



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 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, 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.

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 – 6:30 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.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding California Redevelopment Association, League of California Cities, and John Shirey v. the State of California.

(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. Jorge Lopez, recipient of a 2011 Rotary Service Above Self Award, will present the City Council with a contribution to the Signal Hill Public Library in the amount of \$125.
- b. Mayor Forester will present the 3rd Quarter Sustainability Award to Kluger Architects, represented by Stuart Galloway, Senior Associate, and Craig Prestinanzi, Project Manager, LEED AP.

(8) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-09-1432 Amending Title 20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code by Adding a Definition and Regulations for Food Truck Events on Private Property in Commercial and Industrial Zones, Except Commercial Residential Zones

Summary: Ordinance No. 2011-09-1432 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on September 6, 2011 and is now presented for second reading and adoption.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-09-1432 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-05, as amended, amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 20, entitled "Zoning" by adding a definition for food truck events and adding regulations for food truck events on private property in commercial and industrial zones, except the Commercial Residential zone.

- b. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 12 by Adding Chapter 12.05: Street Tree Ordinance

Summary: The Signal Hill Municipal Code currently does not contain an ordinance governing the maintenance, replacement, and/or removal of City-owned street trees. The addition of Chapter 12.05 to the Signal Hill Municipal Code enables the City Council to establish standards for street tree planting, removal, replacement, and maintenance. This new Chapter is not intended to be applied to trees located in City parks or on private property, including private streets and property owned and maintained by homeowners associations.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Title 12 by adding Chapter 12.05 allowing for the establishment of standards for street tree planting, removal, replacement, and maintenance under Ordinance No. 2011-09-1433 herein.

(9) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Extension and Progress Report on 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 Council will consider extending the recently adopted interim urgency ordinance regarding development standards for properties with abandoned or re-abandoned oil wells for an additional 10 months and 15 days. The interim ordinance was adopted in response to the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources abruptly terminating their leak testing, development site plan review and well certification process. An extension is necessary to give staff time to work with experts to complete the special studies needed to adopt comprehensive amendments to the City's existing Oil Code.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the urgency ordinance extending 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.

(10) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Contract Service Agreement to Operate and Maintain an Online Database of Signal Hill Police Department Accident and Incident Reports, and Provide Access to Such Reports to the Public, for a Fee, Through Contractor's Online System Using its Proprietary Software

Summary: As a means of improving service to the public, the Signal Hill Police Department would like to enter into a contract services agreement with PoliceReports.US to provide online access to Signal Hill Police Department accident and incident reports.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a one-year contract agreement with PoliceReports.US to operate and maintain an online database of Signal Hill Police Department accident and incident reports, and provide access to such reports to the public, for a fee, through Contractor's online system using its proprietary software, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

- b. Adoption of a Resolution Stating the City's Intention to Make Remittances Required by ABX1 27 in Order to Avoid Dissolution of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency

Summary: It is recommended that the Council adopt a resolution concerning Assembly Bill X1 27 (AB 27) and corresponding agenda items, indicating that these actions are taken under protest, with an express reservation of rights.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution stating the City's intention to make remittances required by ABX1 27 in order to avoid dissolution of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency.

CALL THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO ORDER

- c. AB1X 27 Remittance Agreement

Summary: The State Senate and Assembly passed AB1X 26 (Redevelopment Dissolution Bill) and AB1X 27 (Redevelopment Reformation Bill) as part of its state budget approval process. In taking steps necessary to continue its redevelopment operation, the City may enter into an agreement with the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency to transfer a portion of its tax increment to the City to enable City to make the annual remittance payments as required by AB1X 27

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of a remittance agreement by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency.

- d. Approval of the Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency Required Under AB1X 26

Summary: The Senate and Assembly recently passed AB1X 26 (Redevelopment Agency Dissolution Bill) and AB1X 27 (Redevelopment Agency Reformation Bill) as part of its state budget approval process. The State Supreme Court recently stayed all of the provisions of the Reformation Bill, but only granted a partial stay on the Dissolution Bill. Due to the impact of the partial stay, the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency must now consider adopting a Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule.

Recommendation: Receive and file Preliminary Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

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(11) 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. Agreement for the “Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West) Los Angeles County”

Summary: The Police Department wishes to enter into a one-year agreement with Gardena Police Department in support of countywide regional efforts to publicize the combined DUI efforts of all law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County and to raise general public awareness regarding the problems associated with drinking and driving.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a one-year agreement with Gardena Police Department as the fiscal pass-through service provider for the 2011-2012 State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) “Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West) Los Angeles County” grant project, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

- b. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to City Hall on Jessie Nelson Circle

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space on Jessie Nelson Circle to serve disabled persons conducting business on the lower level of City Hall.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to City Hall on Jessie Nelson Circle for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

c. Resolution of Intent to Grant a Pipeline Franchise to Shell Pipeline Company LP

Summary: Shell Pipeline Company LP (Shell) is requesting to renew their pipeline franchise to operate their pipeline facilities within City of Signal Hill rights-of-way. This resolution states the City Council's intent to grant a pipeline franchise to Shell.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring its intention to grant a franchise to Shell Pipeline Company LP and the interests, rights, privileges, and duties to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within this City. 2. Set a public hearing for October 18, 2011.

d. Approval for Use of City Media for Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts Show and Sell Event

Summary: The Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts is seeking permission from the City Council to utilize City media resources to advertise their Show and Sell event scheduled for October 8, 2011, in the Signal Hill Community Center. Per City policy, such media resources must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize FOSHCA use of City media to advertise their Show and Sell event in accordance with the City media policy.

e. Approval of Alcohol Use for Show and Sell

Summary: The Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their Show and Sell event scheduled for October 8, 2011, in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize FOSHCA to provide alcoholic beverages at this event.

f. Authorization to Fill Full-Time Library Assistant Vacancy

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to fill a full-time Library Assistant vacancy in the Community Services Department. Staff is recommending filling the position to ensure the effective and efficient operations in the Library it is necessary to fill the full-time Library Assistant vacancy.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to conduct a recruitment to fill the full-time Library Assistant position.

g. 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.

h. Warrant Register Dated September 20, 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 September 20, 2011.

i. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, September 6, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

(12) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

VICE MAYOR HANSEN

MAYOR FORESTER

(14) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

(15) 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.