



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
May 20, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 20, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON  
VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
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 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.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:03 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session item.

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

Becky Rose, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and thanked them for managing the city and spoke against Measure U.

Deborah Kern, local teacher at Birney Elementary School in Long Beach addressed Council regarding a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's on Saturday, June 7.

Lorraine Gilbert, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and spoke against Measure U.

Ellen Ward, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and spoke against Measure U.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident and business owner addressed Council and spoke against Measure U and asked for clarification regarding Proposition 13.

Nancy Sciortino, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding a recent mailer received.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the removal of signs, and spoke in favor of Measure U.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding a recent study out of the State of California Legislative Office and the local Applebee's restaurant.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding Measure U and spoke in favor of the measure.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Andy Lotrich, Representative of the Signal Hill Employees Association made a presentation regarding Measure U.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident commented on the presentation made by Mr. Lotrich.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident commented on the presentation made by Mr. Lotrich.

Ellen Ward, Signal Hill resident commented on the presentation made by Mr. Lotrich.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident spoke about comments made earlier by residents.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident commented on the Independent Fiscal Analysis on Measure U.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident commented on the presentation by Mr. Lotrich.

Carole Yochum, Signal Hill resident commented on Measure U.

Council Member Noll asked the City Attorney to clarify Propositions 218, 13, and 26.

City Attorney commented on the propositions, the city charter, and Measure U.

City Council commented and spoke against Measure U.

- b. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation and Sustainability Award to Promontory Crest Homeowners Association. Larry Blunden, President of the Promontory Crest Homeowners Association accepted the award on behalf of the Homeowners Association, and thanked Council for the recognition.

Council Member Noll left council chamber at 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:06 p.m.

- c. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to the Director of Community Development in recognition of Building Safety Month.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Public Hearing-Resolution Ordering the Levy of Assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Mayor Wilson recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left council chamber at 8:14 p.m.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods asked about the assessment and going to a two year budget.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Vice Mayor Forester asked if correspondence was received from residents.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Forester.

Vice Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Vice Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the assessment to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6077 ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-05-6077:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR WILSON

Mayor Wilson returned to council chamber at 8:24 p.m.

- b. Public Hearing-Introduction of an Urgency Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated and a Resolution Finding the Franchise Categorically Exempt From CEQA Guidelines

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods and Vice Mayor Forester asked about outside sources for certifications, and how long Independent Oil Operators have been in business.

Public Works Analyst addressed the questions.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about a valve issue within the city in the past.

Kevin Laney, President of Oil Operators Incorporated addressed Council and commented on the valve issue.

Mayor Wilson asked about the franchise going from a 15-year to a 10-year term.

Public Works Management Analyst commented on the franchise.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6078 finding the grant of franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article 19 of the guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-05-6078:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2014-05-1470 granting a franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated (comprising Oil Operators Incorporated, and franchises owned by Oil Operators Incorporated including formerly Chemoil, formerly S&C Oil, and formerly Powerine/Cenco franchises) and the interests, rights, privileges, and duties to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within this City.

City Attorney read the title of Urgency Ordinance No. 2014-05-1470:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED (COMPRISING OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED, AND FRANCHISES OWNED BY OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED INCLUDING FORMERLY CHEMOIL, FORMERLY S&C OIL, AND FORMERLY POWERINE/CENCO FRANCHISES) AND THE INTERESTS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN THIS CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

c. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of the City User Fees and Charges for Services

City Manager, Finance Director, Public Works Director, and Community Services Director presented the staff report.

City Council commented on using a credit card system.

Vice Mayor Forester and Council Member Woods asked about NPDES fees.

Public Works Director addressed the questions.

Council Member Hansen asked about the day camp programs for summer.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 9:01 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the resolution to please come forward.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident requested notifying residents about the new credit card processing system and any fees charged.

Finance Director and City Council discussed the fees and notifications for credit card processing.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Attorney about fee increases.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6079, amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6031, amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

City Attorney read the Resolution No. 2014-05-6079:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08-6031, AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FEES

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 2493 Related to the Funding of the Signal Hill Library

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about conversations with the Governor's staff regarding Assembly Bill 2493.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Forester.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident commented on the Assembly Bill.

Council Member Ward commented on Assembly Bill 2493 and funding public projects.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6080 in support of Assembly Bill 2493 (Bloom) Statewide Economic Development, Infrastructure Construction and Job Creation Act.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-05-6080:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2493 (BLOOM) STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND JOB CREATION ACT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

- b. Memorandum of Agreement Between Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and City of Signal Hill to Establish a Co-Response Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) as Part of a Larger Collaborative Effort Between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Southeast Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey, Huntington Park, Vernon, and Signal Hill

City Manager introduced Police Chief who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll confirmed with the Police Chief there is no fiscal impact to the city.

Council Member Woods asked who we currently use if services are needed.



Police Chief addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Council Member Hansen confirmed with Police Chief this would not be a full time position.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident asked about disabled individuals being dropped off at a nearby shopping center and the clinician working with the Police Officers and traveling to other cities.

Police Chief addressed questions posed by Ms. Churchill.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to develop and operate a Co-Response Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

c. Resolution Declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Condition

City Manager introduced Public Works Director and Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll suggested placing information in the next City Views as an additional way to get information to residents.

Council Member Hansen commented on how responsive staff is to water concerns.

Council Member Woods asked about commercial and industrial water customers.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson commented on water conservation.

Council Member Noll asked about grants.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Noll.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about enforcement measures and car washes.

Public Works Director and Public Works Management Analyst discussed the enforcement measures in place and car washes.

Council Member Woods requested placing posters in parks to notify residents of the water shortage.

City Council discussed the water shortage, sprinklers, and water meters with Public Works Director.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident commented on water draining on Temple Avenue, between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident suggested printing literature for residents in additional languages, and regarding swimming pool covers.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6081 declaring a Level 1 Water Shortage Condition in accordance with City of Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 13.03.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-05-6081:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A LEVEL 1 WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.03

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

d. Parkway Landscape Guidelines

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to table this item to the June 17, 2014 City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

e. Rescheduling of the Workshop for the Two-Year Financial Budget

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to reschedule the budget workshop to June 2, 2014.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686

Summary: Addscape, Inc. has completed the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Addscape, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6082 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Addscape, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill, California.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670

Summary: Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company has completed the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-05-6083 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. 2014 Sponsor/Site Agreement with the City of Long Beach for a Summer Food Program

Summary: The City utilizes the Summer Food Program provided by the California Department of Education and administered by the City of Long Beach to provide lunches for children. Each year, a Sponsorship and Site Agreement must be signed. This year's agreement will provide for lunches at Discovery Well and Signal Hill Parks.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Sponsor/Site Agreement between the Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Youth Employment Plan for County Grant Projects

Summary: The City has received two grants from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District totaling \$259,000 to fund improvements at Reservoir Park and the hilltop trail system. Staff is presenting for approval the Youth Employment Plans required by the Los Angeles County grant programs.

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Employment Plans for the Reservoir Park and Trail Renovation improvement projects.

e. 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.

f. Warrant Register Dated May 20, 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 May 20, 2014.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of May 6, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Hansen announced there is a new Supercuts salon in the Costco Town Center East shopping center.

Council Member Hansen requested agendaing her upcoming vacation for approval at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Noll invited Community Services Director to come forward and announced the Hounds on the Hill event on Saturday, June 7 at Signal Hill Park from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Community Services Director came forward and spoke about the Hounds on the Hill event. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Council Member Woods reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Seminar on May 15-18, 2014 in Indian Wells.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Long Beach Pride for a successful parade on Sunday.

Vice Mayor Forester announced he will be an honoree at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvey Milk Honorees Celebration on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about the sign program for the city's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Public Works Director came forward and spoke about the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner program.

Council Member Woods thanked everyone for participating in the banner program.

Council Member Woods announced the Signal Hill Community Picnic celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, June 21 at Signal Hill Park at 2:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Wilson announced boys and girls t-ball registration begins on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the youth center. For additional information please call (562) 989-7325.

Mayor Wilson announced the After School Recreation Club registration begins on June 9<sup>th</sup>. For additional information please call (562) 989-7329.

Council Member Hansen asked about the after school program.

Community Services Director came forward and gave details about the youth programs and spoke about the Partners for Better Health Program and healthy activities.

Mayor Wilson announced the fundraiser benefiting Birney Elementary School at Applebee's on Saturday, June 7.

Mayor Wilson announced the Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, June 3. For more information on Measure U please visit the city's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). The polls are open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Please check the back of your sample ballot for your polling location or go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). For additional information please call (562) 989-7305.

Mayor Wilson reported on his attendance at the California Contract Cities Seminar on May 15-18 in Indian Wells.

Mayor Wilson congratulated Signal Tribune newspaper Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Neena Strichart, and Managing Editor Cory Billicko on their second place award in the California Newspaper Publishers Association Newspaper Contest.

Mayor Wilson announced the next meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, June 2, 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 WILSON  
              VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
              COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk