



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
July 21, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 21, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 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 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, regarding review of Civil Service Commission decision regarding Appeal Hearing 2014-11-0001.

**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 6:22 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:02 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Item (a) was discussed, and no reportable action was taken. Item (b) Statement of Decision was finalized by City Council by a 3-1-1 vote and approved for transmittal to the applicant.

### **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**

Terry Rogers, as representative of Coldwell Banker Previews International, thanked Council, City Attorney and Community Development staff for their help and support expediting escrow closure of the 2477 Gaviota Avenue property.

Terry Rogers, as President of Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce extended invitations to the Chamber luncheon on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Deborah Kearn, Long Beach Unified School District educator and community activist, recognized the management of Chipotle and Costco of Signal Hill and Smart and Final of Long Beach for authorizing donations during the recent Long Beach City power outage; complimented City Council for their leadership; thanked City Manager and his son for delivering donated water to the Cesar E. Chavez Park; and presented a video from the recent Long Beach City power outage.

Mayor Forester asked Chief of Police to come forward and speak about the recent activation of Signal Hill Emergency Operations Center during the recent Long Beach City power outage and asked the Chief of Police to thank the officers on behalf of City Council.

Council Member Wilson commended Ms. Kearn for taking the initiative to contact businesses and the thanked community businesses who made donations.

Chris Wilson, Signal Hill North Neighborhood Association President extended invitations to their next meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at 3255 Cerritos Avenue where the Public Works Director and Management Analyst will be attending to make presentation on water conservation best practices; and contact (562) 201-6034 for more information.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Mayor Forester introduced Cecil Looney, new Water Systems Superintendent and Luis Armas, new Water Systems Operator II with the Public Works Department.

Mr. Looney thanked the City for the opportunity and the Public Works Director commented on Mr. Looney's prior employment accomplishments.

Mr. Armas expressed excitement and hopes for a long term employment with the

City, and the Public Works Director commented on Mr. Armas' advance water treatment plant experience.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Forester presented a certificate of recognition to the California Park and Recreation Society District 10 Volunteer Merit Award for Signal Hill to Sultans Car Club of Long Beach.

Sultans Car Club representatives came forward to thank the City and announced the upcoming car show on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at Signal Hill Park.

- b. Mayor Forester introduced Matthew Faulkner, Executive Director Community Hospital Long Beach Foundation who presented their 90th Anniversary event with videos and provided updates on recent accomplishments, funding priorities and a future vision for the hospital.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for Mr. Faulkner and thanked Mr. Faulkner for the presentation.

There were no questions for Mr. Faulkner.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Public Hearing - An Appeal of a Notice and Order Dated June 1, 2015 Requiring Removal or Relocation of Items Blocking Garage Access at 2360 E. 19th Street

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Council Member Hansen and Council Member Wilson asked questions about the property and the complaints received.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

Mayor Forester asked the City Attorney for clarification about the pertinence of the filing and hearing specific to the 2360 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street property.

City Attorney clarified for Council.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to requiring removal or relocation of items blocking garage access at 2360 E. 19th Street to come forward.

Hai Hong, resident of 2360 E. 19th Street who filed the appeal came forward and presented testimony.

Tom Benson, Planning Commissioner and resident of Signal Hill came forward and commented on revised garage requirements and temporary structure regulations of the City.

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill resident came forward and asked for clarification on code enforcement.

Mayor Forester asked Mr. Hong to come forward to make any rebuttal comments.

Mr. Hong commented about the property and items stored in front of the property.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

City Council discussed and asked about the relevant code violations, garage requirements for new construction, and the amount of time that transpired since the request for nuisance removal.

City Attorney asked Mr. Hung to address his ability to comply and the amount of time required for the nuisance removal, and explained the potential implications of non-compliance.

Mr. Hung asked for additional clarification on the nuisance removal and requested a new compliance period of 90 days.

City Council discussed the request with staff.

City Attorney explained the resolution terms to be modified.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt the Resolution No. 2015-07-6137 confirming the determinations made in a Notice and Order Dated June 1, 2015 requiring removal or relocation of bulky items blocking garage access at 2360 E. 19th Street and authorizing the City Manager to commence abatement in accordance with Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 8.12.110 if the nuisance is not completely abated within 90 days of service of notice of the City Council's decision.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-07-6137:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DETERMINATIONS MADE IN A NOTICE AND ORDER DATED JUNE 1, 2015 REQUIRING REMOVAL OR RELOCATION OF BULKY ITEMS BLOCKING GARAGE ACCESS AT 2360 E. 19TH STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE ABATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.12.110 IF THE NUISANCE IS NOT COMPLETELY ABATED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **a. Contract Services Agreement - Dog Park Design Services**

City Manager introduced the Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Council Member Noll asked about surface rights with Signal Hill Petroleum.

Economic Development Manager addressed the question.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about the preliminary design and its review by Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Manager and Economic Development Manager addressed the questions.

Mayor Forester asked if there were any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Urban Arena for the Signal Hill Dog Park 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

b. Contract Services Agreement for a Water Rate Study with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated

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

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff and inquired about the City's prior decision relative to not subsidizing water.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Mayor Forester.

Mayor Forester asked if there were any public comments.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked staff to clarify regarding the timing of the administrative report for public review and subjects to be addressed at the public workshop.

Public Works Director commented on a general schedule and general topics of the public workshop.

Mayor Forester asked staff to lay out a milestone schedule for Council review.

Vice Mayor Woods verified with staff that the contractor has access to all necessary information and if any additional studies will be required.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Woods and commented on the public workshop.

City Attorney recommended that clarification on the public workshop be included in the contract.

Council Member Wilson asked about analysis of residents' landscape water use versus indoor water use.

Public Works Director commented on the data available for analysis.

City Council discussed with staff the sub-meter and smart meter capabilities and the fixed costs of water relative to the analysis.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated, to perform a Water Rate Study, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and provide additional cost requirement to perform an analysis separating landscape versus indoor water use.

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. Contract Services Agreement Extension with Tetra Tech for Design Services for the Well No. 9 Advanced Water Treatment Plant

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director and Water Consultant Desi Alvarez who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 8:50 p.m.

Council Member Noll returned to Council Chamber at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Forester asked Council Members if there were any questions for staff.

Vice Mayor Woods asked about the request for proposal for Well No. 9 final construction.

Mr. Alvarez and Public Works Director addressed the question.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked staff to clarify the specific roles of Tetra Tech and Mr. Alvarez in the award of contract and commented on Tetra Tech's prior involvement in the project.

City Manager explained further and discussed with Council the role of Tetra Tech as a construction management team specific to this design build project.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for professional engineering services with Tetra Tech in a form approved by the City Attorney, increasing the contract sum by \$495,000 and extending the contract term by 12 months.

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. Selection of Date for Interviews Of Applicants for Deputy City Manager

City Manager presented the staff report and commented on the recent approved State grant for Well No. 9 requiring staff to bring to Council reports related award of contract and an interfund loan agreement.

City Council discussed the available dates and times.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to schedule an adjourned regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct the interviews of Deputy City Manager candidates and present various staff reports.

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. 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.

### **c. Warrant Register Dated July 21, 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 July 21, 2015.

### **d. Minutes of the Following Meeting**

Regular Meeting of July 7, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS 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 thanked everyone who participated and helped during the recent Long Beach City power outage.

Vice Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Joint Powers Insurance Agency and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of the service members lost in the recent Chattanooga, Tennessee gunman incident.

Mayor Forester announced the Signal Hill National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park, asked the Chief of Police to come forward and present additional details, and contact the Police Department at (562) 989-7905 for additional information; Concerts in the Park will take place every Wednesday July 8 – August 12, 2015 with a Rock for Vets bonus concert on August 19, 2015 at Signal Hill Park, contact (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Mayor Forester congratulated the Signal Hill Historical Society on the recent escrow closure of 2477 Gaviota Avenue property and asked for additional comments from Larry Blunden, President of the Historical Society.

Mr. Blunden commented on the anticipated property restoration and announced the Signal Hill Historical Society will provide food for purchase at the Concerts in the Park.

Mayor Forester announced the grand opening of Waba Grill on 2162 East Willow Street will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, a restaurant with three employees that are residents of Signal Hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of the service members lost in the recent Chattanooga, Tennessee gunman incident to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, August 3, 2015, at 6:00 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 9:13 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk