



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL January 24, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person and via video/teleconference on January 24, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54953 (as amended by AB 361).

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR TINA HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER KEIR JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARD WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

LATE ARRIVAL: VICE MAYOR LORI WOODS

(3) **CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Mayor Woods entered closed session at 6:03 p.m.

- a. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT.

TITLE: INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

- b. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICERS'

ASSOCIATION

- c. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SIGNAL HILL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

- d. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION.

NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CASES: 1

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to add closed session item 3e for discussion subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

- e. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2) - EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION REGARDING AN ILLEGAL BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:06 P.M.

(6) RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. There was no reportable action taken.

Council Member Jones entered Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m.

(9) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Erin, Signal Hill resident, commented on agenda item 13c.

Christopher Mata, Director of Signal Hill Self Storage, commented on agenda item 13c.

Billy Ramirez, Signal Hill resident, commented on agenda item 13c.

Joel Moreno, Onsite Facility Manager of Signal Hill Self Storage, commented on agenda item 13c.

(10) COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11) PRESENTATIONS

a. SIGNAL HILL HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE GATEWAY CITIES 2022 ENERGY ACTION AWARD AT THE GOLD LEVEL. NANCY PFEFFER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

b. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments presented agenda item 11a; and the Community Services Director presented agenda item 11b.

(12) PUBLIC HEARING

a. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED USE OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Michael Neal, CDBG Consultant, commented on agenda item 12a.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01-6725 and approve the

CDBG estimated allocation for FY 2023-24 in the amount of \$86,190 and the proposed expenditures.

Resolution No. 2023-01-6725, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(13) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Mayor Hansen recessed the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Hansen reconvened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2021-22; approve the proposed appropriations and reserve transfers from FY 2021-22 to FY 2022-23 operating budget and reserve balances utilizing the current FY 2021-22 General Fund operating surplus of \$8.6 million and the Library Reserve fund; adopt Resolution No. 2023-01-6726; and Direct staff to distribute copies of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2021-22 as required, as well as to the Office of the City Clerk to be placed on file for the general public and posted on the City's website.

Resolution No. 2023-01-6726, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SURPLUS AND CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. SCHEDULING A BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Council discussed viable dates and selected Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for the Budget Workshop

c. 2022 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Charles Moseley with Barghausen Engineers commented on agenda item 13c.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(14) CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Hansen requested pulling Consent Calendar items 14a and 14b.

c. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED JANUARY 24, 2023

d. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT

e. WARRANT REGISTER DATED JANUARY 24, 2023

f. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to approve Consent Calendar items 14c through 14f.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- a. CONTINUANCE OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND FINDINGS RELATED TO AB 361 EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCING RULES

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file report regarding the continuance of the existence of a local emergency in response to COVID-19; direct all City legislative bodies to continue to hold meetings virtually and determine that such meetings are exempt from the Brown Act teleconferencing rules based on the following findings set forth in AB 361: a) There is a statewide state of emergency in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and b) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and direct staff, no later than 30 days after the City Council approves the recommended action, to report back on the state-proclaimed state of emergency so that City Council may reconsider the circumstances of the emergency and, if appropriate, make findings to continue to hold virtual meetings of City legislative bodies pursuant to AB 361.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- b. ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (90.20003)

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR

WOODS to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01-6727 and authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the grant agreement and all necessary documents to receive and expend awarded grant funds.

Resolution No. 2023-01-6727, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(15) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

- a. VICE MAYOR WOODS WILL REPORT ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE TOUR JANUARY 9-11, 2023.

Council Member Wilson wished the Asian community a Happy Lunar New Year and commented on the shooting incidents over the weekend. and thanked interim City Manager and interim Police Chief for their service.

City Council thanked interim City Manager and interim Police Chief for their service.

Vice Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Legislative Tour.

Interim City Manager and interim Police Chief expressed their appreciation of City Council and staff.

City Attorney and City Manager thanked interim City Manager and interim Police Chief for their service.

Mayor Hansen commented on her son's Eagle Scout rank and commented on the shooting incidents over the past week.

(16) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting format, including in-person, and video and teleconference participation options). Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	MAYOR HANSEN VICE MAYOR WOODS COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND COUNCIL MEMBER JONES COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

TINA L. HANSEN
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK