



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
February 23, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 23, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 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)(2), potential litigation in two undisclosed matters.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:35 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:06 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given, and no reportable actions were taken.

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

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill Historical Society representative announced the annual Signal Hill Historical Society Casino Night will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016, 7:00 – 10:30 p.m., tickets are \$40 per person (\$50 at the door) and include playing chips and dinner; Advance tickets are available for purchase from Larry Blunden, the Historical Society President.

Council Member Noll asked about the restaurants that will be participating at dinner for the event.

Ms. Rogers named the restaurants that will be participating at the event.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION

- a. Mayor Forester introduced Joe Mendoza, new Senior Human Resources Analyst with the Administration Department.

Mr. Mendoza thanked the City Council and staff for the employment opportunity.

PRESENTATION

- a. Mayor Forester presented a Sustainability Award in the category of Water Efficient Landscapes to the owner of the residence at 1843 Junipero Avenue, Manuel Gonzalez.

Daritza Gonzalez, daughter of Mr. Gonzalez came forward to accept the award and expressed appreciation on behalf of her father, Manuel Gonzalez.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Vacation of Certain Right-Of-Way Relating to 2085 Freeman Avenue

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the vacation to come forward.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to close and continue the Public Hearing to March 8, 2016.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Response to 2015-16 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury Interim Report

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen asked the Chief of Police about coordinating with the Police Department's mental health professional and providing services to the homeless.

Chief of Police came forward and addressed the question posed by Council Member Hansen.

City Manager advised that the City website has a dedicated webpage with information to helping the homeless, and confirmed additional information will be included in the response to the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury.

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification regarding the roles of the Civil Grand Jury, voiced comments about the Civil Grand Jury Report, and provided suggestions on how staff should respond to the Report.

City Attorney clarified for Council Member Wilson the roles of the County Civil Grand Jury.

City Manager discussed with Council Members the City's response to the County Civil Grand Jury Report to include available services and resources specific to the City of Signal Hill.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed response to the 2015-16 Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Interim Report and add available solutions and resources specific to the City of Signal Hill.

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. Annual Review of Properties with a Conditional Use Permit

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

Mayor Forester commented on the traffic flow modifications made by Costco Gas Station and asked about the extended hours of the gas station.

Community Development Director addressed the extended hour question posed by Mayor Forester.

Vice Mayor Woods clarified with staff about the Black Bear Diner's alcohol sales permit and asked questions about inspections for the Conditional Use Permits.

Mayor Forester asked staff to review the pedestrian access and traffic around Fish-O-licious restaurant.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

Jenifer Murillo, Costco Director of Real Estate Development came forward, voiced appreciation about working with the City staff, and commented on Costco's commitment to resolve the traffic and congestion issue near the Costco Gas Station.

Mayor Forester thanked Costco for working with the City to resolve the parking lot traffic and congestion issues.

Council Member Wilson complimented the service of Costco Gas Station attendees.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to receive and file the report.

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. Annual Review of Institutional Permits

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

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

There were no questions for staff.

Mayor Forester asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the annual Institutional Permits for Courtyard Care Center, Las Brisas Child Care Center and Cole Vocational Services.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-02-6158:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL PERMITS FOR COURTYARD CARE CENTER, LAS BRISAS CHILD CARE CENTER AND COLE VOCATIONAL SERVICES

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. Agreement with Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – GIS Services Program

Summary: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) offers participant cities with access to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), software, hardware, and data, at no cost, to help with GIS and land development and enhance GIS access by both staff and the public. As a member, Signal Hill is able to participate in the SCAG GIS Services program.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to approve an agreement, through July 1, 2017, between the City of Signal Hill and SCAG, for hardware, software, and data for the successful implementation of the SCAG Geographic Information System (GIS) Services Program, at no cost to the City, in a form approved 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 February 23, 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.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting
Regular Meeting of February 9, 2016.

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 Finance Director about the launch and availability of the business license renewal process online.

Finance Director announced that online application, pay by phone, and online process will be available in the coming months, and the certification process will require staff's review and issue.

Council Member Wilson suggested that the City should work towards advancements of certificate issuance online after staff's review, and commented on his recent attendance at the Long Beach Symphony Pops.

Council Member Noll asked the Public Works Director to come forward and present an update on water conservation.

Public Works Director came forward and complimented the residents and businesses on their continuing conservation efforts and provided an update.

Vice Mayor Woods asked the Chief of Police to address the complaints reported regarding the skateboarder on the corner of California Avenue and 27th Street.

Chief of Police addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Woods and the City Manager commented on steps the Public Works Department has taken to address the issue.

Vice Mayor Woods encouraged residents to begin spring planting, announced there are openings in the Signal Hill Community Garden, and call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

Mayor Forester asked Public Works Director to come forward and join him in the recap regarding their recent trip to Sacramento for a meeting with CalTrans on the storm water infiltration project of the Los Cerritos Channel sub-basin.

Public Works Director discussed project timing and funding with the Council Members.

Mayor Forester announced the Mayor's Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. staging at 2475 Cherry Avenue in the former Fresh & Easy parking lot for a clean-up in the Crescent Heights Historic District.

Vice Mayor Woods announced the Signal Hill Rotary Club will be participating in the event along with students from Jessie Nelson Academy.

Mayor Forester made the following announcements: Design a Bookmark Contest begins February 29, 2016, entry forms and information available at the Signal Hill Library, and entries must be submitted by Saturday, March 12, 2016; and Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Library Meeting Room for preschoolers to 5th grade children, attendance is limited to 40 children, please contact or visit the Library to register, (562) 989-7323.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 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 8:06 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk