



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
May 28, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 28, 2019.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS  
VICE MAYOR COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *Terri Marsh v. City of Signal Hill* Case No. BC663505, Los Angeles County Superior Court.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at Assessor's Parcel Numbers 7212-008-913 and 7212-008-914.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.**

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:33 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:03 P.M.**

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported that closed session item (a) has been dismissed by the court and item (b) was discussed, status report given and no reportable action taken.

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

There was no new public business from the floor.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

Enter #NameTheDino contest by sending your name suggestions to [namethedino@gmail.com](mailto:namethedino@gmail.com) before June 30.

The Voice of Signal Hill auditions on June 3 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, June 4 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wilson High School, Room 458, and June 6 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Stanford Middle School, Room 601. Send video auditions to [voiceofsignalhill@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofsignalhill@gmail.com) by June 10.

Community Meeting regarding Cannabis Regulations on Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the Council Chamber.

Signal Hill Public Library Grand Opening on Saturday, August 10. More details to follow on the City website.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Woods added a presentation to present a Proclamation of Recognition to Denise Sparkle Peterson, outgoing Principal of Jessie Elwin Nelson Academy (Nelson Academy).

Mayor Woods, Council Member Wilson, and Vice Mayor Hansen commented on Ms. Peterson's achievements and retirement.

Ms. Peterson commented on Nelson Academy; and thanked and recognized City Council, City staff, and Nelson Academy staff.

a. Sr. Building Inspector John Hartley and Administrative Assistant Phyllis Thorne provided a presentation recognizing May as National Building Safety Month.

Mayor Woods and Vice Mayor Hansen commented on National Building Safety Month.

## **ORDINANCE**

a. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Signal Hill Charter to Change the Date of the Signal Hill General Municipal Election and Review of Commission Appointment Process

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council, City Manager, and City Attorney discussed the commission terms and appointment process and City Council reorganization.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR COPELAND to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2019-05-1505 amending the Charter of the City of Signal Hill to change the City's General Municipal Election date to the Statewide General Election date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years and reducing one-time Councilmember terms by four months.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-05-1505:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL TO CHANGE THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE TO THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DATE OF THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND REDUCING ONE-TIME COUNCILMEMBER TERMS BY FOUR MONTHS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

City Council commented and discussed different options of scheduling commission appointments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to maintain the current commission appointment schedule.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

City Council requested staff prepare an agenda item on City Council reorganization for a future City Council meeting.

City Council and City Attorney commented and discussed commission interview and appointment processes.

City Council directed staff to work with the City Attorney's office to prepare an agenda item on the commission interview and appointment process for a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Woods and Council Member Hansen commented on the importance of a standardized commissioner interview and appointment process.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 19-01 Establishing a New Specific Plan for the Summerland Residential Development Consisting of 16 Detached Single-Family Dwellings at 1365 and 1387 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Council Member Hansen asked questions regarding housing production goal.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

Vice Mayor Copeland asked a question regarding traffic concerns.

Assistant Planner addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Copeland.

Council Member Jones and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding parking spaces.

Assistant Planner and Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Jones and Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding open space.

Community Development Director and City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding fire safety, trash management, view impact concern, and street lighting.

Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods asked questions regarding property address and driveway.

Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

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

Patricia Clingan, resident at 1387 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Mayor Woods asked Ms. Clingan a question regarding her initial concerns of the proposed project.

Ms. Clingan addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods invited the applicant to come forward.

Matt Hamilton, the proposed project applicant, addressed City Council; thanked City staff; commented on project background and community feedback; and addressed City Council's questions regarding open space, parking management plan, trash management plan, street lighting, and traffic concerns.

Mayor Woods asked Mr. Hamilton to address the letter of opposition submitted by Edward Parleman.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the letter of opposition submitted by Mr. Parleman.

Council Member Wilson commented and asked questions regarding site constraints and density.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

City Council asked questions regarding open space and private driveway.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Mayor Woods asked questions regarding trash management and street lighting.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods.

Council Member Hansen asked questions regarding the proposed units.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

A Signal Hill resident commented and asked questions regarding the existing two houses.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by the Signal Hill resident.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 9:06 p.m.

Council Member Wilson commented on the proposed project and his concerns regarding parking, density, and open space.

City Council and City Attorney asked questions and commented further on various concerns regarding the proposed project.

City Manager and Community Development Director addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Council Member Jones and Vice Mayor Copeland commented on positive aspects of the proposed project.

Mayor Woods reopened the public hearing at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited Mr. Hamilton to come forward.

Mayor Woods, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding energy efficient features and attic space.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the questions posed by Mayor Woods, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 9:32 p.m.

City Attorney requested to amend the ordinance to include a covenant agreement regarding traffic management plan and garage provisions.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-05-6321 adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration 04/05/19(1) relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 19-01 for the Summerland Residential Development (SP-22).

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-05-6321:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/05/19(1) RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 19-01 FOR THE SUMMERLAND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (SP-22)

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2019-05-1506 (as amended by City Attorney) approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 19-01, amending the Official Zoning Map to change an approximate 0.96-acre site at 1365 and 1387 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from Residential High density (RH) to Summerland Residential Specific Plan (SP-22) and adding Chapter 20.27, Summerland Residential Specific Plan (SP-22) to the Signal Hill Municipal Code establishing development standards for the site.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2019-05-1506 (as amended by City Attorney):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 19-01, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE AN APPROXIMATE 0.96-ACRE SITE AT 1365 AND 1387 E. 23RD STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (RH) TO SUMMERLAND RESIDENTIAL SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-22) AND ADDING CHAPTER 20.27, SUMMERLAND RESIDENTIAL SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-22) TO THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE SITE

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

#### **a. Request for Authorization to Attend Regional Meetings**

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council and City Manager discussed the reallocation of funds.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the reallocation of funds within the FY 2018-19 Legislative and Administration Budgets.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **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 May 28, 2019

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 May 28, 2019.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of May 14, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

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

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Conference on May 16-19, 2019.

Council Member Jones reported on his attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Conference on May 16-19, 2019; commented on the Pride Flag raising ceremony on May 22, 2019; and recognized Cristina Papadakis, Signal Hill resident.

Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Legislative Action Day on April 24, 2019, the Southern California Association of

Governments General Assembly on May 2-3, 2019, and the California Contract Cities Association Conference on May 16-19, 2019.

Council Member Hansen commented on the June 4, 2019 Senate District 33 Special General Election.

Council Member Wilson congratulated the Rock Club Music is the Remedy for a great fundraiser breakfast event on Memorial Day and congratulated John Howard, Signal Hill resident, for being a keynote speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Lawn, Long Beach.

Mayor Woods encourage the public to attend the Budget Workshop on May 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and announced the Leadership Luncheon on the Hill on June 3, 2019.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting to conduct the Budget Workshop on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 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 COPELAND  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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LORI Y. WOODS  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK