



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

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

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 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(a), to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the city's unrepresented employees.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(1), existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:03 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:13 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson requested the students from Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items were discussed and no reportable action taken.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced new Police Officer Jeffrey Laab. Officer Laab was sworn in by Police Chief Michael Langston.
- b. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation and Sustainability Award to the Seeds of Change Environmental Club at Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy.
- c. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation and certificates to the players and coaches of the U.S. Golf Little League National Champions.
- d. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to WomenShelter of Long Beach in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- e. There being no one present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Children's Clinic, this item was tabled to a future date.

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

Sylvia Hopper commented on the workshop regarding the California Conservation Corps. School. She thanked all who attended and helped at the Signal Hill Historical Society breakfast at Applebee's, and invited everyone to the upcoming trip to the Getty Museum on October 18 being sponsored by the Signal Hill Historical Society. She also mentioned that she was contacted regarding the Big Fish musical, and their book donation to Friends of SH Library. Will return with more information on this when received.

Lynn Dymally, representative of the Water Replenishment District, reported on the District's accomplishment during the past year.

Pat Bledsoe thanked the city council for the stop sign that was installed at Raymond Avenue and 21st Street, and spoke about issues with the power lines in her area and requested that the lines in the southeast area be undergrounded.

Robert Mendoza, president of Signal Hill Rotary, invited all to the upcoming Signal Hill Rotary breakfast on Thursday, October 9, at Curley's Cafe. Guest speaker will be Nancy Hughes.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10-6098 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1: THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-10-6098 in support of Proposition 1: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-10-6098:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1: THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 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

- b. **CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES AND FILES REPORT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION P – SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS MEASURE**

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

Maria Harris asked how Supervisor Knabe voted on this issue. She spoke in opposition to this Proposition, and requested Council oppose Proposition P and submit a letter to Supervisor Knabe in opposition.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive and file the report.

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. **CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION 2014-10-6099 OPPOSING PROPOSITION 47: THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ACT OF 2014**

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-10-6099 in opposition to Proposition 47: The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-10-6099:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 47: THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ACT OF 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

d. **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REORGANIZATION OF THE WATER UTILITY DIVISION; 1) APPROVES PROPOSED SALARY RANGE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO FILL THE POSITION; 2) APPROVES RECLASSIFICATION OF WATER SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR TO WATER SYSTEMS SUPERINTENDENT AND APPROVES THE PROPOSED SALARY RANGE AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO FILL THE POSITION; 3) RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE WATER MAINTENANCE WORKER II POSITION TO WATER SYSTEMS OPERATOR I, APPROVED THE PROPOSED SALARY RANGE AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO FILL THE POSITION; 4) APPROVED THE PROPOSED SALARY RANGE FOR SENIOR WATER SYSTEMS OPERATOR; 5) APPROVED THE PROPOSED SALARY RANGE FOR WATER SYSTEMS OPERATOR II; AND 6) ADOPTS RESOLUTION 2014-10-6100 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-03-6070 ESTABLISHING THE NEW SALARY RANGE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report, and explained how this reorganization would affect the division.

Maria Harris asked about the future fiscal impacts of this reorganization.

Public Works Director responded to the question.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to adopt items 1-5 of the recommendation.

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 VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-10-6100 amending Resolution No. 2014-03-6070 establishing the new salary range for Deputy Director of Public Works.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-10-6100:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-6070 ESTABLISHING
THE NEW SALARY RANGE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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. **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND SESPE CONSULTING, INC., SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Keven Doherty of Summerhill Homes thanked the Community Development Department and spoke in favor of the contract.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to approve the contract for services between the City of Signal Hill and SESPE Consulting, Inc., subject to the approval as to form by the city attorney.

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

f. **CITY MANAGER SUGGESTS REPRICINTING AREA WEST OF CHERRY AVENUE AND SECURING THE AUDITORIUM AT THE HEAD START OFFICE AT BURROUGHS SCHOOL AS A POLLING PLACE FOR THE MARCH 3, 2015, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

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

Carol Churchill spoke in opposition to using Signal Hill Park Community Center as a Neighborhood Voting Center for the entire city.

Maria Harris spoke in opposition to using Signal Hill Park Community Center as a Neighborhood Voting Center for the entire city.

Gloria Nava spoke in opposition to using Signal Hill Park Community Center as a Neighborhood Voting Center for the entire city.

After careful consideration and discussion, it was consensus of the City Council to have the Deputy City Clerk work with LBUSD to secure Burroughs school auditorium for use as a polling location for the March 3, 2015 GME, and to use the city facilities of DWP and SHPCC as polling locations for March 3, 2015.

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

g. **CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMS QUORUMS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 18 AND DECEMBER 16, 2014**

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was the consensus of the city council that quorums will be present for the meeting dates of November 18, and December 16, 2014.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of City Service Fees and Charges

Summary: The City considers adjusting or adding special service fees and charges to better reflect the cost of performing special services, with the adoption of the budget each June, and periodically as needed. This request is to update fees related to the Community Garden Deposit and Youth Program Sibling Discount.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2014-05-6079, amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

b. Resolution Approving Supplemental Agreement and Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale for New Sewer Segments and Omitted Sewer Segments of Signal Hill Sewerage Facilities for Transfer to County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County

Summary: In 2003, the City and Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County (District) entered into an agreement (Agreement) to transfer ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibility of the City of Signal Hill's (City) sewer collection system to the District. The Agreement did not include newly constructed sewer facilities that were pending acceptance by the City at the time of Agreement execution. Also, subsequent to the Agreement execution, the transfer of certain sewer segments were not included in the Agreement pending acquisition of easements. The sewer improvements and the associated easement are ready for City acceptance of ownership and the transfer of ownership to the District through this Supplemental Agreement.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving supplemental agreement and quitclaim deed and bill of sale for new sewer segments and omitted sewer segments of Signal Hill sewerage facilities for transfer to County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County. 2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Supplemental Agreement. 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale.

c. 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.

d. Warrant Register Dated October 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 October 7, 2014.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of September 16, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN 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 requested adjourning the meeting of Wayne Henthorn, Signal Hill resident.

Council Member Noll acknowledged the City Treasurer on his efforts to learn about the city and the treasurer position.

Vice Mayor Forester asked Chief Langston to thank Officer Martinez for reporting some confusing signage around Discovery Well Park.

Vice Mayor Forester gave kudos to Costco gas station and the great business they are doing.

Vice Mayor Forester asked the Deputy City Manager to remind LBUSD about the reports they promised the city on Browning High School.

Mayor Wilson asked the Community Services Director how the cooling center went this past weekend. She reported a handful of people attended but they were most thankful that the city opened the facility.

Mayor Wilson announced the City's annual fall cleanup week the week of October 13.

Council Member Hansen asked if street sweeping tickets could be waived on Monday, October 13, Columbus Day, as some people are off and some not. Chief Langston reported that parking enforcement would not be working on October 13.

Mayor Wilson announced first Saturday events for children at Rancho Los Cerritos.

Mayor Wilson announced the upcoming Statewide General Election on November 4, and that October 20 is the last day to register to vote, and call the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk if interested in working as a poll worker.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager to agendize the discussion of a council code of conduct for the October 21 meeting.

Mayor Wilson requesting adjourning the meeting in memory of Anita Salazar and Daniel Crespo.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Wayne Henthorn, Anita Salazar, and Daniel Crespo. The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, October 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 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 9:50 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Copeland
City Clerk