



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

May 17, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 17, 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 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

### **RECONVENE – 7:02 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.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Staff reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the recent passing of Richard McKee, an advocate for local government. Ms. Nava also spoke about special meetings of Sanitation District No. 29 and where they are held.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding water he observed on Hill Street over the past weekend and thanked Vice Mayor Hansen for taking his call on Saturday.

Council Member Hansen responded to Mr. Mendoza and informed him she contacted the City Manager and he took care of it.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding Sanitation District No. 29 and thanked Council for putting information regarding the District on the City website and requested additional information be placed in another location on the site. Ms. Harris also requested the information regarding the Budget Workshop scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on May 24<sup>th</sup> be made available to the public in advance of the workshop.

There being no additional public business, Mayor Forester requested item 7 (d) under Presentations be moved up to item 7 (a).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to move item 7 (d) up to item 7 (a) under Presentations on the agenda.

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

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Debra Russell, representative for Signal Hill Petroleum gave a presentation on the Seismic Project, as well as a demonstration of their seismic equipment.

Mayor Forester thanked the representatives of Signal Hill Petroleum and Nodal Seismic for the presentation and demonstration.

- b. Mayor Forester introduced recently promoted Signal Hill Police Lieutenant Ron Sagmit with the Signal Hill Police Department.
- c. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Public Works Department in recognition of Public Works Week, May 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to the *Let's Move!* Committee staff in recognition of National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Annual Review of the City of Signal Hill OPEB Trust Fund

City Manager introduced the Finance Director and Carlos Oblites, Senior Managing Consultant of PFM who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to receive and file.

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. Appointments to the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Civil Service Commission

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester invited Jane Fallon to speak regarding her qualifications to serve on the Planning Commission.

Jane Fallon addressed the Council regarding her qualifications for the Planning Commission.

Mayor Forester invited Rose Richárd to speak regarding her qualifications to serve on the Planning Commission.

Rose Richárd addressed the Council regarding her qualifications for the Planning Commission.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to re-appoint Jane Fallon and Rose Richárd to the Planning Commission.

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 invited Cynthia Cordova to speak regarding her qualifications for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Cynthia Cordova was not in attendance.

Mayor Forester invited Ron Cummings to speak regarding his qualifications for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ron Cummings spoke regarding his qualifications and answered questions of Council.

Mayor Forester invited Ken Davis to speak regarding his qualifications for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ken Davis spoke regarding his qualifications and answered questions of Council.

Mayor Forester invited Alisha Lopez to speak regarding her qualifications for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Alisha Lopez spoke regarding her qualifications and answered questions of Council.

Mayor Forester invited Robert Tickell to speak regarding his qualifications for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Robert Tickell spoke regarding his qualifications and answered questions of Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to appoint Ken Davis and Alisha Lopez to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

After Council discussion Mayor Forester asked for a modification of the motion.

COUNCIL MEMBER WARD withdrew her motion and COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL withdrew his second.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to appoint Ken Davis to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: MAYOR FORESTER

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to appoint Alicia Lopez to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Wilson requested changes to the appointing process be researched and brought to Council for future consideration.

Mayor Forester invited Ronald Griggs to speak regarding his qualifications for Civil Service Commission.

Ronald Griggs spoke regarding his qualifications and answered questions of Council.

Mayor Forester invited Victor Parker to speak regarding his qualifications for Civil Service Commission.

Victor Parker spoke regarding his qualifications and answered questions of Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to appoint Ronald Griggs and Victor Parker to the Civil Service Commission.

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

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **a. Resolution Of Intent To Grant A Franchise To TDPI**

Summary: Texaco Downstream Property, Incorporated (TDPI) is requesting to renew two pipeline franchises to operate their pipeline facilities within the City's rights-of-way. This resolution states the City Council's intent to grant one pipeline franchise to TDPI that will consolidate and merge two franchises (Texaco California Properties Incorporated [TCPI] and Texaco Trading & Transportation Incorporated [TTTI]) into a new, solitary franchise under the corporate name of Texaco Downstream Property Incorporated.

Recommendations: 1) Waive further reading and adopt the resolution of intent to grant a franchise to TDPI, and the interests, rights, privileges, and duties to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within this city. 2) Set a public hearing for June 21, 2011.

b. 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.

c. Warrant Register Dated May 17, 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 17, 2011.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, May 3, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested pulling item (d) off the Consent Calendar for discussion.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve the Consent Calendar items (a) through (c).

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 and requested an amendment to the minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting under City Manager Reports item (a) where she addressed Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to amend the minutes as requested and approve.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and requested that verbatim minutes be recorded at Council meetings and requested that hard copies of minutes be made available at the Library for an extended period of time.

### **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Noll announced Signal Hill continues to offer televised meetings for viewing on television or on the City website when many cities have stopped broadcasting their meetings due to budget constraints. He is pleased the City offers that transparency to the public.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society held a rummage sale at Curley's Restaurant last weekend and encouraged residents to support all local organizations.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society will be holding a pancake breakfast in September and will announce when tickets are available for purchase.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance with Mayor Forester and the City Manager at the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) breakfast on May 16, 2011.

Mayor Forester also commented on his attendance at the Workforce Investment Board breakfast led by Pacific Gateway.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the Contract Cities conference last weekend and spoke in detail about the legislative update and issue of Redevelopment.

Mayor Forester also commented on the issue of Redevelopment and asked the City Attorney for his comments.

City Attorney commented on Redevelopment.

Mayor Forester and Council Member Ward thanked Council Member Wilson for attending the Contract Cities conference and speaking on Redevelopment.

Council Member Noll thanked Mayor Forester and Council Member Ward for attending the Redistricting Commission Hearing.

Mayor Forester announced Police Officer's Memorial Day is on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Hansen announced there will be a reception for Michael Langston, new Police Chief for the City of Signal Hill on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center.

Mayor Forester announced Hounds on the Hill on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced computer tutorial classes are available at the Library. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information or to schedule.

Council Member Hansen requested the Community Services Director speak about the new reading program at the Library.

Community Services Director announced a new program at the Library involving children reading to special dogs.

Mayor Forester reported on his attendance at the General Assembly meeting for Southern California Association of Governments.

Council Member Wilson also reported on his attendance at the General Assembly meeting for Southern California Association of Governments.

Mayor Forester announced an article in the Daily Report on May 11<sup>th</sup> mentioning environmental groups including the City of Signal Hill urging the EPA to act on the issue of public health hazards and leaded aviation fuel.

City Manager announced the attendance of Council at the Annual Economic Forecast in Long Beach last week and will discuss further in the budget report next Tuesday at the budget workshop.

Mayor Forester announced Gay and Lesbian Pride this week and he will be riding in the parade on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> along with Council Member Noll and Council Member Ward.

Mayor Forester announced his attendance at the Miller Children's Hospital bike ride and would like to encourage events like that in Signal Hill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the Budget Workshop, to be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 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 9:40 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk