After the Effective Date of the Ordinance

City Manager introduced the Deputy City Manager who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2010-04-5808 declaring its intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Signal Hill.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2010-04-5808:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALPERS SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2010-04-1413 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Signal Hill and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2010-04-1413:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALPERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Conditional Use Permit for Auto Body Repair and Painting for Boulevard Collision Center at 2800 Cherry Avenue

City Manager introduced the Planning Manager who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Wilson asked for anyone speaking in favor or opposed to the applications to please come forward.

Brad Willingham, a representative for Boulevard Buick spoke in favor of the applications.

Mayor Wilson asked if there were any additional persons wishing to speak in favor or opposed to the applications to please come forward.

There being none Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2010-04-5809 approving Mitigated Negative Declaration 3/26/10(1), relative to ZOA 10-03, CUP 10-03 and Site Plan and Design Review 10-03 and Resolution No. 2010-04-5810 approving CUP Permit 10-03, a request to operate an automobile and light truck body repair and painting facility at 2800 Cherry Avenue in the SP-4, Auto Center Specific Plan Zoning District.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2010-04-5809:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 3/26/10(1), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 10-03, CUP 10-03 AND SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 10-03

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2010-04-5810:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 10-03, A REQUEST TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOBILE AND LIGHT TRUCK BODY REPAIR AND PAINTING FACILITY AT 2800 CHERRY AVENUE IN THE SP-4, AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2010-04-1414 approving zoning ordinance amendment 10-03, amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 20.47.025 by adding automobile and light truck body repair and painting as uses requiring a Conditional Use Permit in the Auto Center Specific Plan Zoning District.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance 2010-04-1414:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 10-03, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.47.025 BY ADDING AUTOMOBILE AND LIGHT TRUCK BODY REPAIR AND PAINTING AS USES REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN THE AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Sustainable City Committee Organization and 2010 Sustainable City Committee Action Plan
- b. 2010 Sustainable City Committee Action Plan

City Manager introduced the Director of Community Development who presented the staff reports.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve two year terms for the members and the two officers of the Sustainable Committee and authorize the Committee to appoint new members and establish its own rules for attendance at meetings and approve the 2010 Action Plan as described in the report.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Emergency Repairs for Water Well No. 8

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve the budget adjustment transferring \$100,000 from the unappropriated Water Fund balance to the Water Operations Equipment Maintenance Account No. 008.570.515.320.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Contract Services Agreement for Preliminary Design of Well No. 9

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

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$65,000 for the completion of a preliminary design report for Well No. 9. Included in the preliminary design report will be estimated final design costs, construction costs, and cost per acre-foot for delivering finished water to the distribution system, and annual operations and maintenance costs for the Well No. 9 facility.

e. Authorization of Full-Time Administrative Assistant Vacancy

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

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize staff to conduct a recruitment to fill the Administrative Assistant position on a full-time basis.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. General Plan Annual Progress Report

Summary: State Government Code Section 65400(b)(1) mandates that all cities submit an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation to their legislative bodies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The City Council will review the progress report for 2009 and authorize submittal of the report to the State agencies.

Recommendation: Approve submittal of the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and HCD.

b. Adoption of Resolution Changing the City's Contribution to the 2% @ 55 Retirement Formula Provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System

Summary: The City Council will consider a resolution requiring all full-time miscellaneous employees to make a contribution equivalent to 2% of their annual salary to help fund their California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) retirement formula.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 2% @ 55 retirement formula provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

c. Extension of the Interim Council Travel and Meeting Restrictions

Summary: The City Council will consider extending the interim restrictions to the meeting and travel policy in light of the City's current budget deficit.

Recommendation: Adopt the amended interim travel and meeting restrictions through June 30, 2011.

d. Adoption of Resolution in Support of AT&T's Stance of "No Texting While Driving"

Summary: This resolution joins AT&T in its aggressive awareness and educational campaign on the dangers of texting while driving in hopes that people using wireless products and services do so safely.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution in support of AT&T's stance of "No Texting While Driving".

e. 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 and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations:

1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2010-11 and approving the Engineer's report.
2. Set the Public Hearing for June 15, 2010.

f. Purchase of Replacement Vehicles

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase two replacement vehicles for use by the Public Works Department Water Division. One of the vehicles is used for meter reading and customer service and the other is used for water distribution field activities. Funding for these vehicles is included in the FY 2009-10 Vehicle Replacement Budget. Staff proposes to purchase these vehicles from Carmenita Truck Center. One vehicle will be purchased through the City of Santa Monica purchase agreement, Purchase Order no. 276313 and the second vehicle through the City of Chino Hills purchase agreement, Purchase Order No. 090757.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase the following vehicles from Carmenita Truck Center through the City of Santa Monica and City of Chino Hills purchase agreements:

- One – 2010 Ford F-150 4x2 Supercab with Standard Bed
- One – 2011 Ford F-350 4x2 Supercab with Utility Body

g. Schedule of Investments

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

Recommendation: Receive and file.

h. Warrant Register Dated April 20, 2010

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 20, 2010.

i. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of April 6, 2010.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of items “c” and “e”.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve item “e”.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR WILSON

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve item “c” with amendments.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll reported on his attendance at a conference for the Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee on April 8, 2010.

Council Member Ward announced the passing of Gail Murchison Powell, Signal Hill resident.

Council Member Ward announced she will have a booth at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 1st. If you would like to donate items, please call (562) 989-7330. All proceeds will benefit the Community Services Foundation.

Vice Mayor Forester reported on his endorsement for John Noguez for Los Angeles County Assessor and asked Mayor and each Council Member to clarify and confirm their endorsement for John Noguez. Mayor and Council Members confirmed their endorsement for John Noguez for Los Angeles County Assessor.

Vice Mayor Forester announced the dedication of a bus shelter in honor of Bob Lee at the corner of PCH and Santa Fe in Long Beach on Wednesday, April 21st.

Vice Mayor Forester reported on a conference call for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Legislative Committee.

Mayor Wilson reported on Proposition 16.

Mayor Wilson announced the deadline for completing the 2010 Census form has passed. Please complete and mail it immediately if you have not already done so.

Mayor Wilson announced Hounds on the Hill on Saturday, June 5th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park – 2175 Cherry Avenue. Call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced Representatives from Congresswoman Laura Richardson's office are available every Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Signal Hill City Hall.

Mayor Wilson announced a Community Workshop regarding input in the development of the Signal Hill Park Master Plan, to be held on Tuesday, May 11th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., or Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street. For more information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue. Please contact (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Wilson announced a program with the AQMD which allows residents to turn in old, but still operable, gas lawn mowers and purchase a cordless, rechargeable, electric lawn mower at a greatly reduced price. For additional information, please call (888) 425-6247 or visit www.aqmd.gov.

Mayor Wilson announced Spring Bulky Item Collection Week is scheduled for this week. You may dispose of large household goods, appliances and furniture during this week. For additional information, contact Signal Hill Waste and Recycling (562) 597-0608.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to recess to Closed Session at 9:21 p.m.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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 Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding California Water Service Co. vs. City of Compton, Case No. C506806.

COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:08 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item. Status reports were given, no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER, to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Gail Murchison Powell. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2010 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 WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WARD adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk