



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
January 7, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 7, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR NOLL
VICE MAYOR WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the unrepresented employees.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:20 p.m.
Council Member Woods entered closed session at 6:30 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 no reportable action was taken.

Council Member Hansen entered the Council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Noll made an announcement regarding public comments.

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

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

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote Initiative and read a statement (available for review in the City Clerk's office).

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the recent Great Gatsby event and thanked those who attended.

PRESENTATION

- a. Mayor Noll and Deputy Public Works Director introduced Chad Anema, new Maintenance Worker for the City of Signal Hill.
- b. Mayor Noll and Chief Langston introduced recently promoted Police Sergeants Ricardo Oliveros and Nicholas Davenport with the Signal Hill Police Department.
- c. Chief Langston gave a presentation on the recognition the Signal Hill Police Department has received for the annual National Night Out event and its influence and shape on the community.

ORDINANCES

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.48 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing Security Alarm Systems

City Manager introduced the Police Chief who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods and Vice Mayor Wilson asked about the security alarm systems, fees, and permit process.

Police Chief addressed the questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson commented and confirmed with the City Attorney on the impact of the Right to Know and Vote Initiative, if passed, on issues like this in the future.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-01-1465 amending Chapter 8.48 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code, entitled "Security Alarm Systems", to adopt a protocol for alarm call verifications.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2014-01-1465:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.48 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS", TO ADOPT A PROTOCOL FOR ALARM CALL VERIFICATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Introduction of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Conditionally Permitted Freestanding ATMs in the Commercial Corridor Specific Plan Zoning District and Conditional Use Permits for Alcohol Sales at a Chipotle Restaurant, a Drive-Thru Operation at Starbucks and ATMs for Bank of America at the Signal Hill Gateway Center

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Forester, Council Member Woods, and Vice Mayor Wilson asked about the drive-thru and possibly utilizing the rooftop.

Community Development Director addressed the questions.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

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

Ashley Schaeffer, Representative for Signal Hill Petroleum spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Mayor Noll closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-01-1466 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-06, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.49, entitled "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan," to include "ATM's Freestanding" as a conditionally permitted use.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2014-01-1466:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 13-06, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "ATM'S FREESTANDING" AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE

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

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-01-6054 approving Conditional Use Permit 13-03, a request to operate a freestanding automated teller machine (ATM) kiosk for Bank Of America at 981 E. Spring Street in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, Zoning District; adopt Resolution No. 2014-01-6055 approving Conditional Use Permit 13-04, a request to operate a drive-thru restaurant for Starbucks at 999 E. Spring Street in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, Zoning District; adopt Resolution No. 2014-01-6056 approving Conditional Use Permit 13-05, a request to operate a restaurant serving alcoholic beverages at 959 E. Spring Street in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, Zoning District.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-01-6054:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-03, A REQUEST TO OPERATE A FREESTANDING AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM) KIOSK FOR BANK OF AMERICA AT 981 E. SPRING STREET IN THE SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-01-6055:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-04, A REQUEST TO OPERATE A DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT FOR STARBUCKS AT 999 E. SPRING STREET IN THE SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-01-6056:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-05, A REQUEST TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 959 E. SPRING STREET IN THE SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT

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. Public Hearing-Introduction of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05 and Related Negative Declaration-Operational and Development Standards for Emergency Shelters

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Noll left Council Chamber at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 7:59 p.m.

City Council asked questions regarding the Emergency Shelter.

Community Development Associate Planner and Community Development Director addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

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

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident asked about process in placing someone in an Emergency Shelter.

Community Development Director and City Manager addressed the question posed by Ms. Churchill.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the process in determining who is placed in an Emergency Shelter.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Noll closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Council Member Woods asked the City Attorney to comment on the Emergency Shelter.

City Attorney commented on the Emergency Shelter issue and the ordinance.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-01-6057 approving Negative Declaration 11/29/13(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05 for emergency shelters for the homeless in accordance with state mandates.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-01-6057:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 11/29/13(1), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 13-05 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE MANDATES

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-01-1467 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05, amendments to Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code for emergency shelters for the homeless in accordance with state mandates.

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. Interview of Applicants for the Civil Service Commission

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Noll thanked everyone who applied.

Civil Service Commissioner applicant Larry Blunden addressed Council and spoke about his qualifications to serve on the Commission.

City Council asked questions of Mr. Blunden.

Larry Blunden responded to the questions posed by Council.

Civil Service Commissioner applicant Jimmy Eleopoulos addressed Council and spoke about his qualifications to serve on the Commission.

City Council asked questions of Mr. Eleopoulos.

Jimmy Eleopoulos responded to the questions posed by Council.

Civil Service Commissioner applicant Paul Patterson addressed Council and spoke about his qualifications to serve on the Commission.

City Council asked questions of Mr. Patterson.

Paul Patterson responded to the questions posed by Council.

Civil Service Commissioner applicant Dan Tusa addressed Council and spoke about his qualifications to serve on the Commission.

City Council asked questions of Mr. Tusa.

Dan Tusa responded to the questions posed by Council.

Candidate John Walsh was not in attendance.

Mayor Noll announced nominations for Civil Service Commissioner will take place at the Council meeting on January 21, 2014.

b. Update on the Central Basin Water Storage Plan

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Wilson thanked the City Manager and commented on water resources and water rights.

Council Member Forester and Mayor Noll thanked the City Manager for his dedication to this project.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Award of Contract for the Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540

Summary: On December 3, 2013, the City received bids for the Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Econ Technologies, Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Fuel Tank Vent Line and Annular Space Riser Replacement Project, No. 540, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Econ Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$19,624.

- b. Approval of Amendment No. 2 of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Individual Los Angeles River Metals TMDL Jurisdictional Group Agencies to Continue as Fiduciary Agent for the Administration and Cost Sharing of the Coordinated Monitoring Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals TMDL

Summary: The Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board requires that watershed cities and agencies (regulated entities) fund a coordinated monitoring program. This original Memorandum of Agreement was approved by the City Council on June 24, 2008 for a four-year term, and was amended on August 6, 2012 for a one-year term. Amendment No. 2 is now presented for approval and the request is to extend the term of the monitoring agreement to June 30, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve Amendment No. 2 of the Memorandum of Agreement, and authorize City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the City of Signal Hill regarding the Administration and Cost Sharing of the Coordinated Monitoring Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals TMDL.

- c. Warrant Register Dated January 7, 2014

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 January 7, 2014.

- d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER 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 thanked everyone for sending condolences for the recent passing of his stepmother.

Council Member Forester requested a review of the business relationship the City has with US Bank.

Council Member Woods spoke about her attendance at the trainings she has attended as a new Council Member and will report on her recent attendance at the Contract Cities Legislative Tour in Sacramento at the January 21, 2014 Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Wilson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Noll announced the Author Talk with Christina Baker Kline on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss her book *Orphan Train*. Donate new clothes or shoes for children 5-17 years and receive one drawing ticket for each item. Please call (562) 989-7324 for additional information.

Mayor Noll announced the free drop off of Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday, January 11. Residents may drop off at EDCO Recycling & Transfer Facility, 2755 California Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The facility also hosts a free and convenient collection of certain waste items on the second Saturday of each month. Please call (562) 989-7355 for additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 21, 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 8:55 p.m.

Michael J. Noll
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk