



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 1, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association and the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Nicholas C. Payiatis, regarding real property located at 1917 E. 21st Street.

RECONVENE – 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given, directions were given for further negotiations and no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Phil Martin, Signal Hill resident discussed his frustration with the City of Long Beach Gas Department.

Matt Simmons, Signal Hill resident reminded residents to vote on March 1st and discussed the Signal Hill Water Department.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Deputy City Manager gave an update of the new Police Station and Emergency Operations Center project.

Council asked questions and thanked Deputy City Manager.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the cost of equipment for the new Police Station.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of FY 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Services Director and Micheal Neal, Block Grant Consultant who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Wilson asked for anyone speaking in favor of or opposed to the Resolution to please come forward.

There being none Mayor Wilson closed the Public Hearing 7:40 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-02-5866 approving the City's FY 2011-2012 application for housing and community development funds, designating use of available unallocated funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-02-5866:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S FY 2011-2012 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG Allocation for fiscal year 2011-2012 funds of \$120,918, with 15% or \$18,137 for Public Service Projects, 10% or \$12,091 for General Administrative, \$26,792 for additional funding to the 25th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project, \$26,792 for additional funding to the ADA Improvements at Orange Avenue and Willow Street, and the remaining \$50,000 to fund ADA Improvements in Census Tract 5734.01 BG 1 and Census Tract 5734.02 BG 3.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Joint Public Hearing – Adoption of a Resolution Making the 33445.1 and 33679 Findings That the Signal Hill Public Library is of Benefit to the Signal Hill Redevelopment Project Area

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Ward left Council Chamber at 7:51 p.m.

Council Member Ward returned to Council Chamber at 7:54 p.m.

Chair Hansen called the Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Wilson asked anyone in favor of or opposed to the Resolution to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked questions regarding the project and spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Chair Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-02-5867 making findings relating to the funding of a public improvement pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445.1, in connection with the construction of a public library and related community park improvements.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-02-5867:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445.1, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RELATED COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by MEMBER WILSON and seconded by MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-02-453 making findings of a public improvement pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445.1, in connection with the construction of a public library and related community park improvements.

Agency Counsel read the title of Resolution No. 2011-02-453:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445.1, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RELATED COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR HANSEN
 VICE CHAIR NOLL
 MEMBER FORESTER
 MEMBER WARD
 MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Hansen recessed the Redevelopment Agency at 8:19 p.m.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 8:19 p.m.

Council Member Noll returned to Council Chamber at 8:20 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Proposal by State of California to Shut Down Local Redevelopment Agencies

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-02-5868 in opposition to the administration's proposal to abolish redevelopment agencies in California.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-02-5868:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Wilson left Council Chamber at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Wilson returned to Council Chamber at 8:26 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Warrant Register Dated February 1, 2011

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 February 1, 2011.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Special Meeting of January 17, 2011.
Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Noll requests pulling item (b).

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve Consent Calendar item (a).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the closing of Burroughs Elementary School.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Revenue Taxation Committee.

Council Member Noll spoke about the economic climate and the budget cuts the City has made over the past two years.

Council Member Noll announced an excellent article in the Wall Street Journal regarding these economic times.

Council Member Hansen discussed her concerns regarding the Long Beach Gas Company.

Council Member Hansen announced a new librarian begins tomorrow for the Signal Hill Library.

Council Member Ward asked staff to determine the cost for residents if Signal Hill did not have their own water department.

Council Member Ward announced she will be on vacation for the next council meeting and expressed her thanks to Vice Mayor Forester and Council Member Hansen for running for re-election and for their experience and leadership.

Vice Mayor Forester asked the Community Services Director to discuss the work being done at Reservoir Park.

Community Services Director announced the sustainable garden and four exercise stations that will enhance Reservoir Park.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the City Manager for his attendance at the recent Southern California Association of Governments meeting.

Mayor Wilson asked the City Manager about the water fund and confirmed it is self sustained.

Mayor Wilson thanked staff for an excellent job on the budget.

Mayor Wilson announced City Council meetings are broadcast on cable television. Charter Communications, Channel 3 and Verizon FiOS Channel 38.

Mayor Wilson announced tonight's meeting would be adjourned in memory of Steven Marquez, long time resident of Signal Hill and brother of Signal Hill employee Debbie Mestaz and George Hurte, long time Signal Hill resident and former administrator of the Southern California Military Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 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 FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk