



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Council and Agency with valuable information regarding issues of the community.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. In addition, meetings are streamed live on our website at www.cityofsignalhill.org, and are televised at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. every day on Charter Communications Channel 3, and Verizon FiOS Channel 38.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting outside of City Hall and available at each meeting. The agenda and related reports are also available for review online and at the City Clerk's office and Library on the Friday afternoon prior to the Council meeting. Agendas and staff reports are also available at our website at www.cityofsignalhill.org.

During the meeting, the City Manager presents agenda items for Council consideration. The public may speak on an agenda item once the item is opened for discussion by the Mayor. Please complete a speaker card prior to the item being considered, and give the card to a City staff member in order to be recognized and correctly identified in the minutes. The cards are provided at the rear of the Council Chambers. Please state your name and direct your comments or questions to the Mayor.

(1) CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- a. A closed session will be 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 will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Charles Reeder, of the CR Trust, regarding a private alley at the 1000 block of 32nd Street.

c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

(2) CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

(3) ROLL CALL

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

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

(6) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

If you wish to address the City Council regarding any matter, listed on or off the agenda, please complete a speaker card prior to speaking. State law (Brown Act) prohibits the City Council from acting upon any item not posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. Please submit your speaker card to staff, state your name for the official record using the microphone at the podium and courteously limit your remarks. Council members cannot specifically discuss applications or public hearing items before the Planning Commission, since the City Council serves as the appeals board to commission actions.

(7) PRESENTATION(S)

a. Presentation by Long Beach Animal Care Services

Summary: John Keisler, Bureau Manager, Long Beach Animal Care Services, will give a presentation on the increased coyote presence in the region.

b. Presentation of 1st Quarter Sustainability Award

Summary: Mayor Forester will present the 1st Quarter Sustainability Award to Abode Communities, represented by Tom Polansky, Director of Facilities Management, for installation of photovoltaic electric systems at the Las Brisas Community Center and Las Brisas II.

(8) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-04-1423 Amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Prohibiting the Establishment of New Storage Yards and Requiring New Maintenance Standards for Existing Storage Yards

Summary: Ordinance No. 2011-04-1423 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 5, 2011 and is now presented for second reading and adoption.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-04-1423 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 10-04, amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code related to storage uses and storage yard fences by prohibiting new storage yards and requiring maintenance standards for existing outdoor storage yards and outdoor storage areas.

(9) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Prohibition of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Summary: The City Council will consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance that defines ‘medical marijuana dispensary’ and prohibits the use in all commercial and industrial zoning districts in the City, including commercial and industrial specific plan areas and as a home occupation. The current moratorium prohibiting the use is set to expire on June 28, 2011.

Recommendation: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving Negative Declaration 03/25/11(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-02, a request to amend the Signal Hill Municipal Code by listing ‘Medical Marijuana Dispensary’ as a prohibited use in all Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts, specific plan areas and as home occupations in Residential Zoning Districts in the City of Signal Hill. 2. Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-02, a request to amend the Signal Hill Municipal Code by listing ‘Medical Marijuana Dispensary’ as a prohibited use in all zoning districts including Chapter 20.20, entitled “Commercial Districts,” Chapter 20.30, entitled “SP-10, Pacific Coast Highway Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.32, entitled “SP-12, Freeway Self-Storage Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.39, entitled “SP-19, General Industrial Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.40, entitled “SP-1, Town Center East Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.45, entitled “SP-3, Town Center West Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.47, entitled “SP-4, Auto Center Specific Plan,” Chapter 20.49, entitled “SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan,” and prohibiting the use as a home occupation in all Residential Zoning Districts under Chapter 20.04 “definitions.”

(10) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Status Report on the Cherry Avenue Widening Project

Summary: Staff will present a status report on the Cherry Avenue Widening Project.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

b. Annual General Plan 2010 Progress Report

Summary: Government Code Section 65400(b)(1) mandates that all cities submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. The City Council will review the progress report and recommend submittal of the report to the State.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to submit the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

c. Support for SCAG'S "Business Friendly Principals"

Summary: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has developed business friendly principals in order to encourage job growth and economic recovery. SCAG has requested that all the cities within their Southern California area adopt the principals.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution in support of "Business Friendly Principals" as part of SCAG's development of a Southern California Economic Growth Strategy.

d. Mid-Year 2010-2011 Budget Review

Summary: The City Council will conduct a mid-year budget review process for both the City and the Redevelopment Agency. The City will review the mid-year budget report regarding the status of revenues and program expenditures for the City and Redevelopment Agency as of February 28, 2011 and will consider recommended program adjustments.

Recommendation: **City Council:** Approve the recommended adjustments to the various program revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-11 contained in Exhibit B. **Redevelopment Agency:** Receive and file.

e. Scheduling the Budget Workshop Meeting

Summary: The City Council scheduled the budget workshop for Wednesday, June 1st. A scheduling conflict has developed and Tuesday, May 24th is now suggested for the workshop.

Recommendation: Select Tuesday, May 24, 2011 for the budget workshop. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m.

(11) CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a council member or member of the audience for discussion.

a. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2011-12 and approving the Engineer's Report. 2. Set the Public Hearing for June 7, 2011.

b. Request for Budget Adjustment for Emergency Water Pipeline Repairs

Summary: Staff is requesting to transfer \$13,600 into the Water Divisions Repair Services account to cover the cost of a recent emergency repair on the City's water transmission main.

Recommendation: Approve the budget adjustment transferring \$13,600 from the Water Divisions Account No. 008.570.515.377 into Account No. 008.570.515.325.

c. Award of Contract Extension for Concrete and Asphalt Maintenance

Summary: The Public Works Department supplements its maintenance operations by utilizing a contractor to construct concrete and asphalt repairs to City streets and sidewalks. This contract enables Maintenance Operations to better respond to the ongoing needs to repair damaged or deteriorated curbs, gutters, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps and utility patches. Staff is recommending a contract extension with Lovell Construction, Inc. with no rate increase.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an extension to the Amended Contract Services Agreement for Concrete and Asphalt Maintenance with Lovell Construction, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney. The three-year extension is allowed under the current amended contract upon mutual agreement of the City and Contractor with no increase to the unit prices charged by the contractor.

d. Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc.

Summary: The City hired W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc., (WGZE) to serve as the Traffic City Engineer and provide professional traffic engineering services in June 2004. A new three-year contract with WGZE was approved in May 2009. Staff recommends an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement to help cover the costs associated with the preparation and submittal of applications for grant funds for transportation improvement projects.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to renew the Contract Services Agreement for professional traffic engineering services, in a form approved by the City Attorney, increasing the contract sum for FY 2010-11 to a total of \$90,000 and a total of \$40,000 for FY 2011-12.

e. Contract Services Agreement for Contract City Engineering Services with RKA Consulting Group

Summary: The Public Works Department has utilized the services of RKA Consulting Group to serve as the City's contract City Engineer since 2003. Staff is recommending renewal of the Contract Services Agreement with RKA Consulting Group to continue providing City Engineer services.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and RKA Consulting Group to provide professional City Engineer engineering services in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- f. Approval of the Engineering and Traffic Study for Speed Limits on Walnut Avenue Between Burnett Street and Willow Street and Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.40 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Relating to Speed Limits

Summary: Staff is recommending approval of an engineering and traffic study that supports reducing the speed limit of Walnut Avenue between Burnett and Willow Street from 40 mph to 35 mph. Staff is also recommending introducing an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to reflect the speed limit change.

Recommendation: 1. Approve the Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits on Walnut Avenue between Burnett Street and Willow Street. 2. Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance amending a portion of Chapter 10.40 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code relating to the speed limit on Walnut Avenue between Burnett Street and Willow Street.

- g. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

- h. Warrant Register Dated April 19, 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 April 19, 2011.

- i. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

- Special Meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency, March 29, 2011.
- Regular Meeting of the City Council, April 5, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

(12) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(14) ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

(15) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Routine matters are handled most quickly and efficiently if contact is made with the City department directly concerned. However, if you would like to request that a matter be presented for City Council consideration, you may do so by 1) writing to the City Council or the City Manager, or, 2) completing an Agenda Item Request Form available from the City Clerk. The deadline for agenda items is 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Council and Agency meetings. Agendas are mailed to those who provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the City Clerk's office.

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in City meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.