



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
June 9, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on June 9, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Signal Hill Auto Center Association, regarding real property located at 3100 California Avenue.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Signal Hill Petroleum, regarding real property located at 700 E. Spring Street.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a), on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, the security of essential public services, or the public's right of access to public services or public facilities as related to the civil unrest local emergency and the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency for all of Los Angeles County.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a), on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, the security of essential public services, or the public's right of access to public services or public facilities as related to the COVID-19 outbreak and the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency.

- e. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), existing litigation, regarding *City of Signal Hill, et al v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al*, Case No. 19STCP03882, Los Angeles County Superior Court.
- f. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiation, regarding real property located at 2630 Cherry Avenue.

### **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 7:17 P.M.**

City Manager stated that City Clerk has an excused absence and Deputy City Manager will preside over roll calls.

Mayor Copeland read a statement regarding the tragic death of George Floyd on behalf of the entire City Council.

Mayor Copeland announced tonight's meeting will be conducted virtually and asked City Manager to provide meeting participation options.

City Manager provided meeting participation options.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Copeland led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Copeland announced he will call upon Council Members, staff, and members of the public one-by-one for questions or comments and a roll call vote will be conducted for each agenda item for transparency and clarity.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Direction was given for further negotiation for item (a); City Council will recess to closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss item (b); and status reports were given and no reportable action was taken for items (c) through (f).

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTED ON PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE**

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

Mayor Copeland read three letters regarding the City Council reorganization on March 24, 2020 from Paul Aleman, Ricardo Pasillas, and Ronald Smith (letters are attached to original minutes and available in the City Clerk's Office).

There was no public business from the floor.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Copeland made the following announcement:

The Sustainable City Committee is accepting applications for the role of a Community Member. There is currently one Community Member vacancy with a term expiring June 30, 2021. Candidates must be a resident or a business owner in Signal Hill, at least 18 years of age, and a legal resident of California. Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. Submit your application online at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org) no later than Friday, June 12, 4:30 p.m. Call (562) 989-7340 for additional information.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Ernesto Chaves, representative from Los Angeles Metro provided an update on the I-710 South Corridor Project and announced a virtual community update meeting on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Copeland requested the presentation and community update meeting information be posted on the City website.

Council Member Wilson commented and asked questions regarding the I-710 South Corridor Project.

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

Council Member Woods commented on the I-710 South Corridor Project.

- b. City Manager made a presentation about COVID-19-related community updates.

Mayor Copeland commented and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding COVID-19-related issues and resources.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Ordinance Introduction – Amendment to SHMC 2.90 – Elections and Campaign Contributions – Disclosure Requirements for Campaign Advertisements

City Manager introduced Deputy City Clerk who presented the staff report and introduced Assistant City Attorney Robert Khuu.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the ordinance.

Deputy City Clerk, Assistant City Attorney, City Manager, and City Attorney addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and Mayor Copeland.

Mayor Copeland 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 WILSON to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2020-06-1513 amending Chapter 2.90 Election and Campaign Contributions of the Signal Hill Municipal Code in relation to disclosure requirements for campaign advertisements.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2020-06-1513, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.90 ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE IN RELATION TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS TO CONFORM WITH STATE DISCLOSURE ACT AB 249

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

a. An Extension of Conditional Use Permit 97-03 for Seven Existing Oil and Gas Drill Sites Owned and Operated by Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc., Expiring on June 30, 2021

City Manager presented the staff report and announced the public hearing is postponed and a new public hearing notice will be published for the June 23, 2020 public hearing.

Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

City Attorney advised City Council to continue the public hearing and make their remarks at the June 23, 2020 City Council Meeting.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to continue the public hearing to June 23, 2020.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Continuance of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19

City Manager presented the staff report.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Adoption of Resolutions Pertaining to the General Municipal Election to be Held Tuesday, November 3, 2020

City Manager introduced Deputy City Clerk who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Council Member Jones asked a question regarding the contribution limit.

Deputy City Clerk addressed the question posed by Council Member Jones.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the nomination period and candidate workshop.

Deputy City Clerk addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland.

Council Member Woods rejoined the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-6565 calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to charter cities; Resolution No. 2020-06-6566 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, with the General Election to be held on the date pursuant to § 10403 of the Elections Code; and Resolution No. 2020-06-6567 adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-06-6565, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO CHARTER CITIES

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-06-6566, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-06-6567, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

c. A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application for, and Receipt of, Local Early Action Planning Grant Program Funds

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

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-6568 authorizing application for, and receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program funds.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-06-6568, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

d. Authorize Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Professional Environmental and Planning Services

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

Vice Mayor Hansen asked a question regarding housing numbers.

Community Development Director addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Hansen.

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

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the Community Development Director to issue the Request for Proposals.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. A Resolution Approving Participation in the California Beacon Sustainability Recognition Program (Beacon Program)

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

Council Member Woods commented on the effort the Sustainable City Committee has put into the Beacon Program.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding View Park.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Copeland commented on the Beacon Program.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-6569 approving participation in the California Beacon Sustainability Recognition Program.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-06-6569, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA BEACON SUSTAINABILITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to designate the Sustainable City Committee Chair and Community Development Director as the Beacon Program points of contact.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Warrant Register Dated June 9, 2020

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 June 9, 2020.

b. Minutes of the Following Meetings

Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020 and Adjourned Regular Meeting of May 28, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

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

Council Member Woods commended City staff for their response to civil unrest and COVID-19 and encouraged the public to continue following COVID-19 health orders and guidelines.

Council Member Wilson read an excerpt from former President John F. Kennedy's speech from 1963 and commented on the chain of events following the death of George Floyd and his personal experience.

Mayor Copeland and Council Member Jones thanked Council Member Wilson for his comments.

Council Member Jones asked Council Member Wilson if he would please address the letters that were read by Mayor Copeland during public business from the floor.

Council Member Wilson commented on the letters read earlier during public business from the floor.

Council Member Jones and Council Member Wilson commented on the death of George Floyd, protests, and how the City should move forward.

Vice Mayor Hansen expressed gratitude to the Police and Public Works Departments in taking a proactive approach to civil unrest; commented on how the City should move forward; and encouraged the public to continue following COVID-19 health orders and guidelines.

Mayor Copeland thanked the Police and Public Works Departments and Communications Specialist for their hard work; and asked for City Council's input regarding Campaign Zero framework and Obama Foundation's Mayor's Pledge.

City Council expressed their interest and support in the Campaign Zero framework and Obama Foundation's Mayor's Pledge.

Mayor Copeland asked if the Police Chief would like to make a comment.

Police Chief read a statement regarding the death of George Floyd and the Signal Hill Police Department.

Council Member Jones and Police Chief commented on community outreach programs.

Mayor Copeland stated tonight's meeting will be adjourned in honor of George Floyd.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:40 P.M.**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to recess to closed session.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:20 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Manager reported that item (b) was discussed and no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to adjourn tonight's meeting in honor of George Floyd. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via video and teleconference. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR COPELAND adjourned the meeting at 11:22 p.m.

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ROBERT D. COPELAND  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK