



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 5, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was 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 was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Nicholas C. Payiatis, regarding real property located at 1917 E. 21st Street.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation in an undisclosed matter.

RECONVENE – 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carol Yochum, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the recent election campaign.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested Council use a slower pace when conducting their meetings.

Frank Virga, Signal Hill resident thanked the Council for requiring a water audit that resulted in lowering the amount of water used for HOA landscaping.

Nancy Sciortino, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the proposed new library and potential costs associated with staffing and maintenance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Directions were given for further negotiations and no reportable action was taken.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Forester introduced Ariane Wright, new Dispatcher/Jailer for the City of Signal Hill.
- b. Mayor Forester presented Judy Seal, representative for the Long Beach Unified School District a proclamation in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.
- c. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Fair Housing Foundation in recognition of Fair Housing Month.
- d. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Library staff in recognition of National Library Week, April 10–16, 2011.
- e. Mayor Forester announced Frank Virga as the Outstanding Older American Award recipient from the City of Signal Hill, and presented him with a proclamation.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance 2011-03-1422, Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.20, Entitled "Commercial Districts," to Include 'Animal Grooming/Daycare' as a Permitted Use

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-03-1422 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-01, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.20, entitled "Commercial Districts," to include 'Animal Grooming/Daycare' as a permitted use in the CG, Commercial General, CI, Commercial Industrial, LI, Light Industrial, and GI, General Industrial, Zoning Districts.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-03-1422:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-01, A REQUEST TO AMEND SHMC CHAPTER 20.20, ENTITLED "COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS," TO INCLUDE 'ANIMAL GROOMING/DAYCARE' AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CG, COMMERCIAL GENERAL, CI, COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL, LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, AND GI, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, ZONING DISTRICTS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Continued Public Hearing – Outdoor Storage Yards and Areas Zoning Ordinance Amendment

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Assistant Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were questions of staff.

Council directed questions to the Assistant Planner.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance to please come forward.

Melissa Guy, Signal Hill property owner spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

City Manager addressed the property owners concerns.

Robert Weiner, Signal Hill property owner spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5881 approving Negative Declaration 12/3/10 (1), relative to 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.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-04-5881:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 12/3/10 (1), RELATIVE TO 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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and introduce 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.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-04-1423:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, 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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Forester spoke to the audience about the Clean Water Act and the Coalition for Practical Regulation.

b. Public Hearing – Resolution Approving the Vacation of Certain Right-of-Way Relating to the Pacificwalk Development

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were questions of staff.

Council Member Noll stated for the record, the vacation was requested by the residents.

Council directed questions to the Public Works Director.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the resolution to please come forward.

Seeing none Mayor Forester brought the public hearing back to Council for discussion at 8:06 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5882 approving the vacation of a portion of the cul-de-sac adjoining Orizaba Avenue north of Pacific Coast Highway.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-04-5882:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE CUL-DE-SAC ADJOINING ORIZABA AVENUE NORTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Public Hearing – Resolution Approving Adoption of Amendment Number 1 to the Non-disposal Facility Element.

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were questions of staff.

There being none, Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 8: 13 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the resolution to please come forward.

There being none Mayor Forester brought the public hearing back to Council at 8:13 p.m. for comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5883 adopting Amendment Number 1 to the Non-disposal Facility Element.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-04-5883:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL'S NON-DISPOSAL
FACILITY ELEMENT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Council Appointments to Various Organizations

City Manager presented the staff report.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident made requests for certain documents and postings (see letter attached).

Mayor Forester asked Council if there was any discussion or questions of staff.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5884 amending Resolution No. 2010-04-5807, confirming the appointment of delegates and alternates as official representatives of the City.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-04-5884:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04-5807, CONFIRMING
THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Scheduling Budget Workshop Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed and agreed the annual budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

c. Electronic Sign at Signal Hill Park

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

Mayor asked Council if there was any discussion or questions of staff.

Council discussed the electronic sign.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the funding allocation, and direct staff to proceed with final design and preparation of construction documents.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 VICE MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Fiscal Year 2009/10 City of Signal Hill Developer Impact Project Fee Report

Summary: AB1600 requires local agencies to make certain findings as to developer fees that have been collected but not committed after five years. Later revised by SB 1693, cities are now required to report on developer fees regardless of whether the funds are committed or uncommitted.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the City Re-Roof Project, No. 642

Summary: Chapman Coast Roof Co. has completed the City Hall Re-Roof Project, No. 642, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Chapman Coast Roof Co.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5885 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the City Hall Re-Roof Project, No. 642, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Chapman Coast Roof Co. and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. Appointment of Alternate to Governing Board of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority

Summary: The City of Signal Hill is a member of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Water Management Authority (Authority) and serves on the Authority's Governing Board. Staff is recommending the appointment of the Public Works Director to serve as the City's alternate member of the Authority's Governing Board.

Recommendation: Appoint Public Works Director, Steve Myrter, as the alternate Member of the Authority's Governing Board.

d. CalPERS Employment Extension – Roy Campos

Summary: Roy Campos was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police of the City of Signal Hill Police Department effective November 8, 2010. Chief Campos is serving in this capacity while the City conducts the complex recruitment process for the new Chief of Police. As Chief Campos is a retiree in the California Public Employees' Retirement (CalPERS), he is able to work 960 hours in a fiscal year. At this time, the City anticipates we will need Chief Campos to work more than his original 960 hours and adoption of this resolution will allow an extension of his hours.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-04-5886 requesting employment extension per Government Code Section 21221(h).

e. Warrant Register Dated April 5, 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 5, 2011.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

- Special Meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency, March 9, 2011.
- Regular Meeting of the City Council, March 15, 2011.
- Special Meeting of the City Council and Public Financing Authority, March 22, 2011.
- Special Meeting of City Council, Redevelopment Agency and Public Financing Authority, March 24, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested pulling item (f) from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve the items a through e of the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the special meetings held March 9, March 22, and March 24 and the short 24 hour notice for each of these meetings eliminated the ability for the public to be heard regarding the proposed bond issue.

City Attorney, Vice Mayor Hansen, City Manager and Council Member Wilson addressed the statements made by Maria Harris.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve item (f) of the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding meeting minutes and requested verbatim minutes be taken for public comments or a narrative of the issues.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the bond for the proposed Library and stated a \$10,000,000 bond is being issued for a non revenue generating project.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the bond issue and reminded everyone this is revenue that comes back to the City. In regards to the request for more comprehensive minutes, he pointed out every meeting is available to view on the City website and thanked Council for that availability.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll requested of staff, a report on the Cherry Avenue Widening project.

Council Member Noll announced he will be attending a Revenue Tax Committee for the League of California Cities on Friday in Ontario and stated he will not be paid for it.

Council Member Ward announced Council was not paid for any of the Special Meetings recently held.

Council Member Ward asked the Director of Community Services to speak about the upcoming Spring Fest on Saturday, April 23rd.

Director of Community Services announced Spring Fest will be held at Signal Hill Park on Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m.–Noon. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Council Member Ward announced the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 7th at Signal Hill Park. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Council Member Wilson thanked the Signal Tribune for the recent article for City Ventures.

Council Member Wilson announced letters were recently sent out by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Council Member Wilson announced a Public Celebration of Life in Remembrance of Former Congressman Steve Horn at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center and it is open to the public.

Vice Mayor Hansen spoke about the bond and the proposed new Library.

Mayor Forester announced the Signal Hill Park dedication on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Forester announced zinnia seed packets are on sale in the Community Services department. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester asked residents to report coyote sightings to Animal Care Services. Please contact (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced April 11–15th is National Library Week and the Signal Hill Library has a week of activities planned. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester asked residents with any questions regarding the Clean Water Act to please contact him directly and thanked everyone involved in working towards obtaining the recently installed trapping devices on storm drains to help catch trash so it is not released.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Council Appointments to Various Organizations as Official Representatives of the City

Members of the City Council participate in various intergovernmental committees and organizations which enhance the overall objectives of the City of Signal Hill. The costs for attendance and participation are budgeted annually by the city. I requested a copy of the backup material for this agenda item but the budget information was not included.

To provide transparency and accountability to the citizens of Signal Hill, I request copies of all documents budgeting money for the attendance, participation and costs to the city for membership and participation on all boards, committees and bodies listed in the amended Resolution No. 2010-04-5807. I request the information for each Board or Committee be listed separately, and include, stipends, mileage, per diem and any other payment paid to the delegate or alternate for service to the organization or agency. Please include any other reimbursements or costs paid for by the City of Signal Hill, to any County, City or State organizations and agencies listed on the Resolution. The information should include all costs to the City of Signal Hill for participation on these important organizations.

To aid citizens in following the progress of the overall objectives of the City of Signal Hill due to Signal Hill participation on these bodies, I request the following be posted on the City of Signal Hill Website and that a hard copy be available to the public in the Signal Hill Library. The documents should be available for review by the public on an ongoing basis since overall objectives of the city can take several years to achieve.

72 Hour Notice of Meetings

Agendas and Agenda Back Up Material

Minutes

And any other documents relating to public business conducted by the organizations listed in Resolution No. 2010-04-5807.

Gloria Nava

4/4/2011