



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 17, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:08 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON
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.

City Manager requested adding a closed session item pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) regarding potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to add a closed session item regarding potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), regarding potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:09 P.M.

Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:09 p.m.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:32 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilson commented on his rewarding experience attending a school assembly at Birney Elementary where he also led the Pledge of Allegiance earlier in the day.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on the closed session item on the Agenda. Item was discussed, status report was given, and no reportable action was taken.

City Attorney reported an additional closed session item was added regarding exposure to potential litigation in an undisclosed matter, item was discussed, and no reportable action was taken.

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

Lisa Harris, American Red Cross Community Ambassador for Signal Hill announced March is Red Cross Month and introduced various upcoming programs such as the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign, Map Your Neighborhood, and the Pillow Case Project to raise disaster preparedness.

Larry Blunden, President of Signal Hill Historical Society announced the Casino Night Fundraiser will be held at the Community Center on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$40 (\$50 at the door). Tickets will include dinner with a taste of Signal Hill and 400 chips that are non-redeemable for cash. Advance tickets may be purchased from Ellen Ward (562) 597-5963 or Larry Blunden (562) 208-0040.

Carole Yochum, Signal Hill resident voiced concern she had not received Vote by Mail Ballots.

Council Member Hansen suggested the ballots may be delayed by USPS bulk mail delivery and suggested Ms. Yochum contact Deputy City Clerk.

Tamala Milton, representative from My True Health Center in Long Beach spot lighted on the organization's community outreach program, introduced their Enhanced External Count Pulsation (EECP) treatments, extended invitation for free health screening and provided contact information.

Mayor Wilson commented on his visit to the My True Health Center for screening, recommended the organization, and thanked Ms. Milton for the presentation.

Jack McManus, Signal Hill resident expressed his concern for the spatial layout of the future Library Project.

Mayor Wilson recommended that Community Services Director and Community Services Manager work with Mr. McManus for his suggestions.

Council Member Noll commented he and Council Member Hansen participated on the new Library Committee for years and also asked Mr. McManus to work with the Community Services Department.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Wilson introduced Jeanette Gonzalez, new Dispatcher/Jailer with the Police Department.

Ms. Gonzalez came forward and thanked Police Chief Langston and Captain Nunley for the opportunity to begin her career at Signal Hill.

Mayor Wilson announced he was wearing a medal in recognition of Birney Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Introduction of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-01 Establishing Pedestrian Connection as a Designation on the Plan Lines Map and General Plan

Amendment 15-01 Amending the Official Plan Lines Map, and Authorization to Proceed with Development of Construction Documents

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Noll asked if oil companies have agreed to pay for the painting and clean-up of oil wells as well as providing surrounding fencing and landscaping.

Community Services Director advised finalization is pending further cost assessments.

Community Development Assistant Planner further presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about CNG Trucking's potential impact on traffic and parking on Creston Avenue.

Community Services Director and Public Works Director addressed the concern.

Mayor Wilson asked about the sign size and confirmed with Community Services Director that drought tolerant plants will be planted and trails will be incorporated into the City's trail maps.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Council Member Noll congratulated Community Services Director, staff, and commission on the project well done.

Council Member Woods inquired about the notification mailers sent out, electrical functionality and capability of the sign, Police Department's review of plans to assess future security patrol, swell for stormwater, park's naming process, and expressed excitement about the park.

Assistant Planner advised no comments were received and Community Services Director addressed the additional questions posed by Council Member Woods. Mayor Wilson commented on the sign location, spoke in favor of the view park, and commended everyone involved in the process.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize staff to develop construction documents for City View Park; waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-02-6117 adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration 01/09/15(2), relative to General Plan Amendment 15-01 and Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-01 and the future construction of a city view park and Resolution No. 2015-02-6118 approving General Plan Amendment 15-01 amending the Official Plan Lines Map by reclassifying an approximate 350-foot segment of Creston Avenue immediately west of Cherry Avenue from local street to pedestrian connection.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-02-6117:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 01/09/15(2), RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 15-01 AND ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-01 AND THE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY VIEW PARK.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-02-6118:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 15-01 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL PLAN LINES MAP BY RECLASSIFYING AN APPROXIMATE 350-FOOT SEGMENT OF CRESTON AVENUE IMMEDIATELY WEST OF CHERRY AVENUE FROM LOCAL STREET TO PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION.

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 introduce Ordinance No. 2015-02-1473 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-01 establishing pedestrian connection as a designation on the Official Plan Lines Map of the City of Signal Hill within section 20.72.085 of the Municipal Code.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-02-1473:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-01 ESTABLISHING PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION AS A DESIGNATION ON THE OFFICIAL PLAN LINES MAP OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL WITHIN SECTION 20.72.085 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

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. CCCA/League of Cities Stormwater Funding Study

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods spoke positively about the cities joint effort.

Vice Mayor Forester asked about the current number of participating cities and commented on his involvement in the stormwater league, and the necessity to advance to the next step.

Mayor Wilson concurred and voiced the necessity of future discussions about water beyond individual states but also on the national level.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS for the City to join other Los Angeles County cities and jointly fund the study.

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. Annual Review of Properties with a Conditional Use Permit

City Manager introduced the Community Development Director who presented the staff report and summarized the recent meeting with Costco regarding the gas station.

City Council discussed the new right turn only requirement exiting the Costco Gas Station pumps with the Community Development Director.

Council Member Woods asked about Crown Castle tenants business licenses.

Community Development Director explained that conditions requirements are still pending Crown Castle's compliance.

Council Member Noll inquired about the potential of changing the appearance of the tower in the future for aesthetics purposes.

Community Development Director addressed the question.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to receive and file the inspection report and direct staff to give Crown Castle, operator of the antenna at 2411 Skyline Drive, 15 days to comply with all Conditional Use Permit conditions or schedule a revocation hearing.

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. Annual Review of Institutional Permits

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

Council Member Woods asked if any representatives from the facilities were in attendance for acclamation and Community Development Director confirmed none were present.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-02-6119 approving the Annual Institutional Permits for Courtyard Care Center, the Las Brisas Child Care Center and Cole Vocational Services.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-02-6119:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL PERMITS FOR COURTYARD CARE CENTER, THE LAS BRISAS CHILD CARE CENTER AND COLE VOCATIONAL SERVICES.

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. Community Services Director Retirement

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER that City Council interview Community Services Manager Aly Mancini for the Director's position. At the conclusion of the interviews, the City Council will have the option to appoint Ms. Mancini to the position or to recruit for a new director.

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 Signal Hill Police Station Demolition, Project No. 867

Summary: 5M Contracting, Inc. has completed the Signal Hill Police Station Demolition Project, No. 867, in conformance with the plans and specifications. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the project.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-02-6120 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Signal Hill Police Station Demolition Project, No. 867 in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between 5M Contracting, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill. 2. Approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$3,691.76 from the Police Station Project Tax Allocation Bond proceeds (Acct. No. 128.000.340.200) to Project No. 867 (Acct. No. 128.740.545.867).

b. Request for Authorization to Enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Project Partners for Staffing Purposes

Summary: Project Partners is a staff augmentation firm specializing in the interim placement of civil engineering and water operations professionals. Staff is recommending entering into a professional servicers contract with Project Partners to provide the services of an interim Deputy Public Works Director to assist the Public Works Director in managing the Public Works Department field and water utility divisions while the City continues its on-going recruitment for a new Deputy Director.

Recommendation: Approve the employment services agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Project Partners for Interim Deputy Public Works Director services, subject to the approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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 February 17, 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 February 17, 2015.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 3, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER 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 inquired about the status regarding the Manual of Procedural Guidelines and Conduct of City Council.

City Manager confirmed public comments were received and were currently under City Attorney's review, and anticipated the item will be back on the agenda sometime in April.

Council Member Woods expressed appreciation on the detailed Council Meeting Minutes recently prepared.

Council Member Noll asked for a future agenda item to address Friends of the Signal Hill Library's request to take back responsibilities of the bricks program.

City Manager confirmed staff will respond with a report.

Council Member Hansen commented on her schedule conflict with the March 5, 2015 Council Meeting but will do her best to attend the closed session as well and announced the Girl Scouts' Gift of Caring Program while encouraging public support.

Vice Mayor Forester urged all citizens of the City to exercise their rights to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election on March 3, 2015.

Mayor Wilson affirmed the encouragement, voiced concern there may be insufficient public awareness of the coming election, expressed the importance of local municipal elections, and also urged the City's citizens to vote.

Mayor announced the Rock for Vets Stuff the Truck event in conjunction with Meals on Wheels of Long Beach throughout the month of March. The organizations receive monetary award based on the total weight of the donated

gently used items. The drop off dates are March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and 29th, between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Long Beach Scottish Rite parking lot, 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach. Please call Meals on Wheels (562) 438-6215 or Rock for Vets (866) 597-1116 for information.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. due to the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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 8:38 p.m.

Edward H. J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk