



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

August 22, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 22, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association and Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 2525 and 2535 Green House Place.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items (c) and (d) were discussed and no reportable action was taken. City Council will recess to closed session again at the end of the meeting to discuss items (a) and (b).

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

Terry Rogers, Signal Hill Historical Society representative, announced the annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Applebee's, 899 E. Spring Street. For more information or to purchase tickets, please email shhistory@icloud.com.

David Hopper, Signal Hill resident, submitted a letter to the Council regarding traffic and pedestrian crossing at the Hilltop Park area and commented on security presence at the parks (attached to original minutes and available in the City Clerk's Office).

Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill resident and representative of Friends of the Signal Hill Library, commented on pedestrian crossing and stop signs at the Hilltop Park area; and commented on the Friends of the Signal Hill Library and recognizing their efforts.

Mayor Wilson commented on recognizing the sponsors for City events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date for The Rock Club – Music is the Remedy Casino Night fundraiser on Friday, October 13 at Scottish Rite Event Center.

Free collection events for e-waste, household hazardous waste and used tires on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at EDCO Recycling and Transfer Collection Center, 2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill. Used tires and e-waste can be recycled at two additional locations: Conservation Corps of Long Beach, 340 Nieto Avenue, Long Beach and CCLB Environmental Education Center, 3251 E. 19th Street, Signal Hill. Visit www.longbeach-recycles.org or call (562) 570-2876 for additional information.

Long Beach Community Job Fair 2017 on Tuesday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Veteran's Stadium, 4901 E. Conant Street, Long Beach. Parking is free. For more information call (562) 938-3200.

The Los Angeles County Superior Court is currently seeking qualified citizens who are interested in applying for the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, and are willing to volunteer 30-40 hours or 4-5 days per week. You will earn \$60 for each full day of service. The term of service is one year, from July 1 to June 30. Recruitment for the 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury is now open. Deadline to submit an application is November 3. For additional information, contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305.

The Community Services Department is accepting applications for the food distribution program which provides fresh groceries to low income Signal Hill residents 55 years of age and older free of charge. Income verification and an application must be submitted to the Community Services Department. For more information call (562) 989-7330.

The City's subsidized transportation program is now accepting resident applicants that are 18 years and older and can provide proof of disability or over the age of 62. Programs allow a reduced monthly bus pass for Long Beach Transit and Dial-a-Taxi vouchers. Income verification along with an application must be submitted to the Community Services Department. For more information call (562) 989-7330.

Supervisor Janice Hahn's first State of the County address will be held on Wednesday, October 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center, Berth 93.

INTRODUCTION

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Brittany Batiste, new Recreation Coordinator with the Community Services Department.

Ms. Batiste shared her excitement and thanked the City for the opportunity.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mayor Wilson commented on the recent protest in Charlottesville, Virginia.

- a. SB 415 Update Regarding State Mandated Change to General Municipal Election Date

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Attorney commented on the cost of a Charter election and submitting costs to the State for reimbursement.

City Council asked questions regarding Charter election and Charter amendment to change the General Municipal Election date.

City Attorney addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding the potential election schedule.

Mayor Wilson and City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

Council Member Copeland asked for clarification regarding reimbursement from the State.

City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Copeland.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, spoke in favor of actions that would increase voter participation.

City Council commented on the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating with a statewide election.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to direct staff to prepare a Signal Hill Voter Participation Encouragement Plan.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CHAIR WILSON CALLED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER

PRESENT: CHAIR WILSON
VICE CHAIR HANSEN
MEMBER COPELAND
MEMBER FORESTER
MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

b. Resolution – Formation of Signal Hill Municipal Financing Authority

City Manager/Executive Director presented the staff report.

Mayor/Chair Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, asked questions regarding Signal Hill Municipal Financing Authority, and Library financing.

City Council/Housing Authority and City Attorney/Authority Counsel addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor/Chair Wilson and City Attorney/Authority Counsel commented on the formation of the Signal Hill Municipal Financing Authority.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-08-6226 authorizing the execution of a joint exercise of powers agreement with the Signal Hill Housing Authority, establishing the Signal Hill Municipal Financing Authority.

City Attorney/Authority Counsel read the title of Resolution No. 2017-08-6226:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SIGNAL HILL HOUSING AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHING THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL FINANCING AUTHORITY

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR/CHAIR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-08-18 authorizing the execution of a joint exercise of powers agreement with the City of Signal Hill, establishing the Signal Hill Municipal Financing Authority.

City Attorney/Authority Counsel read the title of Resolution No. 2017-08-18:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL HILL HOUSING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, ESTABLISHING THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL FINANCING AUTHORITY

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR/CHAIR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CHAIR WILSON RECESSED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

c. Agreement for the Construction and Operation of Water System Interconnection with the City of Lakewood

City Manager stated item (c) has been pulled from the agenda. It will be agendized for a future City Council Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. 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.

b. Warrant Register Dated August 22, 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 August 22, 2017.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of August 8, 2017.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Woods announced the Signal Hill Rotary Annual Backpack Program and asked for volunteers to help assemble school supply bags for students at the Signal Hill Police Department, August 23 to 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Forester announced his involvement in the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, October 21, 2017. For more information, please call him at (562) 900-4629.

Council Member Forester commented on a tragic event that happened to a Conservation Corps of Long Beach's participant and asked the public for prayers and thoughts.

Mayor Wilson commented on the solar eclipse.

City Council thanked Community Services Department, Signal Hill Community Foundation, Friends of the Signal Hill Library, Public Works Department, volunteers, and the sound crew for an outstanding six weeks of Concerts in the Park.

Mayor Wilson and Police Chief commented on the success of the Voice competition.

Community Services Director announced that sponsors and volunteers for the Concerts in the Park will be invited and recognized at the September 26 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Wilson commented on a Men's Retreat he attended with the Antioch Church of Long Beach and thanked Pastor Wayne Chaney.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:54 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Item (a) was discussed and no reportable action was taken. Item (b) was discussed and directions were given for further negotiation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 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 WILSON
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Keir Jones
City Clerk