



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

October 11, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 11, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: Police Chief.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.

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.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:02 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:11 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. Item (a) was discussed and no reportable action was taken, and item (b) was not discussed.

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

Sylvia Hopper, representing the Signal Hill Historical Society, thanked everyone who attended the recent event honoring Marlene Bollinger, former resident of the historical house located in the Crescent Heights Historic District at 2477 Gaviota Avenue.

Ms. Hopper, representing the Friends of the Signal Hill Library extended invitations to the Bingo event taking place on Friday, October 21, 2016, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Petroleum. For additional information, please call (562) 597-4220 or email hoppersylvia@aol.com.

Deborah Kearn, representative of The Rock Club - Music Is the Remedy announced two upcoming fundraising events: Roaring 20's Casino Night on Friday, October 21, 2016, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach; and QuarterMania on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Long Beach Scottish Rite, 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach. For additional information, please call (800) 597-1116.

Council Member Wilson announced attendees are encouraged to dress up for the Roaring 20's Casino Night event.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

In-N-Out "Cover to Cover" Reading Incentive Program will take place at the Signal Hill Library, October 1 - November 12, 2016. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7323.

Council Member Forester left the Council Chamber at 7:22 p.m.

Planet Paranormal investigator and author Bob Davis will be available at the Signal Hill Library on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., to discuss his investigations into paranormal events in the Los Angeles area with his books available for sale. Register at the Library or by calling (562) 989-7323.

Annual Halloween Carnival at the Signal Hill Park will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person for ages 2 and up. Please call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Moore League Cross Country Meet will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Discovery Well Park where many of the schools in the Long Beach Unified School District will be participating at the event. Please call (562) 989-7330 with any questions.

Signal Hill will participate in the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Vote by Mail (VBM) Drop-Off program for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election. From October 10 - November 7, 2016, voters may drop off their VBM ballot in a secure ballot box located on the main floor of City Hall at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. City Hall outside drop box may not be used for the VBM drop off. Please call (562) 989-7305 for additional information.

Council Member Forester returned to the Council Chamber at 7:24 p.m.

Signal Hill Police Department Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser event at Applebee's benefiting the local Special Olympics athletes will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., and additional information is available by calling (562) 989-7205.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Lori Woods introduced the thirteenth week's presentation in a series focusing on the Red Cross program 21 Weeks to Prepare. The series is aimed at assisting individuals and families prepare for an emergency. Each City Council meeting will focus on items to add to your emergency supply kit and after 21 meetings your kit will be complete.

Community Services Director presented the week's shopping list for the 21 Weeks to Prepare program, suggested community members could save \$1.75 per week for the purchase of a weather radio at the end of 21 weeks, and announced Community Services Department has assembled emergency kits available for purchase by contacting (562) 989-7330.

ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.40 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Relating to Speed Limits

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any questions of staff.

There were no questions for staff.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-09-1491 amending a portion of Chapter 10.40 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code relating to the speed limit on several street segments within the City.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-09-1491:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 10.40 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SPEED LIMIT ON SEVERAL STREET SEGMENTS WITHIN THE CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolution Approving Issuance of 2016 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced Susanne Harrell of Harrell & Company who presented additional information about the Water Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any questions of staff.

Council Member Wilson asked about Water Revenue Refunding Bonds interest rate.

Ms. Harrell addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Signal Hill 2016 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds and authorizing the execution of certain documents and the taking of certain actions in connection therewith.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-10-6191:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY OF SIGNAL HILL 2016 WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND THE TAKING OF CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. March 2017 General Municipal Election

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced Deputy City Clerk to answer questions.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any questions of staff.

City Council asked questions regarding the next General Municipal Election.

City Manager and Deputy City Clerk addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Sebastian Echeverry, Signal Tribune staff writer came forward and asked about the cost of the next General Municipal Election.

Deputy City Clerk addressed the question posed by Mr. Echeverry.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident asked a question about the City's election and commented on election consolidation.

Deputy City Clerk addressed the question posed by Mr. Benson.

City Council discussed and commented on the City's General Municipal Election.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to direct staff for the City to conduct an independent standalone General Municipal Election March 7, 2017 and not consolidate with a County election.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Authorize a Request for Proposals for Street Light Audit and Reconciliation Services

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

Mayor Woods asked Public Works Management Analyst to present the historical background information for this project.

Public Works Management Analyst presented the historical background information.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any questions of staff.

City Council asked questions about City's street light fixtures, funding of the audit analysis, and phases of the project.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident asked a question about the street light fixtures.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Mr. Benson.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the Director of Public Works to release a Request for Proposals seeking Energy Services companies to conduct a detailed audit of Southern California Edison-owned street lights for the potential purchase of the street lights and estimate the capital costs to upgrade the system, including long-term operation and maintenance costs.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Verification of Quorum for Meetings of November 22 and December 27, 2016

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any questions of staff.

Council Member Noll asked staff about cancelling the meetings.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Noll.

City Council discussed their availability for the two meeting dates.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked for clarification regarding notice of meeting cancellation.

Assistant City Attorney addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER that City Council cancel the regular City Council meetings of November 22, 2016 and December 27, 2016.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Extension of Contract Services Agreement for Contract City Engineering Services with RKA Consulting Group

Summary: The Public Works Department has utilized the services of RKA Consulting Group to serve as the City's contract City Engineer since 2003. Staff is recommending extending the Contract Services Agreement with RKA Consulting Group for one year to continue providing City Engineer services. RKA has agreed to retain their current contract hourly rate schedule for the full duration of this new contract term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with RKA Consulting Group to provide professional City Engineer Services for a one-year extension of the existing contract under the contract's current terms, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. Authorize Solicitation of a Request for Proposals to Provide Human Resources Consulting Services to Conduct a Compensation Study

Summary: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to issue a Request for Proposals for human resources consulting services to conduct a City-wide compensation study.

Recommendation: Authorize the Deputy City Manager to issue the RFP.

c. Warrant Register Dated October 11, 2016

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 October 11, 2016.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of September 27, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve the consent calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll asked the three students attending the meeting to come forward and introduce themselves.

The Cal State Long Beach students came forward, addressed City Council and commented that they are in attendance at the meeting tonight for a Recreation and Leaders Program class assignment.

Council Member Noll thanked Larry Blunden, President of the Signal Hill Historical Society for putting together the event honoring Marlene Bollinger on Saturday, October 8, 2016, bringing together the builder, new owner, and past owner of the historic home at 2477 Gaviota Avenue.

Council Member Noll and Vice Mayor Hansen asked Public Works Director to provide an update on the Charter Communications project which affected one of the City's water mains.

Public Works Director addressed City Council and provided the update.

Mayor Woods asked Public Works Director to clarify for residents and businesses the notice sent out regarding upcoming water system flushing within the City in the next 2-3 months.

Public Works Director explained the reason for the water system flushing and advised what residents could expect from the process.

Council Member Noll and Council Member Wilson asked about recycling water and the flushing process.

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

Council Member Forester reported he attended the Southern California Association of Governments Housing Summit “The Cost of Not Housing” with staff members, announced the Long Beach Conservation Corp received a grant to repair Catalina Conservancy trails as he will be attending the kick-off event, and hoped his friends had a good Yom Kippur holiday.

Council Member Wilson announced his appointment on the Board of the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) and asked staff to provide an update on the future Browning High School traffic mitigation plan.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson regarding the Browning High School.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked about the next bulky item pickup event.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced Fort Bragg becoming a Bee City USA® in July 2016, the first city in California to receive the designation, and asked staff to look into moving Signal Hill towards the designation.

City Manager discussed with City Council options of safe removal and relocation of bees, and publishing the information on City Views newsletter.

Mayor Woods announced tonight’s meeting will be adjourned in honor of retired Signal Hill Police Sergeant Armando Talavera who passed away on October 3, 2016 who served Signal Hill for over 26 years between 1965 and 1992.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of retired Signal Hill Police Sergeant Armando Talavera to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 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 WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk