



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
May 24, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 24, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Maness Family Trust, regarding real property located at 3100 California Avenue.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:02 P.M.

Vice Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:09p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:13 P.M.

City Council sang Happy Birthday to Neena Strichart, Signal Tribune Chief Editor and Signal Hill resident.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Deborah Kern, representative of The Rock Club Music Is the Remedy Applebee's announced Applebee's Memorial Day event, May 30, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. , to include a flapjack fundraiser, entertainment, family activities, free meals for veterans, and that 15% of the proceeds from restaurant sales will benefit The Rock Club Music Is the Remedy organization. Tickets are \$10/person and she or Council Member Wilson have tickets available or sale.

Council Member Wilson asked about the effective period where 15% of the proceeds will be going to the organization.

Ms. Kern answered the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following City announcements:

Signal Hill Hounds on the Hill will take place at the Signal Hill Park on Saturday, May 28, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., to include contests, live music, demonstrations, pet adoptions, vendors, low cost pet vaccinations and microchip clinic.

Mayor Woods asked staff if pet registration and licensing will also be available at the event.

Community Services Direct addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

Signal Hill Public Library (Temporary Library) Opening Day Ceremonies will be Saturday, June 18, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park Community Center.

Movies in the Park will take place at the Signal Hill Park, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be shown on Monday, June 20, 2016, and "The Good Dinosaur" will be shown on Monday, August 15, 2016; Movie and popcorn are free, bring

your own lawn chairs, blankets, and warm clothes. Activities start at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at dusk.

Council Member Forester and Mayor Woods asked about sponsors of the Movies in the Park events.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester and Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods asked staff about the kick off concert of the Summer Concerts in the Park series.

Community Services Director announced the first concert will take place on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Park. For additional information on the events, contact Community Services at (562) 989-7330.

Signal Hill Spring Clean-Up Event by Signal Hill Waste & Recycling Services is scheduled on normal waste collection day the week of May 23 – 27, 2016. Residents may set unwanted bulky items and landscape waste next to waste containers; No hazardous wastes accepted; and residents living in multi-units may schedule pickups by calling (562) 597-0608 during the week of May 9, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Woods presented a proclamation to John Hartley, contract Building Inspector and Sarah Tsao, Community Development Administrative Assistant, in recognition of May 2016 as Building Safety Month.

Mayor Woods complimented the efficiency of staff of the Community Development/Building Department.

- b. Community Services Director introduced John Tulp, representative of Surfside Productions Company and recent graduate from California State University Long Beach who shared the video the students created highlighting the 2016 Signal Hill Spring Fest event.

Council Member Forester asked if the video will be available on City's media.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Mayor Woods announced the Los Angeles County Emergency Survival Guide is available at the Police Department Emergency Operations Center on a first come first served basis. She was able to obtain the Guides from her recent attendance at the Contract Cities Association's annual training.

- c. Mayor Lori Woods introduced Community Services Director who presented the fourth in a series focusing on the Red Cross program 21 Weeks to Prepare. The

series is aimed at assisting individuals and families prepare for an emergency. Mayor Woods announced the Signal Tribune will post the 21 Weeks to Prepare shopping list in the Friday editions following the Council meeting.

ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-05-1486 Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, Establishing Rates for Water Delivered Through the City's Distribution System and Repealing Ordinance No. 2008-10-1390

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Wilson announced he would be voting no on the motion.

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Forester to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-05-1486 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 13.04.130, establishing rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system and repealing Ordinance No. 2008-10-1390.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-05-1486:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.130, ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER DELIVERED THROUGH THE CITY'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-1390

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Commemorative Language Policy

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

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

Council Member Wilson asked about the non-profit organization managing the Memorial Bricks program.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Neena Strichart, Signal Hill resident voiced her objection to the Policy restrictions and limitations.

Vice Mayor Hansen voiced objections to the Policy restrictions and limitations.

City Attorney explained the reasons behind the development of the Policy.

City Council individually voiced their support or objection to the Policy and discussed with the City Attorney regarding options to regulate, amend, and implement the Policy.

Council Member Hansen asked if the Policy was reviewed by the Friends of the Signal Hill Library.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

City Treasurer, as member of the Friends of the Signal Hill Library commented on the Policy and ask for the Policy to be submitted to the Friends of the Signal Hill Library for review and provide suggestions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve Commemorative Language Policy with amendments and return to City Council in six months for a review of comments and suggestions from the community.

City Council discussed the proposed policy.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to bring forth a substitute motion allowing submissions of additional commemorative phrases to the Community Services Department due by May 31, 2016 from the public, City Council or staff for review and approval at the next City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Due to failure of the substitute motion, it was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the policy, include proposed additional commemorative phrases to a total of twenty (20), and return to City Council in six months with a modified list of commemorative phrases.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

NOES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Due to failure of two proposed motions, City Council discussed with City Attorney and staff alternative options regarding the Commemorative Language Policy.

It was moved by MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER for staff to bring back for review at the City Council meeting on June, 28, 2016 an expanded list with additional commemorative language submitted by the public, City Council, the Friends of the Signal Hill Library, and staff to the Community Services Department no later than June 17, 2016.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, Phase 1, No. 786

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

Mayor Woods asked question regarding the wording of Notice of Completion in the staff report.

City Manager confirmed a correction will be made.

City Council recognized the Public Works Director and staff for orchestrating the City as the lead agency of the Cherry Avenue Project.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by Council Member Forester and seconded by Council Member Noll to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6167 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, Phase 1, No. 786 in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Griffith Company and the City of Signal Hill.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-05-6167:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHERRY AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT, PHASE 1, NO. 786 IN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN GRIFFITH

COMPANY AND THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. 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 12, 2016, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations: 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6168 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2016-17 and approving the Engineer's Report; and 2) Set the Public Hearing for July 12, 2016.

b. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Proscape Landscaping, Incorporated, for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD) Landscape Maintenance Services

Summary: In 2008, the City entered into a Contract Services Agreement with Proscape Landscaping, Inc., to provide landscape maintenance services for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1. A fourth amendment to the Contract Services Agreement is being proposed to provide a one-year contract extension with no increase in contractual costs for the entire term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement for landscape maintenance services for LLMD No. 1, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a one-year term ending July 31, 2017, with a contract amount of \$29,180, annually.

c. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Grant Program Application

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to submit a California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act funding request form provided by the Department of Conservation. Under this Act, the City is eligible to receive \$5,000 for beverage container recycling and/or litter prevention programs. The adoption of this resolution provides City Council authorization to submit the funding request form and authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all necessary documents.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-05-6169 authorizing the submittal of an application to the Department Of Resources, Recycling, And Recovery (CalRecycle) for payment programs and related authorizations.

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 24, 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 May 24, 2016.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Wilson requested pulling consent calendar items (a) and (b).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar items (c) through (f).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Wilson recused himself from the Council Chamber at 8:39 p.m. as he resides in the LLMD District No. 1.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar items (a) and (b).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Wilson returned to the Council Chamber at 8:40 p.m.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson invited everyone to attend the first annual Memorial Day event at Applebee's from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., announced he will be the Master of Ceremonies at the event, and guest speaker, Michael Yates, will be attending the event.

Council Member Noll asked Community Services Director to come forward and provide additional details about the Hounds on the Hill event on May 28, 2016,

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Community Services Director addressed Council and provided an update on the Hounds on the Hill event.

Council Member Forester thanked the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride organization for the parade he participated in on May 22, 2016, thanked Mayor Woods for her letter published in the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride 33rd anniversary brochure, and commented on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation R2 Measure.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 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 WOODS
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk