



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
April 7, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 7, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER  
VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(1), existing litigations, regarding Cerritos et.al. v. WRD Case No. BS128136 and WRD v. City of Signal Hill, Case No. VC060496.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:04 P.M.**

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:17 p.m.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Tom Benson, Signal Hill Resident voiced concern regarding the single driveway under development at the future school site on Obispo Avenue and Hill Street.

Mayor Forester commented the City has asked for a public meeting with Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and local residences to address traffic issues.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on the closed session items on the agenda. Item (a) was discussed, status report was given and no reportable action was taken. Item (b) was discussed, directions were given and no reportable action was taken. Item (c) was not discussed and Council will recess to closed session following tonight's meeting to discuss the item.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to Master Patrick T. Steinhauser of Southern California Tae Kwon Do Academy celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Master Steinhauser thanked the Mayor and the City for having his school in Signal Hill and hopes to be here for many more years.

- b. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Library staff in recognition of National Library Week, April 12 -18, 2015.

Community Services Director, on behalf of the Library staff, encouraged everyone to visit the Library for family and children activities; Author Talk starts this weekend.

- c. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to Marjorie Gromm  , who was recognized as the 2015 Resident of the Year for the Bixby Knolls Towers.

Ms. Gromm   thanked the Council for her unexpected proclamation and commented she enjoys attending the Council meetings.

- d. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to Neena Strichart, named 2015 Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Strichart expressed her appreciation and honor to receive the proclamation.

- e. Mayor Forester announced Steve Strichart as the Recreation Commission selected recipient for Outstanding Older American Award and present him with a proclamation.

Mr. Strichart expressed his surprise and thanked the City and Council for the award as well as commented on Signal Hill being a fantastic City to live and work.

- f. Mayor Forester recognized David Aleshire and Anthony Taylor as California Lawyer – Attorney of the Year 2015.

Mr. Aleshire thanked the City Council, elaborated on his experience working with the City of Bell, and expressed his honor working with the Signal Hill City Manager.

City Council complimented Mr. Aleshire's on his hard work, dedication, creativity, and determination working with the City and individually expressed their appreciation.

Mayor Forester moved forward agenda adjournment item in memory of Stevie Shaw, teacher at Jesse Nelson Academy and presented Mrs. Shaw with a certificate.

Mrs. Shaw thanked the Mayor, the City, and Long Beach Unified School District for their support and condolences.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Temporary Modification of Police Program Staffing Levels

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

Mayor Forester asked if any Council Member or anyone in the audience would like to speak on the matter.

There was no comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to increase the authorized police program staffing levels within Patrol Services by four Part-Time Police Cadet positions (1.923 FTE).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. California State Governor Brown – Executive Order B-29-15 - Mandatory Water Conservation

City Manager introduced Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

City Council asked clarifying questions regarding the Executive Order and posed questions about the City's website conservation links, North End recycled water use, City's 15% conservation achievement versus the 25% mandated order, incentives for commercial customers to conserve, and if City's new water billing system will help with conservation analysis.

Public Works Director addressed each question posed by Council and the City Manager commented the State will continue to define and address the Executive Order and its enforcement process.

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

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident posed questions about payback for transitioning other City parks to grey water, the number of swimming pools in the City, and resident incentives for drought resistant landscaping.

Tom Benson, on behalf of the Sustainability Committee commented on the type of soil in relation to watering station time limit, encouraged the removal of sprinklers in parkways, and suggested [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) website as a resource for conservation and rebate information.

Vice Mayor Woods suggested using the new water bill for customer outreach, sending conservation notifications to commercial customers, conducting seminars to inform residents and businesses on SoCal Water Smart conservation and rebates, and recommended hand watering.

Council Member Hansen recommended community outreach to home owners associations and conducting information seminars on water conservation.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file the update regarding Governor Brown's Executive Order on Mandatory Water Conservation.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

c. Signal Hill Historical Society Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

No comments were received.

Council Member Hansen congratulated the Historical Society for its perseverance and establishment of the MOU.

It was moved by MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Historical Society, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

d. Interview of Applicants for the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Civil Service Commission

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed and decided to schedule an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. to conduct commission interviews.

e. Scheduling a Budget Workshop Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed and decided to schedule an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for the annual budget workshop.

f. Council Appointments to Various Organizations

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council reviewed the appointment schedule and added Council Member Wilson to the Joint City/Long Beach Unified School District as the second delegate.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-04-6123 as amended, confirming the appointment of delegates and alternates as official representatives of the city.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-04-6123:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04-6074, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

g. City Manager Retirement

City Manager presented the staff report, announced he will be making a presentation for the L.A. Region Planning History Group Colloquium at the Community Center on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, and displayed images of the City from 1970's, 1990's, current Discovery Well and Hilltop Parks showing the City's development progress.

City Manager expressed his honor and pleasure to have been the City Manager working under leadership of the City Council, partnership with the City Attorney, and support of staff.

Council Members voiced the City Manager is a dedicated member and admired throughout the League of California Cities and the Council of Governments, a humble leader by example, a true public servant, and expressed their recognition and appreciation of the City Manager individually.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to interview Deputy City Manager Charlie Honeycutt for the position of City Manager. At the conclusion of the interviews the City Council would retain the options of hiring Mr. Honeycutt or conducting an outside executive recruitment.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Employment Contract for Water Operator Consultant

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 contract services agreement with Project Partners

to provide water operator consultant services to assist in the implementation of water system capital and maintenance projects.

Recommendation: Approve the contract services agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Project Partners for Water Operator Consultant services, subject to the approval as to form by the City Attorney.

b. Contract Services Agreement - Phoenix Group Information Systems for Parking Citation, Booking Fee Reimbursement and DUI Cost Recovery Services

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into an agreement with Phoenix Group Information Systems to provide parking citation processing, booking fee reimbursement and DUI cost recovery services.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Phoenix Group Information Systems to provide parking citation processing services, booking fee reimbursement collection services, and DUI cost recovery collection services for a period of 5 years in a form approved by the City Attorney; and 2. Authorize Phoenix Group Information Systems to utilize the State Franchise Tax Board, if necessary, for collection of outstanding payments as authorized by the Interagency Intercept Collection Program.

c. Contract Services Agreement - Advanced Electronics Incorporated for Radio Services

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into an agreement with Advanced Electronics Incorporated to provide police radio system maintenance and repair.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Advanced Electronics Incorporated to provide police radio system maintenance and repair for a period of 5 years in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Area "F" Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds

Summary: The City Council will consider accepting the Area F Legacy Funds from the City of Avalon to be used for Emergency Preparedness purchases.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to accept the Area F Legacy Funds in the amount of \$53,031 from the City of Avalon. These funds should be appropriated to fund 001.370.515.221 (Emergency Services Supplies).

e. Nixle Emergency Notification System

Summary: The City Council will consider authorizing the Police Department to utilize Nixle as the Reverse 9-1-1 vendor for the City.

Recommendation: Authorize the Police Department to utilize Nixle as the Reverse 9-1-1 and Emergency Messaging vendor for the City of Signal Hill.

f. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 1901 Raymond Avenue

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1901 Raymond Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-04-6124 designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1901 Raymond Avenue for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

g. Warrant Register Dated April 7, 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 April 7, 2015.

h. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of March 17, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson announced Safety Seat Checkup Week is April 5 – April 11, 2015, Long Beach City College Veterans Club's Second Annual Memorial Day Freedom Fair will take place at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on May 16, 2015, between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and read the letter from Department of Air Force in response to a letter sent by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Noll announced he will be attending the League of California Cities meeting in the City of Ontario on Friday for the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Council Member Hansen reported on giving a speech at the League of Women Voters of Long Beach for Women's History Month on March 21<sup>st</sup> and suggested that Mayor give speeches at local schools to encourage the young, newly registered voters to vote.

Mayor Forester asked staff to contact schools/organizations and follow up with potential speaking engagements.

Mayor Forester invited Community Services Director to please come forward then complimented Heidi Mazas and staff for coordinating a wonderful Spring Fest Celebration.

Mayor Forester announced: Interactive Titanic Experience at the Library on Saturday, April 11 between 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Author Talk and Book Signing with Wendy Thomas Russell on Friday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center, and National Library Week April 12 – April 18 offering Do-It-Yourself projects at the Library. For more information on each call (562)989-7323.

Mayor Forester announced vacancies for the City's commissions and asked interested parties to visit the City website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org) or call (562) 989-7305 before the application due date of April 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Wilson suggested staff modify City's standard job applications to tailor specifically for commissioner positions.

Mayor Forester invited Chief of Police to please come forward to announce the Signal Hill Police Department Second Annual Open House on May 16, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Police Department's currently active recruitment process for which interested candidates can visit the City website for more information and apply.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:22 P.M.**

City Council recessed to closed session in memory of Charles Gerst, Signal Hill Resident and Stevie Shaw, teacher at Jesse Nelson Academy.

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session item (c). No reportable action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 21, 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 FORESTER  
                 VICE MAYOR WOODS  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk