



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, CA 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 19, 2015

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Council and Agency with valuable information regarding issues of the community. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. In addition, meetings are streamed live on our website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org), and are televised at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. every day on Charter Communications Channel 3, and Verizon FiOS Channel 38.

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. with the conduct of any business permitted to be conducted in closed session by the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), if any, and with the public portion of the meeting commencing at 7:00 pm. There is a period for public comment on closed session matters at 6:00 p.m. prior to the closed session. In the event there is no business to be conducted in closed session, the regular meeting shall commence at 7:00 p.m. There is a public comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting, as well as the opportunity to comment on each agenda item as it arises. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall and available at each meeting. The agenda and related reports are also available for review online and at the City Clerk's office and Library on the Friday afternoon prior to the Council meeting. Agenda and staff reports are also available at our website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

During the meeting, the City Manager presents agenda items for Council consideration. The public is allowed to address the council on all agenda items. The mayor will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item. The public may speak to the council on items that are not listed on the agenda. This public comment period will be held at the beginning of the public portion of the meeting. You are encouraged (but not required) to complete a speaker card prior to the item being considered, and give the card to a City staff member. The purpose of the card is to ensure speakers are correctly identified in the minutes. However, completion of a speaker card is voluntary, and is not a requirement to address the council. The cards are provided at the rear of the Council Chamber. Please direct your comments or questions to the Mayor.

(1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.
- b. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: City Manager.

(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

(5) RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

(6) RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

(9) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

(10) PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Forester will present a proclamation to a representative of Los Angeles County in recognition of CalFresh Awareness Month.
- b. Mayor Forester will present Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell's 2015 Woman of Distinction Award Recipient for the City of Signal Hill.
- c. Mayor Forester will present Senator Ricardo Lara's 2015 Woman of Distinction Award Recipient for the City of Signal Hill.
- d. Mayor Forester will present a proclamation to the Signal Hill Public Works Department in recognition of Public Works Week, May 17th – May 23rd, 2015.

## (11) ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 15-02 Amending Title 15 Revising Regulations for “Buildings and Construction”

Summary: Ordinance No. 2015-05-1474 was introduced at the City Council meeting of May 5, 2015 and is now presented for second reading and adoption. The ordinance approves Ordinance Amendment 15-01 amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled “Buildings and Construction.”

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05-1474 approving Ordinance Amendment 15-02, amending Title 15 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled “Buildings and Construction”.

## (12) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing - Introduction of Ordinance Amendment 15-01, Amendments to Title 16 Entitled “Oil Code” and Chapter 20.52 Entitled “Site Plan and Design Review” Establishing Regulations to Allow Development on top of and in Close Proximity to Abandoned Wells and Revising Methane Assessment and Mitigation Procedures

Summary: The City Council will consider an amendment to the Signal Hill Municipal Code establishing regulations for development on properties with abandoned wells, adding site restoration requirements for well abandonments, revising methane assessment and mitigation procedures for all development and updating the standards and procedures for well surveys, leak testing and venting. An equivalency standard is added and new regulations related to the City’s authority regarding development over and in close proximity to abandoned wells. Currently, the Oil Code does not allow development over abandoned wells, or if wells are not reasonably accessible for a maintenance rig. Without the amendment, development on properties with abandoned wells is constrained and some properties may be undevelopable.

The Council will also consider the associated Negative Declaration. An Initial Study was prepared by the City’s environmental consultant, SESPE Consulting, Inc. and was circulated by the State Clearinghouse for a 30 day public comment period from April 3-May 3, 2015. No comments from State agencies or the public were received.

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution adopting Negative Declaration 04/03/15(1), relative to Ordinance Amendment 15-01; and waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Ordinance Amendment 15-01, amending Title 16 entitled “Oil Code” and Chapter 20.52 entitled “Site Plan and Design Review” establishing regulations to allow development on top of and in close proximity to abandoned wells and revising methane assessment and mitigation procedures and site restoration standards.

## (13) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

### a. Resolution Declaring a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Condition

Summary: On January 17, 2014 Governor Jerry Brown declared a State of Emergency implementing requirements to reduce water consumption during the drought. In response, City Council approved a resolution declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage on May 20, 2014.

On April 1, 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 directing a statewide overall reduction in potable water use of 25 percent. Considering the severity of the ongoing California drought and State-mandated water conservation requirements, staff is recommending that the City Council declare a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage in accordance with the provisions specified Municipal Code Chapter 13.03, the City's Water Conservation Program.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring a Level 2 Water Shortage condition in accordance with City of Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 13.03. 2. Authorize staff to seek MWD turf replacement rebate for the proposed civic center demonstration landscaping project.

### b. Interview of Applicants for Civil Service Commission

Summary: A recruitment was opened due to the resignation of Civil Service Commissioner Bill Yochum for a term to expire on May 31, 2017. The recruitment opened on May 15, 2015 and will close on May 26, 2015. The City Council will consider dates to conduct interviews of Civil Service Commission candidates.

Recommendation: Discuss and schedule a date/time for a special meeting to conduct commission interviews sometime during the week of June 8, 2015.

## (14) CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a council member or member of the audience for discussion.

### a. Extension of Contract Services Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc.

Summary: The City of Signal Hill utilizes W. G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc. (WGZE) to serve as the City Traffic Engineer and provide professional traffic engineering services. Staff is seeking authorization to extend the current Contract Services Agreement for an additional three-year term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and W. G. Zimmerman Engineering,

Inc. for professional traffic engineering services, in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed the maximum contract amount of \$90,000 for the three-year contract term.

b. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments, sets the public hearing for July 7, 2015, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2015-16 and approving the engineer's report; and set the public hearing for July 7, 2015.

c. Claims for Damages

Summary: The City has received five claims for financial reimbursement from Bradley Much.

Recommendation: Deny the claims of Bradley Much.

d. 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.

e. Warrant Register Dated May 19, 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 May 19, 2015.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of May 5, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

**(15) COUNCIL AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS**

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

a. Council Commission Compensation

**(16) ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to an adjourned regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755 to conduct a budget workshop.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Routine matters are handled most quickly and efficiently if contact is made with the City department directly concerned. However, if you would like to request that a matter be presented for City Council consideration, you may do so by 1) writing to the City Council or the City Manager, or 2) completing an Agenda Item Request Form available from the City Clerk. The deadline for agenda items is 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Council and Agency meetings. Agendas are mailed to those who provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the City Clerk's office. The agenda and related agenda items are available on our website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in City meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.