



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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

May 3, 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 54956.9(a), existing litigation, City of Cerritos, et al. v. Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

- 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. Community Services Director will give a presentation on the Reservoir Park Improvements.

(8) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-04-1424 Amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Prohibiting Establishment of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Citywide

Summary: Ordinance No. 2011-04-1424 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 19, 2011 and is now presented for second reading and adoption.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-04-1424 adopting 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."

b. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-04-1425 Amending Chapter 10.40 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Relating to Speed Limits

Summary: Ordinance No. 2011-04-1425 was introduced at a regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, and is now ready for second reading and adoption.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-04-1425 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.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Presentation – Independent Evaluation of the City Water System Operations

Summary: The City of Signal Hill hired an independent water quality professional to evaluate the City's water quality and water system operations. Tetra Tech Inc. will present their findings on their review and evaluation of the City of Signal Hill water system.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

b. Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Long Beach Unified School District to Provide Matching Funds for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to enter into Long Beach Unified School District Agreement No. 4377.01 for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Cherry Avenue and 20th Street for the new middle school currently under construction at the former GTE site. The City has successfully secured grant funding in the amount of \$302,500 for construction of the traffic signal. The provisions of this agreement include cost sharing of project costs that exceed the grant amount including grant application costs, environmental studies, and design costs. The Long Beach Unified School District Board approved this agreement at their April 19, 2011 Board Meeting.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Long Beach Unified School District to provide matching funds for the installation of a traffic signal at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Gateway Cities Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Under SB 375

Summary: The City of Signal Hill is participating with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG or COG) in the preparation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as required under SB 375. This report provides an update on the development of the draft SCS and the final SCS. The final subregional SCS will become part of the Southern California Association of Governments 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional SCS. Public outreach sessions to share information about the Gateway SCS are scheduled for late April and early May at four locations within the Gateway Cities.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

(10) 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. Contracts for Police Towing Services with Mr. C's Towing Inc. and Kruger Tow Inc.

Summary: The Signal Hill Police Department utilizes the services of two tow companies to provide towing and storage of vehicles at the direction of the Police Department. The original agreement executed in May 2007 expired in May 2010. Pursuant to Section 3.4 of the original agreement, the City has the right to renew the agreement on or before its expiration for up to two one-year periods. On March 16, 2010, the Council approved the first extension. The City Council will consider the second contract extensions with Mr. C's Towing Inc. and Kruger Tow Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into the second and final renewal of a one-year Contract Services Agreement extension between the City and Mr. C's Towing Inc. and the City and Kruger Tow Inc., subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Purchase of Replacement Vehicle

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a replacement vehicle used by the Police Department.

Recommendation: Authorize the Police Department to purchase one 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedan, through the Cooperative Purchase Provision of the County of Los Angeles PO# DPO-SH-11321410-1.

c. Warrant Register Dated May 3, 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 May 3, 2011.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, April 19, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

(11) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

(12) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(13) ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

(14) 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.