



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, CA 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2016

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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. In addition, meetings are streamed live on our website at 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.

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 – 7:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

(5) INTRODUCTIONS

a. Mayor Forester and Police Chief Langston will introduce Gregory Friend, Paul Johnston, and Andrew Lopez, new Police Officers with the Signal Hill Police Department.

(6) PRESENTATION

a. Emergency Operations Coordinator Richard Johnson will make a presentation on the “In Case of Emergency” phone application.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Resolution Declaring Intention to Amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, Establishing Rates for Water Delivered Through the City’s Distribution System

Summary: Following City Council and community workshops, staff is recommending an annual 8% water rate increase for fiscal years 2016 through 2020. Prop 218 permits current rates to be increased and future increases in rates for up to five years through a public hearing process. The proposed water rate adjustments are needed to compensate for increased operating costs and to replenish the water depreciation reserve to fund water system improvement projects. City staff conducted a historical analysis of the costs of providing water service to the community and the revenues necessary to support this service. The resolution declares City Council's intention to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130.

Recommendations: 1) Confirm the proposed water rate adjustment of 8% to all fees and successive increases of 8% for a total of five years (total 40%); 2) Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending the Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130 establishing rates for water delivered through

the City's distribution system; and 3) Adopt resolution setting the Public Hearing for May 10, 2016.

b. Temporary Modification of Police Program Staffing Levels

Summary: The Police Department is seeking City Council authorization to hire one additional Police Officer (Recruit) to fill anticipated vacancies due to pending retirements within the Patrol Services program.

Recommendation: Increase the authorized police program staffing levels within Patrol Services by one Police Officer (Recruit) position.

c. Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment Update

Summary: Los Angeles County (County) asked its cities and public agencies to participate in a parks and facilities needs assessment over 189 different service areas in hopes of developing a new funding mechanism to replace Proposition A. Signal Hill staff, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission conducted the County needs assessment community workshop and is now reporting its findings back to the City Council.

Recommendation: Direct staff submit to the County, the top-10 needed projects based on community input from the joint meeting.

d. Approval of Alcohol Use for Signal Hill Historical Society Fundraiser

Summary: The Signal Hill Historical Society (Historical Society) is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their Historical Society fundraising event scheduled for February 26, 2016, in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize the Signal Hill Historical Society to provide alcoholic beverages at this event.

e. Schedule a Budget Workshop Meeting

Summary: The City Council will consider dates for its annual public budget workshop.

Recommendation: Select a date for the annual budget workshop.

(8) 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. Award of Contract for Printing of City Views Newsletter

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a contract with ABC Press Commercial Printing for the typesetting and printing of the City Views Newsletter.

Recommendations: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the typesetting and printing of the City Views Newsletter with ABC Press Commercial Printing in a form approved by the City Attorney. The contract will be for three years for a total amount of \$38,367.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112

Summary: CEM Construction Corporation has completed the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by CEM Construction Corporation.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Temple Avenue Sidewalk Project, No. 112, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between CEM Construction Corporation and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. Resolution Declaring the City's Intention to Vacate Certain Rights-of-Way Relating to 2085 Freeman Avenue

Summary: This resolution declares the City's intent to vacate certain alley rights-of-way. The vacation of this right-of-way is in conformance with the Circulation Element and General Plan. The resolution also sets a public hearing to allow public participation on this matter.

Recommendations: 1) Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring the City's intention to vacate a portion of that certain north south alley lying north of East 20th street to its terminus bounded on the west by Orizaba Avenue and on the east by Freeman Avenue; and 2) Set a public hearing for February 23, 2016.

d. Warrant Register Dated February 9, 2016

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 9, 2016.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

(9) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(10) ADJOURNMENT

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

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.

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.