



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 17, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED ADDING AN ITEM TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to add to requested item to closed session.

The following vote resulted:

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04 P.M.

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session item. A status report was given and no reportable action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Noll made an announcement regarding public comments.

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

Phil Martin, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Aragon development and the water billing.

Mayor Noll requested the Community Development Director speak with Mr. Martin.

PRESENTATION

- a. Mayor Noll announced this presentation introducing a new employee would be agendized for the January 7, 2014 City Council meeting.
- b. Mayor Noll presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Library in recognition of 85 years of service. Gail Ashbrooke, Librarian spoke about the history of the Library.
- c. Mayor Noll introduced the Deputy City Manager, Police Chief, and City Attorney who spoke about the Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center project, recently recognized as Project of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of the American Publics Works Association.
- d. Mayor Noll and Redevelopment/Economic Development Manager Elise McCaleb introduced Jennifer Northup with Silver Spoon, Inc. who gave a presentation on her business.

ORDINANCES

- a. Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 3.28-Claims Against City: Payment Required Before Litigation

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463 amending Chapter 3.28 of the SHMC entitled "Claims Against City" adding procedural requirements for claims made against city in compliance with the California Government Code.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.28 OF THE SHMC ENTITLED "CLAIMS AGAINST CITY" ADDING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS MADE AGAINST CITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

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. Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association

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

Council Member Forester asked the Deputy City Manager to re-read the contingencies for the second year of the contract.

Deputy City Manager read the contingencies as requested by Council Member Forester.

Nick Davenport, Vice President of the Police Officers' Association addressed Council and thanked City Council, Deputy City Manager and Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Right to Know and Vote Initiative.

Council Member Forester and Mayor Noll commented on the negotiations and thanked the Police Officers' Association, Deputy City Manager, and Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel.

City Attorney clarified comments made by Ms. Harris regarding the Know and Vote Initiative.

Council Member Hansen thanked everyone involved in the negotiation process and commented on the Know and Vote Initiative.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-12-6051 amending Resolution No. 2011-09-5909, approving a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the California Meyers-Milias-Brown Act by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association and waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-12-6052 amending Resolution No. 2013-09-6039 specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 3% @ 50 and the 3% @ 55 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-12-6051:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09-5909, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA MEYERS-MILIAS-BROWN ACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-12-6052:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09-6039, SPECIFYING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE REQUIRED NORMAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 3% @ 50 AND THE 3% @ 55 RETIREMENT FORMULAS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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. Approve the Community Gardens Project and Authorize to Advertise for Construction Bids

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

Council Member Forester left the Council Chamber at 7:48 p.m. and returned at 7:53 p.m.

City Council discussed the Community Gardens Project.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to move forward with the streamline process and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids.

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. Cherry Avenue Widening from 20th Street to 450 Feet South of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786

City Manager introduced Public Works Director and Bill Zimmerman, Traffic Engineer who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about the amount of traffic on Cherry Avenue and requested traffic studies on Cherry Avenue, Orange Avenue and Redondo Avenue.

Mr. Zimmerman addressed the question and agreed to complete the requested traffic studies.

Public Works Manager discussed public outreach and the construction schedule.

Council Member Hansen commented on the number of jobs the project would create.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the project and the impact on residents.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to receive and file.

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 left Council Chamber at 8:17 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Traffic Signal Improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746

Summary: California Professional Engineering, Inc., has completed the Traffic Signal Improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746, in conformance with the plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by California Professional Engineering, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-12-6053 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the traffic signal improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746, in the city of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between California Professional Engineering, Inc., and the city of Signal Hill.

- b. 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 of the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

c. Warrant Register Dated December 17, 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 December 17, 2013.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of December 3, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar.

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 reported on his attendance at the LGBT Leadership Institute in Denver, Colorado, from December 5-8.

Council Member Forester wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Council Member Hansen requested the Community Services Director please come forward to report on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parents Night Out.

Community Services Director came forward and discussed the Tree Lighting Ceremony and announced Parents Night Out being scheduled for February and March. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Council Member Hansen commented on the Holiday Light Tour Excursion.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported on the Affordable Care Act presentation last weekend.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced he participated in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade and thanked Mercedes-Benz of Long Beach and driver Gary Weinberger.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced he participated in the Daisy Lane Parade and thanked Glenn E. Thomas Dodge and driver Nancy Torres.

Vice Mayor Wilson requested the Know & Vote Initiative be made available in Spanish.

Vice Mayor Wilson wished everyone Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, and Happy New Year, Feliz Año Nuevo.

Mayor Noll wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged everyone to do their holiday shopping in Signal Hill.

Mayor Noll announced the Active Adult trip to the Palm Springs Follies on Thursday, January 9. This is the follies farewell season. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Noll announced Bricks on the Hilltop are available for purchase. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Noll announced a Library Amnesty program for the month of December. In celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the Signal Hill Library, any books or materials returned during the month of December will be waived of any late fines or fees.

Mayor Noll announced refuse and recycling collections will be delayed one day for both Christmas and New Years' holiday weeks. For more information please call (562) 597-0608.

Mayor Noll announced there will be no street sweeping on Christmas Day or New Years' Day. For more information please call (562) 989-7355.

Mayor Noll announced the free annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Place undecorated trees at curbside and they will be picked up on Monday, December 30 and Monday, January 6. For residents who live in multi-family complexes please call (562) 597-0608 to set up a special collection of your tree.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 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 8:47 p.m.

Michael J. Noll
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk