



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 2011
6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 7, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 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.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Forester introduced Mike Langston, new Police Chief for the City of Signal Hill. City Clerk swore in Police Chief Mike Langston.

RECESS TO COMMUNITY CENTER – 6:10 p.m.

City Council recessed to the Signal Hill Park Community Center for a reception to allow the community to meet new Police Chief Mike Langston.

RECONVENE – 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gary Dudley, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding a fundraiser benefitting Hepatitis C.

Mayor Forester thanked Mr. Dudley for his work for the American Liver Foundation.

Jim Gonzalez, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the United Way Walk on June 25th and asked Council for direction and leadership in addressing the issue of permanent resident transients in the City.

Mayor Forester informed Mr. Gonzalez he is on the Board of Directors for Urban Community Outreach and the issue will be addressed in a legal and humane manner.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Forester presented the 2nd Quarter Sustainability Award to the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.
- b. Mayor Forester introduced Frank Virga, who, on behalf of George Lopez and the Signal Hill Honorary Police Officers Association, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Signal Hill Police Department in support of their bike patrol program.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rental Car Agency in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Zoning District

City Clerk read the form of notice.

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

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were any questions of staff. There were no questions.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone in favor of or opposed to the resolution to please come forward.

There being no testimony, Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5892 approving Negative Declaration 04/29/11(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-03, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.49, entitled "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan," to include "Rental Car Agency" as a permitted use.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5892:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/29/11(1), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "RENTAL CAR AGENCY" AS A PERMITTED USE

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. 2011-06-1426 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-03, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.49, entitled "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan," to include "Rental Car Agency" as a permitted use.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-06-1426:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "RENTAL CAR AGENCY" AS A PERMITTED USE.

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 the representative for the Hertz Corporation to address Council.

Bob McDonald, Representative for the Hertz Corporation addressed Council and announced they are looking forward to increasing their business in Signal Hill.

- b. Public Hearing – Resolution Ordering the Levy of Assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2011-12

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager suggested Consent Calendar item 9(e) be moved up and discussed during this time in conjunction with the public hearing.

9(e) Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Proscape Landscaping, Inc. for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD) Landscape Maintenance Services

Council Member Wilson left Council Chamber at 7:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Forester asked Council if there were any questions of staff. There were no questions.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone in favor of or opposed to the resolution or the Contract Services Agreement to please come forward.

There being no testimony, Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5893 ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2011-2012.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5893:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement for landscape maintenance services for LLMD, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a one-year term, with a contract amount of \$28,420.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Council Member Wilson returned to Council Chamber at 7:31 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Signal Hill Park Master Plan

City Manager introduced Community Services Director, Robert Coffee with Robert R. Coffee and Associates and Jim Pickel with Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc. who presented the staff report.

Council discussed the Signal Hill Master Plan, including the disposition of the basketball courts, and asked questions of staff.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak regarding the Signal Hill Master Plan to please come forward.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding plans for the basketball courts and the importance of keeping basketball as part of Signal Hill Park.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Signal Hill Master Plan, expressed concerns regarding eminent domain and asked that Council listen to the residents and what was expressed on the community wide needs assessment, workshops and telephone surveys.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the future of the basketball courts at Signal Hill Park and provided petitions with signatures.

Marline Hughes, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the future of the basketball courts and asked to consider moving them so they are not close to residences.

City Council discussed the Signal Hill Park Master Plan and the location of the basketball courts.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06-5894 approving Negative Declaration 05/13/11(1) relative to adoption of the Signal Hill Park Master Plan.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5894:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 05/13/11(1), RELATIVE TO ADOPTION OF THE SIGNAL HILL PARK MASTER PLAN (06/07/11)

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 WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Signal Hill Park Master Plan with requested amendment regarding keeping the basketball courts in Signal Hill Park.

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 WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN authorize staff to seek proposals for a design consultant and project manager.

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 appoint Vice Mayor Hansen to serve as acting chair to a Library Design Committee and Council Member Noll to serve as alternate. Vice Mayor Hansen will report to the City Council on the committee members.

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. City Litigation Involving the Water Replenishment District of Southern California

City Manager and the City Attorney presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the litigation and thanked the City Manager and City Attorney for their work on this matter.

Mayor Forester asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on this item.

Council Member Ward left Council Chamber at 9:11 p.m.

Matthew Simmons, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and spoke against the City getting involved in litigation and paying attorneys and spoke in favor of the Water Replenishment District and their fees.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 9:14 p.m.

Council Member Ward returned to Council Chamber at 9:14 p.m.

City Attorney responded to Mr. Simmons' comments.

Council Member Noll returned to Council Chamber at 9:15 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL 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

- c. Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Letter of Agreement for Establishing a Regional Alliance to Comply with the Water Conservation Act of 2009

Deputy 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 Resolution No. 2011-06-5895 authorizing and approving a Letter of Agreement between and among the Cities of Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier, and Pico Water District for establishing a Regional Alliance to comply with SB X7-7, the Water Conservation Act of 2009.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-06-5895:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG THE CITIES OF DOWNEY, HUNTINGTON PARK, LAKEWOOD, LONG BEACH, LYNWOOD, NORWALK, PARAMOUNT, PICO RIVERA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, SIGNAL HILL, SOUTH GATE, VERNON, WHITTIER, AND PICO WATER DISTRICT FOR ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL ALLIANCE TO COMPLY WITH SB X7-7, THE WATER CONSERVATION ACT OF 2009

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. FY 2010-2011 Agreement for Children's Health Services

Summary: Contract Service Agreements have been prepared for Miller Children's Hospital and The Children's Clinic to provide partial funding for uninsured children of low income Signal Hill families to access health and hospitalization care.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and Miller Children's Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Contract Services Agreement between the City and the Children's Clinic, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. 2011 Sponsor/Site Agreement with the City of Long Beach for a Summer Food Program

Summary: Annually, the City utilizes the Summer Food Program provided by the California Department of Education and administered by the City of Long Beach. Each year, a Sponsorship and Site Agreement must be signed. This year's agreement will provide for lunches at Discovery Well and Signal Hill Parks.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Sponsor/Site Agreement between the Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach.

c. Contract Services Agreement for Scientific Services with Flow Science Incorporated

Summary: The City has relied on Flow Science, Incorporated since 2003 to provide scientific research and expertise on storm water quality issues. This contract would amend their hourly rates, which were last amended in 2006.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Flow Science, Inc. to provide professional City Engineer engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Request for Additional Funding for Abandoned Oil Pipeline Repairs

(This item was discussed with 7b).

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization for additional funding in the amount of \$8,000 to cover costs associated with the repair and cleanup from leaking abandoned oil lines.

Recommendation: Approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$8,000 from the unallocated Pipeline Removal Fund balance to Account No. 060.510.515.350 to cover the costs associated with the repair and cleanup from leaking abandoned oil lines.

e. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Proscape Landscaping, Inc. for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD) Landscape Maintenance Services

Summary: In 2008, the City entered into a contract service agreement with Proscape Landscaping, Incorporated (Proscape) to provide landscape maintenance services for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD). An amendment to the Contract Services Agreement is being proposed to provide a one-year contract extension.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement for landscape maintenance services for LLMD, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a one-year term, with a contract amount of \$28,420.

- f. Resolution Establishing a Two-Hour Restricted Time Parking Zone on the South Side of Ellis Avenue Adjacent to 2901 E. Pacific Coast Highway

Summary: The business operator located at 2901 E. Pacific Coast Highway has submitted a petition requesting the replacement of a commercial Loading and Unloading zone with a Two-Hour Restricted Time Parking zone. The City's Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed the request and recommends City Council adopt a resolution that will establish a Two-hour Restricted Time Parking zone on the south side of Ellis Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt a resolution establishing a two-hour restricted time parking zone on the south side of Ellis Avenue adjacent to 2901 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

- g. Warrant Register Dated June 7, 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 June 7, 2011.

- h. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, May 17, 2011.

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency, May 24, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve items (a) through (d), and items (f) through (h) 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 the public right to address Council at meetings and requested that the City inform the public that verbal public records requests can be made in addition to written requests.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident thanked Council for amending the Signal Hill Park Master Plan regarding the basketball courts.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll requested the Parks & Recreation Commission look into having a smoke free parks and/or trails.

Council Member Ward requested the Parks & Recreation Commission look into any options to control who is using the basketball courts at Signal Hill Park so that the courts are available for use by Signal Hill residents and try to address the profanity issue.

Council Member Wilson announced there was a recent article in the L.A. Times regarding Blue Shield of California announcing an excess profit and looking to refund up to 30% of some premiums.

Council Member Wilson announced appointed Commissioner's are not obligated to support a candidate, elected or otherwise.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested the Parks & Recreation Commission look into setting aside time for younger children to have access to the basketball courts at Signal Hill Park.

Vice Mayor Hansen suggested those wishing to use the basketball courts in Signal Hill Park sign a voluntary code of conduct.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced she is well aware after serving on the City Council for many years, the public has the right to speak at meetings, however, this does not mean she relinquishes her right to state her opinion.

Mayor Forester asked Community Services Director to explain recent grant received from Supervisor Knabe.

Community Services Director announced the City received \$150,000 from Supervisor Knabe for any recreational facility capital project. The Parks & Recreation Commission will look at projects in the community and determine how the money will be spent.

Community Services Director announced Hounds on the Hill, a program for dogs and their owners to be held on Saturday, June 11th at 1:00 p.m. in Signal Hill Park. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced the next Mayor's Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Meet at Las Brisas Community Center. Please call (562) 989-7340 for additional information.

Council Member Wilson announced Westerly School is conducting a cleanup on June 13th. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced the Signal Hill Honorary Police Officers Association is holding their golf tournament on June 24th.

Mayor Forester announced the public has a right to speak at meetings but if there is a legal ruling, and the information stated by a member of the public is not factual, he would expect the facts be brought forward by the City Attorney as they were earlier this evening.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:36 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to recess to closed session.

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

CLOSED SESSION

- 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 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Nicholas C. Payiatis, regarding real property located at 1917 E. 21st Street.
- d. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct City Manager evaluation.

COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:58 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and directions for further negotiations on items (a) and (c). No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 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 9:59 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk