



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL February 13, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Council Chamber on February 13, 2024.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR LORI WOODS  
COUNCIL MEMBER TINA HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER KEIR JONES  
  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND  
  
LATE ARRIVAL: VICE MAYOR EDWARD WILSON

(3) **CLOSED SESSION**

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

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE: CITY MANAGER.  
REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES: ALL EMPLOYEES.  
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: SIGNAL HILL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
AND SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.**

Vice Mayor Wilson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

(6) **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:04 P.M.**

(7) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Woods and special guest, student Michael Rojas led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Woods presented student, Michael Rojas with a certificate of achievement on behalf of Alvarado Elementary School and a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Signal Hill City Council.

(8) **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(10) **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(11) **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALVARADO SCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING BY LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CEREMONIOUSLY PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WITH THE GAVEL. MAYOR WOODS WILL THEN ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT.

Mayor Woods presented item 11a.

- b. THE CITY MANAGER WILL INTRODUCE ERIC KRANDA, 2023 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.

City Manager, Carlo Tomaino and Principal Building Inspector, Eric Kranda presented agenda item 11b.

- c. CHIEF BYERLEY WILL PRESENT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETED ELECTRIC VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND POOL VEHICLE USES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TESLA OF SIGNAL HILL.

Chief Byerley presented agenda item 11c.

(13) **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING - A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06-6743, AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6781, amending Resolution No. 2023-06-6743, amending the uniform schedule of fees and charges.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6781, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

ABSTAIN: NONE

#### **(14) CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

#### **CALL THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER AT 7:40 P.M.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:  
CHAIR WOODS  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSENT:  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

- a. EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT (ENA) WITH NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE (NATIONAL CORE)

Alexa Washburn, Representative for National Community Renaissance, addressed the City Council regarding the agreement.

Sarah Bobbe, Representative for Signal Hill Petroleum, addressed the City

Council and commented on the agreement.

Minh Luu, Representative for Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach, addressed the City Council and commented on the agreement.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement between the City of Signal Hill, the Signal Hill Housing Authority, and National Community Renaissance substantially in the form presented for the development of two proposed workforce housing projects known as Orange Bluff and Walnut Bluff.

The following vote resulted:

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

**ADJOURN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 7:54 P.M.**

b. GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GRACE ENVIRONMENTAL INCORPORATED FOR VALVE EXERCISING SERVICES

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to enter into a General Services Agreement with Grace Environmental Incorporated for a three-year term contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$220,035, in a form approved by the City Attorney. This agreement encompasses the comprehensive exercising of all 1,597 valves within the City's water pipeline network, conducting a thorough condition assessment, and performing the associated flushing of pipeline segments.

The following vote resulted:

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

c. AGREEMENTS WITH BLUESPACE INTERIORS, LLC., AND MOHAWK COMMERCIAL, INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CITY HALL FURNITURE, ARCHITECTURAL WALLS, AND FLOORING

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approval of agreements with Bluespace Interiors, LLC., for the purchase and installation of new furniture and architectural walls for City Hall, in an amount not to-exceed \$529,474.37, in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager to utilize a project contingency of up to 10% (\$52,947.43) in the event of changed or unforeseen conditions, for a total budget of \$582,421.80; and Mohawk Commercial, Incorporated for the purchase and installation of new flooring for City Hall, in an amount not to-exceed \$144,004.67, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and authorize the City Manager to utilize a project contingency of up to 10% (\$14,400.46) in the event of changed or unforeseen conditions, for a total budget of \$158,405.13.

The following vote resulted:

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

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 8:34 p.m. and returned at 8:36 p.m.

- d. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO 2024 FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR IMMEDIATE SHORT-TERM REPAIRS

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6782 ratifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the City Manager of the City of Signal Hill, as Director of Emergency Services; and adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6783 amending the adopted budget and authorizing budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the emergency repairs resulting from the 2024 winter storm damage in the amount of \$800,000.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6782, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-6783, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS RESULTING FROM THE 2024 WINTER STORM DAMAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

ABSTAIN: NONE

Council Member Hansen left the City Council meeting at 8:58 p.m.

**(15) CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. WARRANT REGISTER DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2024
- b. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS  
VICE MAYOR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Vice Mayor Wilson wished everyone a happy President's Day, a happy Valentine's Day; and commented on the transportation funding process.

Mayor Woods requested a future agenda item to analyze Council Member compensation to avoid significant adjustments in the future.

(17) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next meeting of the Signal Hill City Council, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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LORI Y. WOODS  
MAYOR

Attest:

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DARITZA GONZALEZ  
CITY CLERK