



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
December 13, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 13, 2016.

**CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

**CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 P.M.**

Vice Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced she will be leaving tonight's City Council Meeting at 9:00 p.m. for personal reasons and commented Mayor Woods may choose to move agenda items to accommodate her early departure.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session item. Item was discussed and no reportable action was taken.

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

Louise Cunningham, Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commissioner and resident came forward to announce the upcoming Community Needs Assessment and encouraged residents to participate.

Lisa Gary, Representative of the Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates Homeowners Association (HOA) came forward and asked for the City's support regarding the security of the private trail system surrounding the residential community.

Burton Goldstein, resident of Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates came forward and commented about recent crimes within the residential community and requested the City's support to address the issue.

Jane Scott, resident of Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates came forward and recounted her personal experience and knowledge of crimes within the residential community.

Pat Bledsoe, resident of Signal Hill came forward and commented on recent crimes near 21st Street and complimented the Signal Hill Police Department's timely response to the crime scenes.

Beth Paul, resident of Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates came forward and complimented Lieutenant Leyn of the Signal Hill Police Department for his assistance in launching the Neighborhood Watch Program and asked for City Council's help to work with the HOA to resolve crime issues.

Vice Mayor Hansen suggested that staff and Council agendize the security issues of Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates for a future City Council meeting.

Staff confirmed this item will be agendized for a City Council meeting in January 2017.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Mayor Woods introduced Alison Dobay, new Community Services Manager with the Community Services Department.
- b. Mayor Woods and Police Chief Langston introduced Raul Ramirez, who was recently promoted to the Senior Police Officer assignment.

Officer Ramirez thanked the City for the opportunity and looks forward to serving the City for many more years.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Woods and Members of the City Council thanked Connie Sziebel, Field Deputy to former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe for her years of service.

Ms. Sziebel commented on her years of service as Field Deputy to the former Los Angeles County Supervisor.

City Council Members each commented on their working experience and friendship with Ms. Sziebel.

- c. Mayor Woods presented a proclamation to Calvary Chapel of Signal Hill in recognition of their 10th Anniversary.

Pastor James Kaddis expressed appreciation for the proclamation and praised the Signal Hill Police Department.

- b. Mayor Woods presented a proclamation to retiring Police Chief, Michael Langston.

Retiring Police Chief Langston thanked the City Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the City and reiterated the Police Department's commitment to serving the City's residents and neighborhoods.

City Council expressed Chief Langston will be missed and wished him the best in his retirement.

Vice Mayor Hansen left the Council Chamber at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Woods moved agenda items (d) and (e) to address later in the meeting.

## **ORDINANCES**

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-11-1493 Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Sections 2.32.090(D), 2.36.070(D) and 2.80.052(D) on Compensation for Members of Commissions

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

There were no questions for staff.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016- 11-1493 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Sections 2.32.090(D), 2.36.070(D) and 2.80.052(D) on Compensation for Members of Commissions.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2016-11-1493:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.32.090(D), 2.36.070(D) AND 2.80.052(D) ON COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

a. Public Hearing - Conditional Use Permit 16-03 to Operate an Automotive Collision and Repair Center as an Auto Center Accessory Use at 2750 Rose Avenue

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Vice Mayor Hansen returned to the Council Chamber at 7:55 p.m.

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

Council Member Forester asked about nearby auto repair centers.

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

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked about anticipated business of the Automotive Collision and Repair Center.

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

Mayor Woods invited anyone wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Woods invited the applicant to come forward and speak on this item.

Greg Gill, representative of the applicant, came forward to introduce himself and expressed he is available to address any questions.

Council Member Wilson asked Mr. Gill about the business of the Automotive Collision and Repair Center following the relocation.

Mr. Gill addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to 1) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-6203 approving Negative Declaration 11/04/16(1) relative to Conditional Use Permit 16-03 for an automotive collision and repair center as an Auto Center Accessory Use at 2750 Rose Avenue; and 2) Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2016-02-6204 approving Conditional Use Permit 16-03, a request to operate an Automotive Collision and Repair Center as an Auto Center Accessory Use at 2750 Rose Avenue in the GI, General Industrial, zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-12-6203:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 11/04/16(1) RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-03 FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION AND REPAIR CENTER AS AN AUTO CENTER ACCESSORY USE AT 2750 ROSE AVENUE

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2016-02-6204:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-03, A REQUEST TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION AND REPAIR CENTER AS AN AUTO CENTER ACCESSORY USE AT 2750 ROSE AVENUE IN THE GI, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, ZONING DISTRICT

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

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

#### **a. Study Session - The Courtyard Residential Development of 10 Condominiums**

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll recused themselves from the Council Chamber due to their personal residents' proximity to the residential development.

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:45 p.m.

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

Council Members asked questions and discussed about the proposed development, residents' objections, existing Zoning Ordinance and proposed amendments, building development on oil wells, and discussed options on how to proceed.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

City Attorney commented on building over oil wells.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

David Fukumoto, resident of 1903 Temple Street, Hillbrook Condominiums west of the development property, addressed Council about height variances and asked Council to stay with the current zoning regulations.

Eric Radcliff, resident of 1903 Temple Street addressed Council describing how the proposed height variances and setbacks would affect his residence.

Brad Hillgren, Principal of High Rhodes Property Group addressed Council Members with highlights and progress of working with residents on the development project since June 2016.

Council Members asked clarifying questions about installed story poles, proposed height variances and view impacts for each building of the development, and plan changes made.

Mr. Hillgren addressed the questions posed by Council Members.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked about available building pad heights of surrounding units.

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

City Attorney reminded Council about the time restraint and the required quorum pending Vice Mayor Hansen's intent of early departure from the meeting.

Mayor Woods asked for any additional public comments.

Alin Chitanu, resident of Temple View Apartments expressed his opposition to the development project.

Patrick Faecke, resident of Temple View Apartments addressed Council and inquired about change of building design options.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident asked about guest parking locations and the possibility of lowering building pads.

Mark Ferdi, Principal of High Rhodes Property Group addressed the questions posed by residents.

Mayor Woods asked Council Members if there were any additional questions of staff or of High Rhodes Property Group.

Council Members discussed options to proceed and expressed their position on the project.

City Attorney clarified for Council Members and staff the options to proceed and provided clarification and direction to staff.

Council Members directed staff to prepare a staff report for the City Council meeting of January 10, 2017, with appropriate documents to deny proposed changes to existing zoning rules.

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll returned to the Council Chamber at 9:12 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hansen expressed comments regarding the next agenda item, wished everyone a happy holidays, and left the Council Chamber at 9:13 p.m.

## **CHAIR WOODS RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

PRESENT: CHAIR WOODS  
MEMBER FORESTER  
MEMBER NOLL  
MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: VICE CHAIR HANSEN

### **b. Resolution Adopting a Manual of Procedural Guidelines for the Conduct of City Council and Constituent Body/Commission Meetings**

City Council/City Council as Successor Agency discussed with City Attorney/Agency Counsel options to proceed with the presentation of staff report, open up for Council clarifying questions and public comments, and postpone the motion to adopt the Resolution to a later meeting in order to allow Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Hansen to make additional comments.

City Attorney/Agency Counsel presented the abbreviated staff report.

Mayor Woods/Chair Woods asked for any public comments.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident asked City Council/Successor Agency Members to continue this agenda item to a later City Council Meeting so Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Hansen would be present.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident came forward and expressed her concurrence with Ms. Churchill's comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER NOLL to continue the agenda item to the next City Council Meeting on January 10, 2017.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR/CHAIR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**CHAIR WOODS RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

c. Appointment of Interim Police Captain

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Wilson asked about hour limitations of a retired annuitant.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to 1) Determine an interim assignment to the vacant position of Police Captain is a necessity for the secure ongoing operations of the Police Department and the position requires specialized skills; 2) Appoint Mr. Richard Rocchi to the limited-term appointment as Interim Police Captain to end no later than December 31, 2017, as in the best interest of the City and the Police Department; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Richard Rocchi as interim Police Captain.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

d. City Selection Committee - Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Member for the Southeast/Long Beach Sector

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Attorney announced that City of Bell Council Member Ali Saleh has withdrawn his interest in the MTA Board position.

Council Members each expressed their support of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia for the MTA Board position.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to provide Mayor Woods direction in support of Long Beach Mayor Garcia in serving as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Southeast/Long Beach Sector Board Member.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. Appointment of Trustee to Vector Control District Board

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Members discussed seeking community interest in filling the Trustee vacancy.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to direct staff to open a recruitment and seek community interest in filling the Trustee vacancy then prepare a report for the City Council to consider the appointment of a Trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Contract Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for Human Resources Consulting Services to Conduct a Compensation Study

Summary: The City Council will consider approving a Contract Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for a Compensation Study.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement for the City of Signal Hill Compensation Study, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, with Ralph Andersen & Associates, in the amount of \$23,900.

b. Contract Services Agreement with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc. for Street Light Audit And Reconciliation Services

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a contract with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc., to provide technical consulting services related to acquisition of Southern California Edison (SCE) street lights, auditing, and conversion planning.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide consulting services related to SCE street light purchase and conversion, in an amount not-to-exceed \$46,283.

c. Rejection of Bid - California Crown Wall and Fence Painting Project. No. 120

Summary: On October 11, 2016, the City received three bids for the California Crown Wall and Fence Painting Project, No. 120. Staff is recommending rejecting all three bids and re-advertising the project for new bids.

Recommendation: Reject all construction bids submitted for the California Crown Wall and Fence Painting Project, No. 120.

d. Approve Purchase of a Public Works Truck

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a new vehicle to replace an older Public Works truck. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle from National Auto Fleet Group under a National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2016 Chevrolet Colorado truck under National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

e. Approve Purchase of a Police Patrol Unit

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a new replacement Police Department patrol vehicle. Staff proposes to purchase this vehicle from Wondries Fleet Group under a Los Angeles County purchase order.

Recommendations: 1) Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase one new 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Wondries Fleet Group under Los Angeles County Purchase Order SH-16361257-1, at a cost of \$30,500; and 2) Approve the attached budget adjustment appropriating \$45,000 from Account No. 601-29-600 to Account No. 601-40-842.

f. 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.

g. Warrant Register Dated December 13, 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 December 13, 2016.

h. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of November 8, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson reiterated the need for the City to address the security and maintenance of City's trail system and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, and Happy New Year.

Council Member Forester asked for crime statistics in the Promontory West Bluff Skyline Estates and City's response to the crimes reported.

Council Member Noll wished everyone Happy Holidays, asked about garage sale permits, and updates on the Dog Park and View Park construction projects.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Noll regarding garage sale permits, City Manager provided an update on the Dog Park project, and Public Works Director provided the update on the View Park project

Council Member Forester reported on his attendance representing the local LGBT Caucus at the Strategic Planning Meeting of the League of California Cities and provided the summary of the five adopted goals at the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Crafter Day will take place on December 17, 2016, for ages 14 and up and Kids Paints Day on December 28, 2016 for children between the ages of 9 - 12 at the Signal Hill Library. Please contact the Library at (562) 989-7323 for more information.

Trash pick-up schedule will be amended for the holiday, there will be no trash pick-up for December 26, 2016, and January 2, 2017. Regularly scheduled trash pick-up for Wednesdays will be moved to Thursdays.

City's free annual Christmas Tree Collection Recycling Program will be on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, and Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Christmas trees free of ornamentation will be picked up by Signal Hill Waste and Recycling Services and flocked trees will not be accepted. For residents who live in multi- family complexes (condos or apartments), please call Signal Hill Waste and Recycling in advance at (562) 597-0608 to set up a special collection of your tree.

Street sweeping schedules will not be affected by the holidays.

National Association of Town Watch selected the Signal Hill Police Department as an award recipient of Outstanding Participation for the 33rd Annual National Night Out.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

d. Mayor Lori Woods introduced weeks seventeen and eighteen 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. Each City Council meeting will focus on items to add to your emergency supply kit and after 21 meetings your kit will be complete.

Community Services Director presented the week's shopping list for the 21 Weeks to Prepare program and announced Community Services Department has assembled emergency kits available for purchase by contacting (562) 989- 7330.

Council Member Forester asked for the follow up on bulk purchase of weather radios.

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

e. City Manager made a presentation on Shop Signal Hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of former Police Sergeant Russ Putnam to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755. There will be no regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council on Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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Lori Y. Woods  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk