



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
November 4, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 4, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct City Manager performance evaluation.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:05 P.M.**

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:05 P.M.**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items (a) through (c) were discussed, status reports were given and no reportable action was taken. Item (d) will be discussed in closed session following tonight's meeting.

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

Ashley Schaefer, Representative for Signal Hill Petroleum provided City Council with an update on the building project at California Avenue and Spring Street and announced a ribbon cutting ceremony at Starbucks at that location on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Mayor Wilson and Chief Langston introduced Joseph Martinez, Ramvinski Sovann, and Thomas Nadal, new Police Officers with the Signal Hill Police Department.
- b. Chief Langston introduced Principal Sparkle Peterson and City School Resource Officer, DeAngelo Gossett, who gave a brief presentation on the School Resource Office program.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Tentative Election Schedule-Signal Hill City Charter Amendment-Ballot Measure for a Directly Elected Mayor

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked if any correspondence was received regarding this item.

City Manager stated one email was received and would be read for the record.

Mayor Wilson asked about Election Code 1415 and if it would apply to this item.

City Attorney discussed Election Code 1415.

Council Member Noll asked how this would impact the city charter.

City Attorney addressed the question posed by Council Member Noll.

Council Member Woods confirmed the schedule in the staff report is for the March 3, 2015 election.

City Manager confirmed the schedule is for the March 3, 2015 election.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident read an argument from the League of Women Voters regarding a directly elected mayor and questioned how it would benefit the City.

City Clerk read a statement on behalf of Maria Harris in opposition to a directly elected mayor (statement available in the City Clerk's office).

Council Member Noll commented on a directly elected mayor and stated he will not vote in favor of it.

Council Member Hansen commented on a directly elected mayor and stated she will not vote to move it forward.

Council Member Woods commented on a directly elected mayor and stated she would not be in favor of making the change.

Vice Mayor Forester asked for Mayor Wilson to comment.

Mayor Wilson commented on a directly elected mayor, stated he had been approached by citizens inquiring about the item, and spoke in favor of making a change.

Council Member Forester commented on a directly elected mayor and spoke in opposition to moving it forward.

Council Member Woods commented on the staff report, the official results of the strategic plan, and comments made by Mayor Wilson and Ms. Churchill.

Mayor Wilson commented on a statement made by Vice Mayor Forester.

City Attorney clarified statements made by Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Forester.

Mayor Wilson thanked the City Attorney for clarification.

Council Member Woods thanked Mayor Wilson for his desire to lead and move the city forward.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to table this item.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: MAYOR WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Contract Services Agreement—Martin & Chapman Company, Election Consultants And Suppliers—For The March 3, 2015, General Municipal Election

Summary: The City's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The City Council will consider entering into an agreement with Martin & Chapman Co., to provide election consultant services and supplies to the City for the March 3, 2015, General Municipal Election.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Martin & Chapman Co., to provide election supplies and consultant services to the City of Signal Hill in an amount not to exceed \$27,093.09, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Purchase of One Replacement Community Services Van

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase one replacement van for the Community Services Department. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle from Wondries Fleet Group. This purchase will "piggy back" on the State of California, Contract No. 1-13-23-20F.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2015 Ford Transit Connect 4-door wagon (S8F) SWB XLT from Wondries Fleet Group through the State of California, Contract No. 1-13-23-20F.

c. Warrant Register Dated November 4, 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 November 4, 2014.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS 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 Woods reported on her attendance at the JPIA Risk Management Conference last week.

Council Member Noll invited the Community Services Director to come forward and report on the new community garden.

Community Services Director provided an update on the community garden.

Council Member Woods asked how many plots were available.

Community Services Director stated there are eight available garden plots.

Council Member Hansen requested a police volunteer at Discovery Well Park for future elections during the periods when there is the most traffic to assist with parking and traffic congestion.

Vice Mayor Forester reported on the Calvary Chapel Halloween party at Signal Hill Elementary School.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Sparkle Peterson and Chief Langston for the programs at Jessie Nelson Academy.

Vice Mayor Forester apologized to Mayor Wilson for anything he said that may have offended him.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Ms. Churchill and Ms. Harris for their earlier comments and discussion.

Mayor Wilson read a letter from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles and thanked the City Manager for his dedication to stormwater management and funding.

Mayor Wilson announced the Annual Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Discovery Well Park.

Mayor Wilson announced Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Community Services Director came forward to explain the cost of \$5 per person and limited to 4 adults per family.

Vice Mayor Forester announced he will be attending a LGBT Caucus next week on behalf of the League of California Cities.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:19 P.M.**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to recess to closed session.

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

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 9:50 P.M.**

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 Tuesday, November 18, 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.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert Copeland  
City Clerk