



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 16, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Council and Agency with valuable information regarding issues of the community.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. In addition, meetings are streamed live on our website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org), and are televised at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. every day on Charter Communications Channel 3, and Verizon FiOS Channel 38.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall and available at each meeting. The agenda and related reports are also available for review online and at the City Clerk's office and Library on the Friday afternoon prior to the Council meeting. Agendas and staff reports are also available at our website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

During the meeting, the City Manager presents agenda items for Council consideration. The public may speak on an agenda item once the item is opened for discussion by the Mayor. Please complete a speaker card prior to the item being considered, and give the card to a City staff member in order to be recognized and correctly identified in the minutes. The cards are provided at the rear of the Council Chambers. Please state your name and direct your comments or questions to the Mayor.

(1) CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- 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 54956.8 to discuss real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Charles Reeder, of the CR Trust, regarding a private alley at the 1000 block of E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.

(2) CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

(3) ROLL CALL

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

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

(6) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

If you wish to address the City Council regarding any matter, listed on or off the agenda, please complete a speaker card prior to speaking. State law (Brown Act) prohibits the City Council from acting upon any item not posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. Please submit your speaker card to staff, state your name for the official record using the microphone at the podium and courteously limit your remarks. Council members cannot specifically discuss applications or public hearing items before the Planning Commission, since the City Council serves as the appeals board to commission actions.

(7) PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Brenda Lee will present the City Council with three photos she took of views from Hilltop Park.
- b. Celia Ayala, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles Universal Preschool, will make a presentation about their preschool program located in the Las Brisas community.
- c. The City Council and the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts will recognize the major sponsors of the 2011 Concert in the Park series.

(8) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Interim Urgency Ordinance Adopting Interim Regulations for the Development of Properties with Abandoned Oil Wells Pending Completion of Special Studies Necessitated by Recent Policy Changes of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources Concerning Developing Projects Adjacent to or on Top of Abandoned and Re-Abandoned Oil Wells

Summary: The existing City Oil Code requires that property owners or developers provide the City with State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) certification of prior oil well abandonments or abandon the well to current standards, prior to the issuance of grading or building permits. In November of 2010, the DOGGR abruptly terminated their methane leak testing of wells and their development review and well certification program, without notice to the City, property owners, and developers. This abrupt ending to a 22-year old program has created a major lack of guidance and ambiguity. The urgency ordinance provides guidance to property owners and the development community, while the City conducts special studies in order to adopt comprehensive amendments to the City's Oil Code.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the interim urgency ordinance adopting interim regulations for the development of properties with abandoned oil wells pending the completion of studies on how the Signal Hill Oil Code shall address the health and safety issues of oil wells caused by the policy changes of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources concerning abandoned oil wells.

b. Amending Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing the Operations of Hotels and Motels

Summary: Council will consider approving amendments to Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code governing the operations of hotels and motels.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance amending Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code redefining a term; outlining criteria for approval of alternate guest registration systems; and, correcting a citation error.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CALL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO ORDER

a. Resolution Adopting Investment Policy

Summary: The City's investment policy is intended to provide guidelines for the prudent investment of the City's cash and outline the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the City's cash management system. The ultimate goal of an investment policy is to enhance the economic status of the City while protecting its pooled cash. The City Treasurer will make a presentation reviewing the City's Investment Portfolio.

Recommendations: **City Council:** Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending and adopting its investment policy for public funds.

**Redevelopment Agency:** Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending and adopting its investment policy for public funds.

#### RECESS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

b. Award of Contract for Online Credit Card Services with Paymentus

Summary: Staff recommends that the City of Signal Hill enter into an agreement with Paymentus to provide online and telephone Interactive Voice Response credit card payments for water bills. Staff also requests approval to authorize Paymentus to charge credit card convenience fees to water utility customers for utility payments via the City of Signal Hill website and the telephone Interactive Voice Response.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract between the City of Signal Hill and Paymentus, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

c. Property Acquisition – 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Summary: The City Council will consider an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property with Elre Holdings, LLC for property located 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between Elre Holdings, LLC and the City of Signal Hill for property located at 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street and approve the budget adjustment appropriating \$195,000 from the Park Development Fund (Fund 50) to Account No. 050.640.545.788.

#### (10) CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a council member or member of the audience for discussion.

a. Contract Agreement for Computer Services with Greyhound Computers, Inc.

Summary: The City of Signal Hill utilizes the services of Greyhound Computers, Inc. to provide Information Technology support and computer services. The City Council will consider a contract extension with Greyhound Computers Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal of a three-year Contract Services Agreement between the City and Greyhound Computers, Inc., subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Award of Contract for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804

Summary: On August 2, 2011, the City received bids for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804, in a form approved by the City Attorney to Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving in the amount of \$183,142.90.

c. 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.

d. Warrant Register Dated August 16, 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 August 16, 2011.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, August 1, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

(11) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

(12) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(13) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

(14) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Routine matters are handled most quickly and efficiently if contact is made with the City department directly concerned. However, if you would like to request that a matter be presented for City Council consideration, you may do so by writing to the City Council, City Clerk, or City Manager. The deadline for agenda items is 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Council and Agency meetings. The complete agenda, including back up materials is available on the City website on the Friday preceding the meeting.

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in City meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.