



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL August 27, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Council Chamber on August 27, 2024.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR LORI WOODS
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER KEIR JONES

ABSENT: NONE

LATE ARRIVAL: VICE MAYOR EDWARD WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER TINA HANSEN

(3) **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.

TITLE: CITY MANAGER

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 PM**

Vice Mayor Wilson arrived at 6:09 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**

Lorraine Gilbert, Signal Hill resident addressed the City Council and commented on homeowners insurance.

Mary Gonzalez, Signal Hill resident, commented on agenda item 13b.

Sonia Savouljian, representative of the Signal Hill Historical Society commented on the upcoming walking tour.

(10) **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Hansen arrived at 7:14 p.m.

(11) **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR THOMAS BEKELE WILL INTRODUCE RECENTLY HIRED EMPLOYEES WITH THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL: ANTHONY DEL REAL, MAINTENANCE WORKER (STREETS), ARLEY ESTRELLA, WATER MAINTENANCE WORKER I, JASON FILBERN, MAINTENANCE WORKER (STREETS), ANGELO LOPEZ, MAINTENANCE WORKER (STREETS), JAIME MENDOZA, MAINTENANCE WORKER (PARKS/FACILITIES), AND EVANDEMITRI "DEMITRI" PIINUU, WATER MAINTENANCE WORKER I.

Public Works Director, Thomas Bekele presented agenda item 11a.

- b. THE SIGNAL HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY, HOSTED SIX CONCERTS IN THE PARK IN SUMMER 2024. MAYOR WOODS WILL RECOGNIZE THIS YEAR'S SPONSORS.

Mayor Woods presented agenda item 11b.

(12) **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

Sonia Savouljian, Signal Hill resident commented on the project and asked questions.

Pam Dutch Hughes, Signal Hill resident commented on the project and asked questions.

Mary Gonzalez, Signal Hill resident commented on the project and asked

questions.

John Kaliski, representative of John Kaliski Architects addressed the questions from residents.

Council Member Jones left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adopt the Civic Center Master Plan substantially in the form presented and provide staff with additional direction.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. ACCEPTANCE OF GREENLATINOS URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE STREET TREE PLANTING - FEDERAL PROJECT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adopt Resolution No. 2024-08-6824 accepting grant funds from GreenLatinos for the Street Tree Planting - Federal Project; adopt Resolution No. 2024-08-6825 amending the adopted budget and authorizing budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for Street Tree Planting - Federal Project in the amount of \$1,000,000; and authorize the City Manager and/or Public Works Director to administer the grant agreement and all necessary documents to receive and expend awarded grant funds.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-08-6824, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM GREENLATINOS FOR THE STREET TREE PLANTING - FEDERAL PROJECT

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-08-6825

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FOR STREET TREE PLANTING - FEDERAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. **PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to declare the vacancy of one Planning Commissioner position; and authorize staff to open a recruitment seeking residents interested in serving as a Planning Commissioner for the remainder of the vacant term through May 31, 2025. The recruitment will run from August 30 through September 20, 2024.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSTAIN: NONE

(13) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES IN FULL AND AUTHORIZE READING BY TITLE ONLY
- b. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07-1550 AMENDING CHAPTER 5.06 ("SIDEWALK VENDING") AND CHAPTER 12.14 ("CAMPING AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON PUBLIC PROPERTY") OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO SIDEWALK VENDING AND CAMPING
- c. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
- d. APPROVE TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT - SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
- e. CONTINUANCE OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 2024 WINTER STORMS AND

REAFFIRMING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS REQUIRING EMERGENCY ACTION TO COMPLETE EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT PANORAMA PROMENADE AND MOLINO AVENUE AND 20TH STREET

- f. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE (EMPG) 23 GRANT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT
- g. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A BLOCK WALL ACROSS A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2398 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
- h. MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GENTRY GENERAL ENGINEERING INCORPORATED FOR STREET AND ALLEY MAINTENANCE AND IMMEDIATE REPAIR SERVICES
- i. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED AUGUST 27, 2024
- j. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT
- k. WARRANT REGISTER DATED AUGUST 27, 2024
- l. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER JONES

ABSTAIN: NONE

(14) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Hansen congratulated her son, Ben on attending Cal State Maritime in Vallejo and wished him well.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke of longtime friend and Signal Hill resident Ida Aleman, who recently passed away; and requested adjourning tonight's meeting in her honor and memory.

Mayor Woods reported on her attendance at the Mayor's Innovation Project Conference.

- a. MAYOR WOODS WILL REPORT ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE MAYORS INNOVATION PROJECT ON AUGUST 8-10, 2024.

(15) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in honor and memory of longtime friend and Signal Hill resident, Ida Aleman.

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

DARITZA GONZALEZ
CITY CLERK