



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

January 10, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 10, 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER - 7:02 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**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**

Tom Benson, Signal Hill Rotary Club representative thanked the City for assisting with the backpack program for local schools in 2016 and announced the 2017 program and meetings will begin soon.

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill Police Foundation representative, announced the Community Celebration and Police Awards Ceremony is on January 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m. and additional information is available at [www.shpolicefoundation.org](http://www.shpolicefoundation.org) or contact Kristi Morgan at (562) 989-7205.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commercial and multi-family complexes that are not segregating recyclables can save money by requesting a recycle bin and begin segregated pick-up of recyclable materials. Contact EDCO Disposal for a custom recycling collection plan and cost-benefit analysis at [www.edcodisposal.com](http://www.edcodisposal.com), or by calling (562) 597-

0608.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Mayor Woods introduced and the City Clerk swore in new Police Chief Christopher Nunley.

Chief Nunley thanked City Council for the opportunity, City Manager and former Police Chief for their recommendations, family, friends and colleagues for their support; and looks forward to serving the community and leading the Police Department staff.

Vice Mayor Hansen introduced former Signal Hill Police Chief, David Singer, in attendance at the meeting.

Each Council Member expressed their support for the newly sworn in Police Chief.

- b. Mayor Woods introduced Scott Williams, new Deputy Finance Director/Administrative Services Officer with the Finance Department.

Finance Director commented on Mr. Williams joining the Finance Department.

Mr. Williams thanked the City for the opportunity.

- c. Mayor Woods introduced Tito Leulusoo and Arvin Pacheco, new Maintenance Workers with the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director welcomed new staff members; and provided information on Public Works projects staff will be working on.

Council Member Forester, as a board member of the Long Beach Conservation Corp commented on having a graduate of the Corp join the City.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Woods presented a Sustainability Award in the category of Water Efficient Landscapes to Joy Spacht, property owner of 3347-49 Lemon Avenue.

Mrs. Spacht thanked the City for the recognition and the award.

- b. Mayor Woods introduced week nineteen in a series focusing on the Red Cross program 21 Weeks to Prepare. The series is aimed at assisting individuals and families in preparing 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.

Mayor Woods commented on the emergency weather radio she purchased for

her family.

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 and will follow up with information on bulk purchasing of weather radios. For more information, please contact (562) 989-7330.

Council Member Forester reminded everyone to review the expiration dates of their emergency kits.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Public Hearing – A Resolution Denying Zoning Ordinance Amendment 16-03 Without Prejudice for a New Specific Plan for the Courtyard Residential Development of 10 Condominiums

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

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:27 p.m.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

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

Council Member Wilson asked for clarification about denying the Ordinance Amendment without prejudice.

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

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

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

Brad Hillgren, Principal of High Rhodes Property Group, addressed Council Members with potential plan changes and proposed pursuing the option of continuance rather than denial without prejudice of the ordinance amendment.

Damian Booker, resident of Hillbrook Condominiums, came forward and thanked the City Council and staff for listening to the surrounding residents of the project

and taking appropriate actions.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked questions about denial of ordinance amendment without prejudice, and options to proceed with the project and the review process.

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

Council Members expressed their appreciation for High Rhodes Property Group's willingness to make plan changes, and discussed with staff the process to proceed with denial of ordinance amendment without prejudice.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-01-6205 denying Zoning Ordinance Amendment 16-03 without prejudice, a request to amend the Official Zoning Map by changing the designation of an approximate 0.6-acre site at 1933 Temple Avenue from RH, Residential High Density to SP-21, Courtyard Residential Specific Plan and adding Chapter 20.28, SP-21, Courtyard Residential Specific Plan to the Signal Hill Municipal Code

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-01-6205:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DENYING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 16-03 WITHOUT PREJUDICE, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF AN APPROXIMATE 0.6-ACRE SITE AT 1933 TEMPLE AVENUE FROM RH, RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY TO SP-21, COURTYARD RESIDENTIAL SPECIFIC PLAN AND ADDING CHAPTER 20.28, SP-21, COURTYARD RESIDENTIAL SPECIFIC PLAN TO THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR WOODS  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

RECUSED:      COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

City Attorney commented for the record City Council's intent to expedite the process but to proceed the project holding community meetings and submitting plans for Planning Commission's review.

Council Member Forester and Council Member Noll returned to the Council Chamber at 7:48 p.m.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **a. Neighborhood Security Working Group**

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.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and suggested the Neighborhood Security Working Group include other HOAs following up of a public report.

Mayor Woods requested staff include other HOA representatives of surrounding trail systems to join the Neighborhood Security Working Group and the Council Members concurred.

City Manager confirmed staff will proceed with the recommendation.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to proceed with the Neighborhood Security Working Group with the proposed members as suggested and include other HOA representatives of surrounding trail systems to join the Neighborhood Security Working Group.

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. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Event

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

Community Development Director played a video by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) on the Los Angeles Homeless Count Event.

Mayor Woods encouraged volunteers to participate in the event on January 25, 2017, 7:30 – 10:00 p.m., announced that training will be provided, and for volunteers to visit the City website and contact Community Development Department at (562) 989-7340 or email [tsao@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:tsao@cityofsignalhill.org) for more information.

Council Member Forester asked about possible new homeless encampment locations for the homeless count.

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

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, announced she will be volunteering.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to receive and file the staff report.

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

c. Community Recreation Needs Assessment Update

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

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

Vice Mayor Hansen asked about sending Nixle alerts to announce the survey to the residents, and Mayor Woods asked about residents initiating survey comments.

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

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file the staff report.

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

d. Contract Services Agreement with CR&R Incorporated for Street Sweeping Services

City Manager introduced the Deputy Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

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

Council Member Forester, Mayor Woods, and Council Member Wilson asked questions of staff.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Forester, Mayor Woods, and Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked for any public comments.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident, asked if CR&R will comply with current street sweeping schedules.

Deputy Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Mr. Benson.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement for Street Sweeping services with CR&R Incorporated, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a three-year term, with an annual contract amount of \$121,296.

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 Declaring Final Acceptance of the Reservoir Park Playground and Surface Replacement Project, No. 114

Summary: Landscape Structures, Inc. has completed the Reservoir Park Playground Equipment and Surface Replacement Project, No. 114, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Landscape Structures, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-01-6206 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Reservoir Park Playground Equipment and Surface Replacement Project, No. 114, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Landscape Structures, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill.

- b. Warrant Register Dated January 10, 2017

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 January 10, 2017.

- c. 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.

d. Schedule of Investments

Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of December 13, 2016.

Recommendation: Approve.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested pulling Consent Calendar item (b).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYER HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar items (a), (c), and (d).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Warrant Register Dated January 10, 2017

Ms. Harris asked about three items on the Warrant Register.

City Manager, Community Services Director, and Public Works Director provided explanations to the items on the Warrant Register.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar item (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 AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson announced the new IRS 2017 tax provision related to Earned Income Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit as a result of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015, wished everyone a happy new year, and announced his upcoming participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade.

Council Member Noll wished everyone a happy new year.

Council Member Forester urged residents to read election materials from the candidates and review their qualifications for the upcoming Signal Hill Municipal Election on March 7, 2017.

Vice Mayor Hansen asked Public Works Director for an update on the recent rain storms and any effects on City storm drains and trees.

Public Works Director came forward and provided the requested update.

Council Members asked for updates on the Los Cerritos Channel water diversion project and the trail system on Burnett Street.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Woods asked if any City construction projects have been affected by the recent rain storms and if any necessary street maintenance and repairs were needed as a result of the rain storms.

City Manager and Deputy Public Works Director addressed the questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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 8:25 p.m.

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Lori Y. Woods  
Mayor

Attest:

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Robert D. Copeland  
City Clerk