



MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

May 31, 2016

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 31, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Woods expressed appreciation of the Commissioners in attendance at the Budget Study Workshop.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

The preliminary Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2016-2018 was presented to City Council for review and discussion.

The City Manager presented the staff report and provided an overview of key elements contributing to the budget projections. He recognized the Finance Director for her time spent compiling the 2016-2018 preliminary budget and acknowledged the Public Works Management Analyst and the Economic Development Manager for their assistance in the budget preparation.

City Council expressed appreciation of staff for the time and effort in putting the budget together and reviewing the budget individually with Council Members,

emphasized the informal forum intent of the Budget Study Session, and asked about Departments' Strategic Goals and Objectives associated with the preliminary budget.

City Manager and Finance Director announced each department will be presenting their Strategic Goals and Objectives.

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the financial forecast, including projections of general fund revenues/expenditures, general fund balance/reserves, and recommendations of fund balance allotments.

Council Member Wilson asked about the reserve funds relative to City furniture and recommended an update to the description of the Economic Uncertainty Reserve.

City Manager and Finance Director addressed the question and recommendation posed by Council Member Wilson.

Each department presented their accomplishments and budget goals to the City Council.

Economic Development Manager presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for the Administration Department.

Council Member Wilson left the Council Chamber at 6:25 p.m.

Council Member Forester asked about the cost elections for the Marijuana Initiatives and Council Member Noll asked the City Manager to clarify the Marijuana Initiatives.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by the Council Members.

Finance Director presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for the Finance/Administrative Services Department.

Council Member Wilson returned to the Council Chamber at 6:32 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked questions about the option of online express bill payment extended for business licensing and electronic AP for City vendors.

Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Carmen Brooks, Parks and Recreation Commissioner asked about online expressed bill payment options for multi-unit residents.

Finance Director addressed the question posed by Commissioner Brooks.

Mayor Woods encouraged Commissioners and residents to download the *Go Signal Hill* mobile app and use the express bill pay options.

Community Development Director presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments, and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for Community Development Department's four divisions.

Vice Mayor Hansen entered the Council Chamber at 6:40 p.m.

Council Member Forester asked about hydrogen gas stations and assessment of potential locations.

Community Development Director confirmed the Department will look into hydrogen gas stations.

Police Chief presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for the Police Department.

Council Member Noll asked about camera surveillance for the future Dog Park and recruitment plans of Police Department volunteers.

Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Council Member Noll and Economic Department Manager elaborated on the security surveillance plans for the future Dog Park.

Council Member Forester asked about the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked the Police Chief about budgeted salaries of the Police Department Community Outreach Program, when new officers would begin wearing body cameras, and Police Department long range technology and equipment needs.

Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

Mayor Woods complimented staff for actively seeking grants to support funding of Police Department programs and relieving the use of the General Fund.

Community Services Director thanked staff for assisting with the preparation of the Department's Budget Study, recognized Parks and Recreation Commissioners in attendance, and presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for the Community Services Department.

Council Member Noll asked for the status of the future Signal Hill View Park and its grant funding.

Community Services Director and City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Noll.

Council Member Forester asked about the tentative construction and opening schedule of the new Signal Hill Library.

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

Steve Strichart, Civil Service Commissioner asked about the possibility of saving and/or reusing the tower on the existing Library prior to demolition.

Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Commissioner Strichart.

Vice Chair Hansen asked about the use of the Community Garden plots by the Afterschool Recreation Program and asked for clarification on the Proposition A funded Recreation Transit, Reduced Fare Bus Subsidy, Fixed Fare Bus Subsidy Dial-A-Lift and Dial-A Taxi programs.

Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by Vice Chair Hansen.

Council Member Forester asked if any community services programs will be provided for the future Affordable Housing Project.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Public Works Director thanked the Deputy Public Works Director and the Public Works Management Analyst for assisting with the preparation of the Department's Budget Study, and presented the FY 2015-2016 accomplishments and FY 2016-2018 goals and objectives for the five divisions of the Public Works Department.

City Council asked questions about City's watering restrictions, options to report water restriction violators, and proposed decision package regarding watering City trees.

City Manager, Public Works Director, and Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Woods asked staff to look into alternative options to watering City trees.

City Manager commented about City's focus on the importance of fleet replacement.

Council Members asked questions about rehabilitation and maintenance plans of Hill Top Park and City streets.

Public Works Director advised the Capital Improvements presentation will address the questions posed by Council Members.

Vice Mayor Hansen suggested a brief Budget Study Workshop intermission while staff resolve a technical issue with the PowerPoint projector at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Woods recessed the Budget Workshop at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Woods reconvened the Budget Workshop at 7:47 p.m.

Public Works Director presented a Capital Improvement projects overview and played a Well No. 9 Advance Water Treatment Plant's time lapsed construction progress video.

City Council asked questions and discussed various Capital Improvement street paving projects.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Tom Benson, Planning Commissioner came forward and suggested using software to track Capital Improvement projects.

Deputy Public Works Director reported on State regulations regarding City street signage compliance.

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification on State regulations regarding street signage.

City Manager announced staff will conduct further research and report back to Council on State regulations.

Mayor Woods asked about View Park project Phase 2 grant funding and land acquisition.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Council Members asked questions about stormwater diversion and infiltration projects, storm water treatment systems, building projects, City Hall exterior renovations, and Bixby Ridge Trail.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

Steve Strichart, Civil Service Commissioner, came forward and commented about extra porous asphalt material for water infiltration.

City Council complimented staff on the amount of work accomplished for the betterment of the City.

City Council discussed the decision packages presented by staff, asked staff to make clarifications on the priority ranking of the decision; provided suggestions on Council Chamber improvements and the addition of a dog run for Concerts in the Park; and asked about rankings of the Tree Master Plan and 2100 Temple Lot.

City Manager clarified for City Council the rankings of the decision package and recorded additional suggestions.

Council Members asked questions and discussed total Budget balances for FY 2016 -2017 and FY 2017-2018, estimated Budget General Fund balance, Oil Barrel Tax contribution to revenue, and reserve balances.

Finance Director addressed each question posed by Council Members and announced the final Budget will be prepared with updates or changes for adoption at the City Council meeting on June 28, 2016.

City Council complimented staff for putting together the Budget Study Workshop and audience members who were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council 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 8:43 p.m.

Lori Y. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk