



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL April 25, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Council Chambers and via video/teleconference on April 25, 2023.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR TINA HANSEN  
VICE MAYOR LORI WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER KEIR JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARD WILSON

LATE ARRIVAL: COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND

(3) **CLOSED SESSION**

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

TITLE: CHIEF OF POLICE

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:33 P.M.**

(6) **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:03 P.M.**

(7) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

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

Council Member Copeland entered the Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m.

Cecilia Fidora, representative of Friends of the Signal Hill Library (FOSHL), announced the FOSHL book sale on April 27, 2023.

Jorge Quintero, Aaron Pierre, and James Matthews, members of Carpenter's Union Local 562, commented on local union labor.

**(10) COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(11) PRESENTATIONS**

- a. MAYOR HANSEN WILL SWEAR-IN THE NEWLY APPOINTED CITY CLERK DARITZA GONZALEZ.
- b. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE ANNUAL SPRING FEST EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023.
- c. MAYOR HANSEN WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO THE SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 23-29, 2023.

Mayor Hansen swore in City Clerk Daritza Gonzalez for agenda item 11a; the Community Services Director presented agenda item 11b; and Mayor Hansen presented agenda item 11c.

**(12) CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE, PARKS AND RECREATION, AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Candidates were provided three minutes each to address the City Council. City Council asked questions of the candidates in the following order: Perica Bell, Ayda Ghebrezghi, Kiran Gidwani, Mary Gonzales, Ronald Griggs, Caroline Kiss-Lee, Saeida Miller, Stephen Nguyen, and Diana Phillips.

Mayor Hansen left the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Hansen called for nominations for the Planning Commission.

Council Member Jones and Council Member Copeland nominated Perica Bell and Stephen Nguyen.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated Perica Bell and Kiran Gidwani.

Mayor Hansen nominated Saeida Miller.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Perica Bell.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Stephen Nguyen.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: MAYOR HANSEN  
VICE MAYOR WOODS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Saeida Miller.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

NOES: VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Kiran Gidwani.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

NOES:       MAYOR HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT:     COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Perica Bell was appointed to the Planning Commission, serving the term from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027.

Mayor Hansen called for nominations for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Jones nominated Caroline Kiss-Lee and Diana Phillips.

Vice Mayor Woods nominated Caroline Kiss-Lee.

Council Member Copeland nominated Kiran Gidwani.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Diana Phillips.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:       COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
              COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES:       MAYOR HANSEN  
              VICE MAYOR WOODS

ABSENT:     COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Caroline Kiss-Lee.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Kiran Gidwani.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:       MAYOR HANSEN  
              VICE MAYOR WOODS  
              COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Caroline Kiss-Lee and Kiran Gidwani were appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, serving the term from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027.

Mayor Hansen called for nominations for the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Jones nominated Ayda Ghebrezghi and Ronald Griggs.

Mayor Hansen nominated Diana Phillips.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Diana Phillips.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN

NOES: VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Ayda Ghebrezghi.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR HANSEN

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Ronald Griggs.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR HANSEN

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Ayda Ghebrezghi and Ronald Griggs were appointed to the Civil Service Commission, serving the term from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027.

Mayor Hansen called for additional nominations for the Planning Commission.

There were no additional nominations.

Mayor Hansen requested roll call vote for nominees Stephen Nguyen and Saeida Miller.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Stephen Nguyen.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: MAYOR HANSEN  
VICE MAYOR WOODS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Saeida Miller.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN  
VICE MAYOR WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Saeida Miller was appointed to the Planning Commission, serving the term from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027.

b. PROCESS TO FILL A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION VACANCY

Ronald Griggs, Civil Service Commissioner, asked a question regarding agenda item 12b.

Mayor Hansen addressed the question posed by Mr. Griggs.

The City Council approved the proposed recruitment schedule and provided staff direction to utilize the recent list of Civil Service Commission applicants from the recent Commission recruitment that concluded April 14, 2023, and invite applicants to interview at the May 23, 2023 City Council meeting.

c. OUTDOOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to authorize staff to reissue the Request for Proposals for the Outdoor Public Arts Project at the Signal Hill Library; and approve the proposed increase of \$30,000 for a total project allocation of \$80,000, reflected in the FY 2023-24 Year 2 proposed budget (inclusive of stipends for artists that move through the interview process and are considered finalists, to compensate them for a portion of their time and resources spent).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARDURRA GROUP, INC. (AGI) FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE GUNDRY RESERVOIR ROOF REPLACEMENT AND INTERIOR COATING PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 95.23001)

Council Member Copeland left the Council Chambers at 9:11 p.m. and returned at 9:14 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with AGI for engineering design of the Gundry Reservoir Roof Replacement and Interior Coating Project (Project No. 95.23001), in a form approved by the City Attorney. The term of the agreement will terminate on June 30, 2024, with a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$299,313; and authorize contingencies of \$29,931.30 and up to a 180-day term extension pursuant to the City's Purchasing and Contracting Guidelines, to be utilized if approved by the Public Works Director.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Hansen announced and congratulated the Public Works Director Thomas Bekele, whom was appointed by Central Basin Municipal Water District as the At-Large Director representing all of the cities within the District's service area.

Public Works Director thanked Mayor Hansen and commented on the appointment.

e. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

Council Member Jones left the Council Chambers at 9:22 p.m. and returned at 9:24 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND TO direct the City Manager to issue an RFP for the preparation of a master plan for the City's Civic Center and solicit proposals from qualified consultants.

The following vote resulted:

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

**MAYOR HANSEN CALLED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER AT 9:48 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: CHAIR TINA HANSEN  
VICE CHAIR LORI WOODS  
MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND  
MEMBER KEIR JONES

ABSENT: MEMBER EDWARD WILSON

f. NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORANGE BLUFF AND WALNUT BLUFF WORKFORCE HOUSING SITES AND SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS

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



WOODS to direct staff to issue the NOFA for the Orange Bluff and Walnut Bluff workforce housing sites and solicit proposals from affordable housing developers.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

**MAYOR HANSEN ADJOURNED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 10:06 P.M.**

**(13) CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM - MEASURE W FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
- b. RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PRIORITIZE WATER SERVICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65589.7
- c. FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE SPRINGS OF HOPE GRIEF CARE CENTER (SPRINGS OF HOPE) PRIVATE MEMORIAL EVENT
- d. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT
- e. WARRANT REGISTER DATED APRIL 25, 2023
- f. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

(14) **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hansen announced that she will not be attending the June 13, 2023 City Council meeting.

(15) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 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
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON
ABSTAIN:	NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

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TINA L. HANSEN  
MAYOR

Attest:

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DARITZA GONZALEZ  
CITY CLERK