



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

October 13, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on October 13, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.

### **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.

### **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:10 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**

Interim City Attorney reported there was no reportable action taken for closed session item (a).

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

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

Dan Sundstrom, owner of Ten Mile Brewing, spoke about his business and asked to request a variance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols.

Mayor Copeland asked staff to follow up on Mr. Sundstrom's request.

City Manager addressed Mr. Sundstrom's request.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Copeland made the following announcements:

Be vote ready by Election Day. The deadline to register to vote is October 19. Visit [lavote.net](https://lavote.net) to register and check your voter registration information.

Election Day is November 3, 2020. You can return your ballot by mail (no

postage required), place your Vote by Mail ballot in the 24-hour drop box at the Signal Hill Public Library, or vote in person at the Signal Hill Park Community Center beginning Friday, October 30 through Monday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. For additional vote center and Vote by Mail drop box locations, visit [lavote.net](http://lavote.net) or call (562) 989-7305.

Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the Vote by Mail drop box.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland.

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

Sign up to receive notification when American flags are to be flown at half-staff by searching the internet. A few websites are [halfstaff.org](http://halfstaff.org), [us.halfstaff.org](http://us.halfstaff.org), and [halfstaffalert.org](http://halfstaffalert.org). The City does not endorse these sites.

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Incentive Program from October 5 through November 9. Children ages 4-12 are invited to sign up to read five books to receive a certificate for a free In-N-Out hamburger. Call (562) 989-7323 to register.

Halloween on the Hill now through October 29. Win prizes for finding as many Ghostly Gus as you can. Find the official scavenger hunt grid and full contest rules in your fall edition of City Views or visit [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

Virtual Book Club on Thursday, October 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants must be age 18 and older. Books will be available for pick-up at the Library during curbside pick-up hours. Call (562) 989-7323 for more information.

A Spooky Virtual Story Time with Vanessa Knowles on Wednesday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All ages are welcome. Call (562) 989-7323 for more information.

Free Bulky Item Pickup Week from November 2 through November 6. Single family residences can place bulky items at the curb for collection on their regularly scheduled collection day. Residents in multi-family complexes should call EDCO at (562) 597-0608 no later than November 1 to schedule a pick-up. In addition to the Free Bulky Item Pickup Week, residents may schedule two special pickups annually by contacting EDCO at (562) 597-0608 or visiting [www.edcodisposal.com](http://www.edcodisposal.com).

Council Member Wilson announced that American University of Health Sciences is offering free flu shots on October 24, 2020.

City Clerk announced information regarding the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. City Manager made an educational presentation on Measure R – Signal Hill Financial Stability Measure.
- b. Operations Lieutenant provided a presentation on the Police Department Neighborhood Watch program.

Mayor Copeland and City Clerk asked questions regarding the Neighborhood Watch program.

Operations Lieutenant addressed the questions posed by Mayor Copeland and City Clerk.

Mayor Copeland thanked Operations Lieutenant for the presentation.

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

## **ORDINANCE**

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance Amendment Amending Title 15.08 Revising Regulations for the Fire Code

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 introduce Ordinance No. 2020-10-1514 amending Title 15.08 repealing the 2017 County of Los Angeles Fire Code and replacing it with the 2020 County of Los Angeles Fire Code by adopting by reference the 2019 California State Fire Code and portions of the 2018 International Fire Code.

Interim City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2020-10-1514:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 15.08 REPEALING THE 2017 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH THE 2020 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE CODE AND PORTIONS OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

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 VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to direct staff to notice the second reading as a public hearing in accordance with the procedures for adoption of an ordinance by reference; and authorize staff to submit the ordinance to the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, State Housing Law Program following the second reading.

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 Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 03-05 to Allow Extended Hours of Operation for Laundry Guys at 2499 E. Pacific Coast Highway

City Manager introduced Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding the CUP amendment.

Associate Planner, Community Development Director, applicant Bill Mylonas, and interim City Attorney addressed the questions posed by City Council.

City Clerk and Mr. Mylonas commented on the CUP amendment.

Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing at 8:34 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 8:35 p.m.

Council Member Woods commented and asked a question regarding the CUP amendment.

Mr. Mylonas addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

City Council commented and spoke in support of the CUP amendment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-10-6591 approving an amendment to Conditional Use Permit 03-05 to allow extended hours of operation at an existing laundromat located at 2499 E. Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Coast Highway Specific Plan (SP-10) zoning district.

Interim City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-10-6591, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 03-05 TO ALLOW EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION AT AN EXISTING LAUNDROMAT LOCATED AT 2499 E. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-10) ZONING DISTRICT

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. Approving the Side Letter of Agreement with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association (SHPOA)

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

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

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Hansen expressed her appreciation to the SHPOA employees.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-10-6592 rescinding Resolution No. 2020-08-6586 and approving and adopting a Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.

Interim City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2020-10-6592, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-6586 AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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. Contract Services Agreement for Professional Consulting Services to Support the City's Diversity Coalition Committee (DCC) and Race and Equity Framework

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson invited Fred Abdelnour of DISC Solutions, Inc. to comment.

Mr. Abdelnour commented on the services he provides and looks forward to working with the DCC.

Council Member Jones and City Clerk asked questions regarding the Contract Services Agreement.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Jones and City Clerk.

Council Member Woods and Vice Mayor Hansen asked Mr. Abdelnour to address questions regarding the DCC.

Mr. Abdelnour addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods and Vice Mayor Hansen.

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

Randy Hartshorn, Signal Hill resident, commented on the Race and Equity Framework.

City Manager and Mr. Abdelnour addressed Mr. Hartshorn's comment.

Pam Dutch Hughes, Signal Hill resident, commented on the Contract Services Agreement.

City Council commented on the DCC, Race and Equity Framework, and the Contract Services Agreement.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with DISC Solutions, Inc. to provide professional consulting services to support the City's Diversity Coalition Committee and Race and Equity Framework for an initial term of two years with three additional one-year term extensions, for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$25,000, in a form approved by the interim City Attorney.

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. View Park and Recycled Water Project (Project) Update

City Manager introduced Public Works Director who presented the staff report along with Contract City Engineer and Community Services Director.

City Council and City Clerk asked questions regarding the Project.

Public Works Director, Contract City Engineer, City Manager, and Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by City Council and City Clerk.

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

Deputy City Manager read a letter of support for the Project from Signal Hill resident Tim Anhorn (letter is attached to original minutes and available in the City Clerk's Office).

Mr. Hartshorn asked questions regarding the Project.

City Manager and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Mr. Hartshorn.

Tamara White, Signal Hill resident, commented and discussed her concerns about the Project.

Ms. Hughes asked questions regarding the Project.

Public Works Director, Community Services Director, Contract City Engineer addressed the questions posed by Ms. Hughes.

Starlet Blanchette, Signal Hill resident, commented and discussed her concerns about the Project.

Council Member Jones and Vice Mayor Hansen commented on the public comment procedures.

City Council commented on the Project and addressed the speakers' comments.

City Manager asked City Council for clarification on the staff report recommendations.

City Council discussed and provided staff with direction on the staff report recommendations.

Mayor Copeland thanked the speakers for their comments.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to affirm City Council support of the View Park and Recycled Water Project Scenario 2 (park construction only), and direct staff to negotiate with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to modify the project scope; authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 with Anderson Penna Partners, Inc. to include additional project management for the potential redesign of the project, grant administration, coordination with Conservation Corps of Long Beach, and general project management of the View Park and Recycled Water Project, increasing the contract amount by \$50,000, for a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$577,954, in a form approved by the interim City Attorney; authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 with Jon David Cicchetti Landscape Architects to include additional design for potential park revisions, increasing the contract amount by \$25,000, for a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$141,500 and extending the term through December 31, 2021, in a form approved by the interim City Attorney; and authorize staff to issue a task order under the On-Call Water Engineering contract with Michael Baker International for additional water engineering services for the View Park and Recycled Water Project in the amount of \$50,000.

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. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Contract Services Agreement Amendment for Proposition A Fixed Route Bus Services

City Manager introduced Community Services 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 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Contract Services Agreement between the City and Long Beach Public Transportation Company in the amount of \$33,132 for Fixed Route Bus Services, in a form approved by the interim City Attorney; and approve a Budget Adjustment for Proposition A Fixed Route Bus Services Subsidy funding for FY 2020-21 to reflect actual amounts from \$53,640 to \$46,524.

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. Verification of Quorum for Meetings of November 24, 2020 and December 22, 2020

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods and Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding meeting cancellations and election results certification.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods and Mayor Copeland.

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

There was no public comment.

City Council discussed whether a quorum of the City Council will be present for the regular meeting of November 24, 2020 and the regular meeting of December 22, 2020.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to cancel the regular meetings of November 24, 2020 and December 22, 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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Orange Avenue Rehabilitation Project Pursuant to the Contract Services Agreement with Excel Paving Company

Summary: Excel Paving Company has completed the street repair work for the Orange Avenue Rehabilitation Project to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department as reflected on the record drawings. Staff is recommending final

acceptance of the work performed by Excel Paving Company.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2020-10-6593 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the record drawings and standard specifications for public works construction for the Orange Avenue Rehabilitation Project in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Excel Paving Company and the City of Signal Hill.

b. Warrant Register Dated October 13, 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 October 13, 2020.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of September 22, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON 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 Wilson reminded the public to vote and asked a question regarding the U.S. Census.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Wilson commented on technology infrastructure.

Council Member Jones reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference held virtually and commented on trash issues.

Council Member Wilson commented on metered parking at hilltop.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested agendizing Platt Security's contract at a future City Council meeting and commented on trash issues.

Mayor Copeland commented on trash and parking issues, and shared comments he received commending the Police Department.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, October 27, 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 11:23 p.m.

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ROBERT D. COPELAND  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK