



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**
January 20, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 20, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 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 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:06 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:11 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Manager reported on closed session items. Items (a) and (b) were discussed, status reports were given, and no reportable actions were taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Wilson introduced Ashleigh Williams-Pearce, the new Recreation Coordinator with the Community Services Department.

Ms. Williams-Pearce came forward, expressed excitement to work in the position, and announced Game Night taking place at the Community Center on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson and Police Department Captain presented proclamations and commemorative plaques to the following Signal Hill Police Department employees:

Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver to Police Officer DeAngelo Gossett, Police Volunteer of the Year to Gary Weinberger, Police Officer of the Year to Officer Delia Martinez, Award of Excellence to Records Supervisor Tom Neinast, and Police Records Clerks Ann Govoni, Perla Perez, and Lydia Mercado of the Police Records Bureau, Professional Employee of the Year to Karen Sharif, Professional Employee of the Year to Police Parking Control Aid Nichole Delahunte, and Lifetime Achievement Award to Police Volunteer Bruce Wolfe.

Police Captain expressed that all recipients represent the Police Department's Motto of "Committed to Excellence in Service" and the honor to have each individual working with the Department.

- b. Public Works Director presented a status update for Cherry Avenue Widening Project with a 30 day look ahead, alternate routes map, and public outreach plan.

Council Member Hansen commented that the message boards have been placed on Pacific Coast Highway.

Council Member Noll inquired about bus service.

Public Works Director addressed the potential move of bus signs to be discussed at the upcoming meeting with the Transit Authority.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident thanked Public Works Director for the presentation and asked about signage on Cherry Avenue for entrances into residential streets.

Public Works Director confirmed additional signage will be coming to coordinate with the project and street closures.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Community Services Director who presented the staff report and introduced the Micheal Neal, Project Consultant with PMC.

Council Member Noll posed the question regarding the amount allocated for the ADA Rubberized Play Surfacing.

Community Services Director addressed the inquiry.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the allocation of Program funds.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Council Member expressed thanks to the Community Services Director for putting the Discovery Well Park playground project together and emphasized the City's strength of accommodating handicapped individuals.

Council Member Noll agreed with Council Member Hansen and commented on the potential need to implement the project in phases.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-6116 approving the City's 2015-16 application for housing and community development funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

City Manager read the title of Resolution No. 2015-01-6116:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2015-2016 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

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 authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG allocation for FY 2015-2016 funds of \$57,394; 15% or \$8,609 for Public Service Project, and \$48,785 plus the unallocated balance of \$8,558, for a total of \$57,343, to fund installation of ADA Rubberized Play Surfacing at Discovery Well Park.

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. Subrecipient Agreement for WaterSMART and Energy Efficiency Grant

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council asked which residences or businesses will be the recipients of the new WaterSMART meters, how they will be selected for the pilot program, if there is a learning curve, training or additional expenses involved, and how the meters are powered.

Deputy City Manager addressed the process of selection, implementation and explained how the new meters are read/transmitted and powered.

Vice Mayor Forester complimented the Gateway Water Management Authority as a great group and asked about Deputy City Manager's involvement as a member of the group.

Deputy City Manager confirmed his executive board member position and named other members on the executive board.

Mayor Wilson complimented the Gateway Cities Council of Governments organization and gave examples of its successful accomplishments.

Council Member Woods posed questions regarding who will install the meters and potential interruption in water service.

Deputy City Manager addressed the questions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Water Management Joint Powers Authority.

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. Approval to Enter Into a Contract Services Agreement for Project Management Services for the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant

Summary: It is recommended that the City of Signal Hill retain the firm of MCM Management to assist with project management services relating to the Well No. 9 Project, No. 635.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and MCM Management to provide a project management services for the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000. 2. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$150,000 from Water Impact Fee Development Fund reserves to the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant; Account No. 008.610.545.733.

b. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Christopher Smith for bodily injury.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Christopher Smith.

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 January 20, 2015

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 20, 2015.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Woods requested pulling consent calendar item (a).

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the consent calendar items (b) through (e).

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

a. Approval to Enter Into a Contract Services Agreement for Project Management Services for the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant

Public Works Director presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll asked Public Works Director to comment on his current available staff for the department.

Public Works Director confirmed the department is currently down three key managers and is in the process of recruitment.

Council Member Woods commented on the industry standard for project manager fees.

Public Works Director confirmed MCM Management is charging the City less than the industry standard.

Vice Mayor Forester commented MCM Management is the logical choice for project manager.

Mayor Wilson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the matter.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident thanked Council Member Woods for pulling the consent calendar item and voiced Well No. 9 topics should not be addressed as consent calendar items.

Mayor Wilson expressed any City expenses or funding over \$100,000 should not be placed as a consent calendar item and Council Member Noll agreed.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and MCM Management to provide project management services for the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 and authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$150,000 from Water Impact Fee Development Fund reserves to the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant; Account No. 008.610.545.733.

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 Noll inquired about a City Views article to report City water conservation status.

Public Works Director confirmed the upcoming issue of City Views will provide a report on the City's water conservation efforts compared to last year and provide website link information to various water conservation topics.

Council Member Hansen promoted shop and eat in Signal Hill, suggested bringing back the Small Business Spotlight at Council Meetings, and spotlighted Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked Mayor Wilson for participating in the Martin Luther King Parade, explained his choice to march with the First Congregational Church, spotlighted Big E's Pizza, and congratulated Barbara McDaniel, a friend and resident of Signal Hill, for her appointment as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mayor Wilson announced two volunteer opportunities: 1. The Mayor's Clean-Up scheduled for January 24, 2015, 9–11 a.m. at Cal Brisas Park on California Avenue; and 2. 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count of Signal Hill on the evening of January 28, 2015. Registration is full for Signal Hill but accepting and referring volunteers to other jurisdictions. Interested volunteers are asked to contact the Community Development Department (562) 989-7340.

Community Development Director came forward and confirmed supplies will be provided for the Mayor's Clean-Up and looks forward large turnout.

Mayor Wilson announced the following upcoming events: 1. Dancing for Our Stars Fundraiser on January 31, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Arena to benefit the Miller's Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach; 2. Invitation to the Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell Community Swearing-In Ceremony on January 24, 2015, 9:30-11 a.m. at the USS Iowa, Brian.Mineghino@asm.ca.gov or (562) 495-2915 for RSVP; 3. Travel Workshop at the Signal Community Center on February 10th and 12th, 2015 at 9:30-11:30 a.m., (562) 989-7330 for RSVP; 4. Nite at the Library – Opera Talks every Wednesday till May at 6 p.m., register for limited seating events at (562) 989-7323; and 5. Chef Ollie Cigliano at the Library on February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., register for the event at (562) 989-7323.

Council Member Hansen commented Library Assistant Charles Hughes is doing a great job keeping things going and coming up with creative ideas.

Mayor Wilson reported on his participation at the Martin Luther King Parade, thanked the organizers of the Parade, commented on symbolism of Martin Luther King, and encouraged future participation by the Police Department.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 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 8:13 p.m.

Edward H. J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk