



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
September 8, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on September 8, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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, regarding real property located at 2728 Cherry Avenue.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct City Manager evaluation.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:12 P.M.

Mayor Copeland 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, City Clerk, City Treasurer, 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 that closed session item (a) was discussed and no reportable action was taken; closed session item (b) was discussed, no reportable action was taken, and the item will be presented at a future City Council meeting. City Manager reported that City Council will recess to closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss item (c).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTED ON PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

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

There was no public business from the floor.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Copeland made the following announcements:

Deadline to respond to the 2020 Census has been updated to Wednesday, September 30. Respond online at www.my2020census.gov or by phone at (844) 330-2020.

Beginning with the November 3, 2020 General Election, all registered voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot. You can return your ballot by mail (no postage required), at any Vote by Mail drop box location or at any vote center in Los

Angeles County. You may still vote in person at any vote center in Los Angeles County.

Track your Vote by Mail ballot using the “Where’s My Ballot” tool on wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/ to receive automatic email, text, or voice call notifications about your ballot.

The Community Services Department wants your feedback on virtual programs. Help the Department plan virtual programs and events that interest you by completing a short survey. Please visit the City website and follow the link on the City’s homepage.

Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the survey.

Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland.

Bingo for Families on Thursday, September 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and registration is required by September 9. Registered participants will receive Zoom links and materials. Call 562-989-7330 to register.

Virtual Book Club on *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami on Thursday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants must be ages 18 and older only. Books will be available for pick-up at the Library during curbside pick-up hours. For more information, please call 562-989-7323.

Virtual Story Time with Vanessa Knowles on Wednesday, September 9 and 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 562-989-7323.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. American University Health Sciences student pharmacists – Valeria Adimkpayah, Melissa Marcos, Kevin-Matthew Padilla, and Vanessa Tannous, made a presentation regarding self-care during COVID-19.

Mayor Copeland commented on the presentation and requested the presentation be posted on the City’s website.

Council Member Wilson commented and asked questions regarding the presentation.

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

Council Member Woods and Mayor Copeland thanked the students for the presentation.

- b. City Manager made a presentation about COVID-19-related community updates.
- c. Emergency Operations Coordinator provided a presentation on emergency preparedness.

City Council thanked the Emergency Operations Coordinator for the presentation and commented on emergency preparedness.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Release and Relocation Agreement with Long Beach iRepair for Sublessee Vacation of City-Owned Property – 2728 Cherry Avenue

City Manager introduced Economic Development Manager 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 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement effecting a release of all claims between the City of Signal Hill and Long Beach iRepair in an amount of \$80,000 to be disbursed in two equal payments; and approve a budget adjustment of \$80,000 from Economic Development Reserve (122) to Economic Development Contract Services, 100-47-5400.

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

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the continuance of the proclamation.

City Manager 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 JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to receive and file the report.

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 September 8, 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 September 8, 2020.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of August 25, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES 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 encouraged the public to respond to the 2020 Census and to register to vote.

Council Member Wilson thanked the Finance Department for implementing a new water bill payment feature.

Council Member Jones encouraged the public to register to vote and commented on ballot tracking.

City Clerk announced information regarding the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020 and commented on wild fires.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS 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 9:13 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES 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, September 22, 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 9:16 p.m.

ROBERT D. COPELAND
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK