



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
June 2, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 2, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:06 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**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**

Gary Dudley, Signal Hill resident extended invitations to the annual Liver Life Walk taking place at the Irvine William Mason Regional Park on Saturday, June 27, 2015, 10 a.m. in support for liver disease sufferers.

Terry Rogers from Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce extended invitations to the upcoming mixer taking place at EDCO on Thursday, June 11, 2015, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Chris Wilson, Signal Hill resident announced the Signal Hill North Neighborhood Association inaugural meeting will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.; contact [mr.wilson562@gmail.com](mailto:mr.wilson562@gmail.com) or (562) 201-6034 for more information.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill Rotary Club President extended invitations to the celebration dinner taking place at the Petroleum Club on Thursday, June 11,

2015, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in celebration of their Best Rotary Club Award recognition; contact (562) 477-0143 for more information.

Sylvia Hopper, Friends of the Signal Hill Library President announced the upcoming book sale will take place at the Signal Hill Public Library on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Book donations are also welcome.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Hansen recognized and applauded Police Officer Gossett for participating at the career event day for her children's school on a short notice.

Mayor Forester and Police Officer Gossett presented a proclamation to the School Resource Officer - Student of Character Award to David Galvan.

Mayor Forester asked Denise "Sparkle" Peterson, Principal of Nelson Academy to come forward and join them in the presentation.

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-05-1475 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.

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked if Council had questions for staff and if there were any public comments.

There were no question for staff or public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05-1475 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.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-05-1475:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, 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

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

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Appointments to the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Civil Service Commission

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report and explained the commission appointment procedure.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the first expired seat of Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Noll nominated Rose Richárd to serve the Planning Commission.

Council Member Hansen nominated Jane Fallon to serve the Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated Kiran Gidwani to serve the Planning Commission.

Council Member Wilson nominated Christopher Wilson to serve the Planning Commission.

Mayor Forester nominated Jane Fallon to serve the Planning Commission.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the first expired seat of Planning Commission.

City Attorney clarified the voting procedure.

Mayor Forester asked for a vote to appoint the first expired seat of Planning Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	CHRISTOPHER WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	ROSE RICHÁRD
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	ROSE RICHÁRD
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	ROSE RICHÁRD
MAYOR FORESTER:	JANE FALLON

Rose Richárd was appointed to serve the first expired seat for Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the second expired seat of Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Wilson nominated Christopher Wilson to serve the Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated Kiran Gidwani to serve the Planning Commission.

Council Member Noll nominated Jane Fallon to serve the Planning Commission.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the second expired seat of Planning Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	JANE FALLON
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	JANE FALLON
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	JANE FALLON
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	KIRAN GIDWANI
MAYOR FORESTER:	JANE FALLON

Jane Fallon was appointed to serve the second expired seat for Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the first expired seat of Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Noll nominated Nancy Lauer to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Hansen nominated Caroline Kiss-Lee to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Wilson nominated Christopher Wilson to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vice Mayor Woods and Mayor Forester declined to make a nomination.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the first expired seat of Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	CAROLINE KISS-LEE
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	CAROLINE KISS-LEE
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	CAROLINE KISS-LEE
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	NANCY LAUER
MAYOR FORESTER:	CAROLINE KISS-LEE

Caroline Kiss-Lee was appointed to serve the first expired seat for Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the second expired seat of Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Noll nominated Nancy Lauer to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Hansen declined to make a nomination.

Vice Mayor Woods declined to make a nomination.

Council Member Wilson nominated Christopher Wilson to serve the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Forester declined to make a nomination.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the second expired seat of Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	CHRISTOPHER WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	NANCY LAUER
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	NANCY LAUER
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	NANCY LAUER
MAYOR FORESTER:	CHRISTOPHER WILSON

Nancy Lauer was appointed to serve the second expired seat for Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the first expired seat of Civil Service Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Wilson nominated Victor Parker to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated Victor Parker to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Hansen declined to make a nomination.

Council Member Noll nominated Wayne Moore to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Forester nominated David Hopper to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the first expired seat of Civil Service Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	VICTOR PARKER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	WAYNE MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	VICTOR PARKER
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	VICTOR PARKER
MAYOR FORESTER:	DAVID HOPPER

Victor Parker was appointed to serve the first expired seat for Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for the second expired seat of Civil Service Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Hansen nominated Ronald Griggs to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Vice Mayor Woods declined to make a nomination.

Council Member Wilson declined to make a nomination.

Council Member Noll nominated Wayne Moore to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Forester nominated David Hopper to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for the second expired seat of Civil Service Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	RONALD GRIGGS
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	WAYNE MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	RONALD GRIGGS
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	RONALD GRIGGS
MAYOR FORESTER:	DAVID HOPPER

Ronald Griggs was appointed to serve the second expired seat for Planning Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mayor Forester opened the nominations for one vacant seat of Civil Service Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2017.

Council Member Noll nominated Wayne Moore to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Hansen declined to make a nomination.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated David Hopper to serve the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Wilson declined to make a nomination.

Mayor Forester declined to make a nomination.

Mayor Forester closed the nominations for one vacant seat of Civil Service Commission.

City Clerk conducted a City Council roll call vote:

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:	DAVID HOPPER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL:	WAYNE MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN:	WAYNE MOORE
VICE MAYOR WOODS:	DAVID HOPPER
MAYOR FORESTER:	DAVID HOPPER

David Hopper was appointed to serve the vacant seat for Civil Service Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2017.

City Council congratulated new Commission appointees, thanked all candidates who applied and Commissioners who decided not to run again, expressed the importance of volunteering for the City, and encouraged commissioners to attend Commission meetings and City Council meetings.

b. 2015-2019 Strategic Plan

City Manager introduced the Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report and Bill Kelly, President/CEO of Kelly Associates Management Group who highlighted the planning objective additions and changes.

Mayor Forester asked Council for any questions.

City Council asked clarification questions regarding definition of short term planning, water rights discussions, and the incorporation of an audit committee.

Economic Development Manager and Mr. Kelly addressed the questions and City Manager provided a discussion timeline and clarification regarding audit committee.

Vice Mayor Woods commented on whether the recommendation for an audit committee was made as part of the initial Strategic Plan process.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

City Council agreed to accept the original Strategic Plan goals without the additional objectives and to vote on accepting each proposed additional objective goals individually.

City Council discussed each of the seven proposed new objectives in detail, voiced comments, and provided consensus or objections for each objective.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adopt the 2015 – 2019 City of Signal Hill Strategic Plan as amended and add the following five new objectives: Prepare a feasibility study for a homeowners' rehabilitation grant/loan program; Prepare a report addressing measures to increase voter turnout; Create a Legacy Reserve Fund to continue economic development efforts; Prepare a feasibility study for a senior citizens center; and Enhance communications with Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, California State University, City of Long Beach, and other governmental entities. Formation of an independent audit committee and directly elected Mayor were not added.

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 with Jon David Cicchetti, Landscape Architect, to Provide Design Services for a New View Park with Electronic Message Sign

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

City Council asked questions about assurances from the architect to stay within the projected time schedule, type of construction scheduled for the winter season, and feasibility of memorial benches; requested that design recommendations made by Parks & Recreation Commission be brought back to Council for review; and suggested implementation of bidding process for future projects.

Community Services Director addressed the questions and recommendations made by Council.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Lance Woods, Signal Hill resident voiced concern about possible vandalism of the message sign and made suggestions regarding crime prevention.

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 with Jon David Cicchetti, Landscape Architect, to provide construction document development, Opinion of Probable Costs, and construction administration for a new view park with an electronic message sign on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Burnett Street, in the amount of \$67,000, 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. Historic Preservation Easement and Lien Release for 2477 Gaviota Avenue

City Treasurer recused himself and left Council Chamber at 8:29 p.m. He serves as the President of the Signal Hill Historical Society.

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

Mayor Forester asked Council for any questions for staff followed by any public comments.

Terry Rogers, member of Coldwell Banker Previews International thanked City Council and staff for efforts bringing forth this project.

Sylvia Hopper, Vice President of Historical Society thanked City Council and staff for their efforts and recognized City Treasurer's mission to archive for the City.

Lance Woods, Signal Hill resident asked whether the project will be used as private residence.

Mayor Forester confirmed the agreement was restoration for private residence.

Vice Mayor Woods expressed she is pleased with the potential use of the property; However, voiced her opposition to waiving fees related to the lien release.

Council Member Wilson commented on his thought process in support of lien release for this historical landmark restoration.

Council Member Noll voiced his support for the lien release.

Council Member Hansen commented in favor of the lien release motion.

Community Development Director clarified for Council obligation of the new property owner to abide by the terms of the Historic Preservation Easement as condition for the lien release.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-06-6129 approving entering into a historic preservation easement and release of the municipal lien for 2477 Gaviota Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2015-06-6129:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ENTERING INTO A HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT AND RELEASE OF THE MUNICIPAL LIEN FOR 2477 GAVIOTA AVENUE

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      VICE MAYOR WOODS

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. Agreement for Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed

City Manager presented an introduction to the staff report.

Public Works Director introduced John Hunter, consultant for the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed and Richard Watson, consultant for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed, who jointly presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked for any Council questions.

City Council asked questions related to costs of water capture and treatment, bacteria monitoring and standards, effects of drought and water conservation on stormwater capture and treatment, and potential consequences of stormwater runoff from El Nino type weather with existing sediments.

Mr. Hunter and Mr. Watson addressed each question posed by Council.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to enter into this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the City and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for administration and cost sharing for the implementation of Watershed Management and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs in the LCC Watershed, as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

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

f. Agreement for Cost Sharing to Prepare and Implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize the City Manager to enter into this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the City and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for administration and cost sharing for the implementation of Watershed Management and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs in the LLAR Watershed, as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

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. Resolution Amending Records Retention Schedules**

Summary: The City's Records Retention schedule for the Police Department was amended in June 2013; however, staff has since determined that there are additional electronic records that need to be added to the records retention schedule. This action would amend the records retention schedule for the Police Department.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-06-6130 amending the City's records retention schedule previously adopted by Resolution No. 2014-03-6071, and repealing all prior resolutions.

### **b. Contract Services Agreement for Video Streaming**

Summary: The City of Signal Hill contracts with Granicus, Inc. for the video streaming of City Council meetings through the City website. Staff is recommending that the City enter into a new Contract Services Agreement with Granicus, Inc. that will include hardware and software upgrades and provide video streaming of City Council, Successor Agency, and Oversight Board meetings.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Granicus, Inc., in the amount of \$23,550 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### **c. Claims for Damages**

Summary: The City has received claims for financial compensation from Maura Cotter, Paul Murufas, Yvet Perez, and Larry Soto.

Recommendation: Deny the claims of Maura Cotter, Paul Murufas, Yvet Perez, and Larry Soto.

### **d. Warrant Register Dated June 2, 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 June 2, 2015.

### **e. Minutes of the Following Meetings**

Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015.

Adjourned Regular Meeting of May 26, 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 asked Council to adjourn the meeting in memory of Joshua Owens, President of Ability Tri-Modal trucking company.

Council Member Hansen urged residents to read EDCO's recent Environmental Times (also in Signal Hill City Views), thanked Long Beach Animal Control for responding to her residence on Memorial Weekend, thanked Officer Gossett for speaking at her children's school, and congratulated all new and returning commissioners.

Mayor Forester thanked all commissioner applicants and the citizens of the City for their participation.

Mayor Forester made the following Mayor's Announcements: Hounds on the Hill on Saturday, June 6, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park, contact (562)989-7330 for more information; Animal Magic! With John Abrams on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park Amphitheater, contact (562) 989-7323; and Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Public Library, contact (562) 989-7323.

City Manager asked Council for consensus to conduct a Council compensation study.

Mayor Forester confirmed the authorization.

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:29 P.M.**

City Council recessed to closed session at 9:29 p.m. City Attorney announced a closed session item (c) was added for discussion subsequent to the posting of the

agenda.

### **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 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: City Manager.
- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 700 Spring Street.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items on the agenda. Items were discussed, status reports were given, Council gave further directions, and no reportable actions were taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Joshua Owens to a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, June 16, 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 10:48 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk