



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
November 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 28, 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:06 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilson commented on an incident that was reported in the *Signal Tribune* and *Press Telegram* newspapers and apologized for any embarrassment to the City that the recently reported incident may have caused.

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

Connie Turner, Southern California Edison Public Affairs Manager, introduced her replacement, Adeline Yoong, as the representative for City of Signal Hill.

Rebecca Hinder, Long Beach resident, spoke in support of Mayor Wilson regarding the recently reported incident.

Gary Dudley, Signal Hill resident, commented on the recently reported incident and asked Mayor Wilson to resign.

Lynn Hutchinson, Signal Hill resident, commented on the recently reported incident and asked Mayor Wilson to resign.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 29 at Discovery Well Park. Santa & cookies starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (562) 989-7330.

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Long Beach.

Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. For more information, call (562) 989-7330.

Daisy Lane Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Long Beach.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Mr. Williams commented on his first year of service with the City and stated that he is thankful to be a part of the City's team.

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-01 and Ordinance Amendment 17-02, Prohibiting All Commercial Marijuana Activities in the City, Prohibiting Outdoor Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Use, and Establishing Reasonable Regulations for the Indoor Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Use

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

There was no public comment.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding language in the ordinances that prohibits personal growth of marijuana.

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

Council Member Woods, Council Member Forester, and Council Member Copeland commented on a few key provisions of the ordinances for public information.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-11-1497 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-01, prohibiting all commercial marijuana activities in the City, prohibiting outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use, and establishing reasonable regulations for the indoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use; and waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-11-1498 prohibiting all commercial marijuana activities in the City, prohibiting outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use, and establishing reasonable regulations for the indoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2017-11-1497:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-01, PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE, AND ESTABLISHING REASONABLE REGULATIONS FOR THE INDOOR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2017-11-1498:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE, AND ESTABLISHING REASONABLE REGULATIONS FOR THE INDOOR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE

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

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Resolution Adopting the City of Signal Hill Voter Participation Encouragement Plan

City Manager introduced City Clerk who presented the staff report.

City Attorney provided an additional option to the charter amendment for City Council consideration.

City Council asked questions regarding the option provided by City Attorney.

City Attorney addressed the questions posed by City Council.

City Council and City Attorney discussed the different options of election consolidation and charter amendment.

Mayor Wilson read a letter from the City of Arcadia regarding local control for charter cities.

Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Hansen commented on local control and SB 415.

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

There was no public comment.

City Manager, City Council, and City Attorney discussed the Voter Participation Encouragement Plan.

Vice Mayor Hansen clarified the suggestion made by the City Attorney to amend the resolution to include the City's intent to follow State law and provide Signal Hill residents a chance to vote on election consolidation dates.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2017-11-6244 adopting the City of Signal Hill Voter Participation Encouragement Plan as amended by the City Attorney.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2017-11-6244:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,  
CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE CITY OF 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

b. Commemorative Brick and Sponsorship Program for Signal Hill Dog Park

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

City Council asked questions regarding the Commemorative Brick Program.

Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Vice Mayor Hansen and Council Member Woods asked about the language "At the Bridge."

Vice Mayor Hansen requested changing the message from "At the Bridge" to "At the Rainbow Bridge."

Community Services Director took note of the request.

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

Steve Strichart, Signal Hill resident, commented on Commemorative Brick Program.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve the proposed Commemorative Brick and Sponsorship Program and direct staff to work with the Signal Hill Community Foundation to finalize the Program.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

c. Contract Services Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 Landscape Maintenance Services

Mayor Wilson recused himself from the Council Chamber at 7:53 p.m. as he resides in Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No.1 (LLMD).

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

Vice Mayor Hansen invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with BrightView for landscape maintenance services for LLMD, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a three-year term, with a contract amount of \$42,104.16 annually. The LLMD budget includes a line item for unforeseen issues.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      MAYOR WILSON

Mayor Wilson returned to the Council Chamber at 7:56 p.m.

## **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 November 28, 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 November 28, 2017.

### **c. Minutes of the Following Meeting**

Special Meeting of November 8, 2017.

Recommendation: Approve.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested pulling Consent Calendar item (c).

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve Consent Calendar items (a) and (b).

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

### **c. Special Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2017**

Vice Mayor Hansen noted that she was not present at the November 8 Special Meeting.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve Consent Calendar item (c).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

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

Council Member Woods wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Forester announced that he will be attending the League of California Cities meeting on November 29, 2017 in Santa Cruz and the Victory Institute International LGBTQ Leaders Conference from December 6 to 9, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Council Member Forester commented on the recently reported incident related to Mayor Wilson and requested to agendize City Council reorganization for the December 12, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Council Member Copeland reminded everyone that the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is on Wednesday, November 29 at Discovery Well Park.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested to agendize the Manual of Procedural Guidelines for the December 12, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Wilson read a letter from author, Tom Fagan, who sent in a copy of his book, Hill of the Muses.

Vice Mayor Hansen reported on issues near the Junipero Avenue trailhead and requested staff to reach out to the homeowner's association who owns the land.

City Manager provided a status update regarding the trailhead issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER 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, December 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 8:04 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Keir Jones  
City Clerk