



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
January 23, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 23, 2018.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:08 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.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

A Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Signal Hill Public Library will be held on Wednesday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1770 E. Hill Street.

2018 City of Signal Hill Homeless Count event on Wednesday, January 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Volunteers will participate in a driving survey to count and document homeless persons or makeshift shelters in the City. Special

thanks to the volunteers, Planning Commission, Police Department, Community Development Department, and Pastor Johnson with the American University of Health Sciences.

Friends of the Signal Hill Library – Children’s Book Fair & Sale on Thursday, February 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 or visit fosl.org for more information.

Bookmark Design Contest for the Library’s Summer Reading Program is open from January 22 to February 12. Entry forms and rules are available at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library to register.

Family Movie Day (The Princess and the Frog) & Chef Ollie Demo on Friday, February 23 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Pre-register by calling (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Matthew Swantek, new Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Department.

Mr. Swantek thanked City Council and looks forward to serving the community.

## **PRESENTATION**

- a. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Dr. Felicia Anderson, school principal, in recognition of the opening of Richard D. Browning High School.

Dr. Anderson expressed her appreciation for the recognition of the opening of the school.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. For the City Dog Park, General Plan Amendment 17-01, Amending the Generalized Land Use Map, and Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-02, Amending the Official Zoning Map, the Open Space and Public Institutional Use Classifications, and the Public Institutional Building Height Limit

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Senior Planner who presented the staff report.

Council Member Copeland asked questions regarding the amendments and the Open Space zoning district.

Senior Planner, City Attorney, and Community Development Director addressed

the questions posed by Council Member Copeland.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposition to the amendments for the Dog Park.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-01-1499 adopting Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-02 amending the Official Zoning Map to change a 1.5-acre parcel at 3100 California Avenue from "Auto Center Specific Plan (SP-4)" to "Open Space (OS)" and "Public Institutional (PI)," and adding Public Dog Park as a permitted use within the Open Space zoning district and outdoor advertising structure as a conditionally permitted use and amending the height limit within the Public Institutional zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2018-01-1499:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-02 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE A 1.5-ACRE PARCEL AT 3100 CALIFORNIA AVENUE FROM "AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-4)" TO "OPEN SPACE (OS)" AND "PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL (PI)," AND ADDING PUBLIC DOG PARK AS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN THE OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICT AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURE AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE AND AMENDING THE HEIGHT LIMIT WITHIN THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-01-6250 approving General Plan Amendment 17-01 amending the General Plan Land Use Element Generalized Land Use Map by reclassifying an approximate 1.5-acre parcel at 3100 California Avenue from "3.2, Commercial General" to "Open Space (OS)" and "Public Institutional (PI)".

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2018-01-6250:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 17-01 AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT GENERALIZED LAND USE MAP BY RECLASSIFYING AN APPROXIMATE 1.5-ACRE PARCEL AT 3100 CALIFORNIA AVENUE FROM "3.2, COMMERCIAL GENERAL" TO "OPEN SPACE (OS)" AND "PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL (PI)"

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2018-01-6251 adopting Negative Declaration 11/22/17(1), relative to General Plan Amendment 17-01 and Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-02 associated with construction of a City Dog Park.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2018-01-6251:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 11/22/17(1), RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 17-01 AND ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-02 ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY DOG PARK

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. Introduce Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-03 Correcting a Clerical Error in Title 20 of Municipal Code Section 20.20.020 Chart of Permitted Uses to Accurately Reflect that Emergency Shelters are Allowed in the Commercial General (CG) Rather than the Commercial Residential (CR) Zoning District

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Senior Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited members of the public to come forward and speak in favor of or opposition to the zoning ordinance amendment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-01-1500 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-03, correcting a clerical error in Title 20 of Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 20.20.020 Chart of Permitted Uses to accurately reflect that emergency shelters are allowed in the Commercial General (CG) rather than the Commercial Residential (CR) zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2018-01-1500:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-03, CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR IN TITLE 20 OF SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 20.20.020 CHART OF PERMITTED USES TO

ACCURATELY REFLECT THAT EMERGENCY SHELTERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) RATHER THAN THE COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL (CR) ZONING DISTRICT

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. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Reserve Appropriations from Fiscal Year 2016-17 to Fiscal Year 2017-18

City Manager provided an overview and introduced Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked a question regarding the reserve funds.

Finance Director addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

Council Member Woods asked a question regarding the Economic Development fund balance.

Finance Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Council Member Copeland commended Finance Director and Accounting Manager for the budget savings.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding employees' contribution to CalPERS.

Finance Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and approve the proposed appropriations from Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 to FY 2017-18 reserve balances.

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 commented on the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

b. Scheduling of Budget Workshop

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed viable dates and selected Thursday, May 31, 2018 for the annual budget workshop.

Council Member Woods invited the public to attend the annual budget workshop and encouraged all Commissioners to attend as well.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Purchase and Warranty for Updated Taser Equipment

Summary: The Police Department is seeking approval to enter into a purchase agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for the replacement of existing Taser devices and a five-year extended warranty.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to execute the purchase agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for the purchase of 40 replacement Taser devices and a five-year warranty in an amount not to exceed \$54,021.60 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. Consideration and Approval of a Statement of Compliance with Prevailing Wage Laws for Grant Agreement Involving Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority for Construction of John Anson Ford Filtration Cistern, Phase 1

Summary: Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (GWMA) is a joint powers authority (JPA) of which Signal Hill is a member. The GWMA is entering a grant agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to receive \$9,904,842 in grants to construct the John Anson Ford Filtration Cistern, Phase 1, in Bell Gardens. The grant requires that charter city members of the GWMA comply with certain prevailing wage laws and provide notice if they cease compliance with these prevailing wage laws. Signal Hill is already in compliance, but GWMA seeks a written Statement of Compliance.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to sign the Statement of Compliance.

c. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Trahern Jenkins for damages resulting from injury at the Signal Hill Youth Center.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Trahern Jenkins.

d. 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.

e. Warrant Register Dated January 23, 2018

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 23, 2018.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018.

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 Forester reported that he will be accepting the Political Icon Award at the LGBTQ Center Black & White Ball on February 10 and applauded Signal Hill Petroleum and Kluger Architect for sponsoring the event.

Council Member Forester reported that he will be absent at the February 13 City Council meeting.

Mayor Wilson reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee meeting on January 18 in Sacramento.

Council Member Woods asked to agendize an update on metro transportation construction at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Council Member Forester asked a question regarding the State budget.

Mayor Wilson addressed the question posed by Council Member Forester.

### **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, February 13, 2018, 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 8:08 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Keir Jones  
City Clerk