



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

September 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 6, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- c. A closed session was 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.
- d. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

RECONVENE – 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Assistant City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and directions from Council. No reportable action was taken.

PRESENTATION(S)

Mayor Forester announced Mr. Jorge Lopez will receive the 2011 Rotary Service Above Self Award at a future Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.18 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing the Operations of Hotels and Motels

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-08-1431 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.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-08-1431:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, 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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Food Truck Events

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Assistant Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone in favor of or opposed to the resolution to please come forward.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the resolution. Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Council Member Wilson commented on the report and requested inspection reports by the Los Angeles County Health Department be placed prominently on the truck and asked about the collection of sales tax. Community Development Director and City Manager explained the sales tax process.

Mayor Forester commented on the food trucks.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-5908 approving Negative Declaration 7/29/11(2), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-05, adding regulations for food truck events on private property in commercial and industrial zones, except the Commercial Residential Zone as modified; waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-05, 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 as modified.

Council Member Wilson confirmed the motions are to include the requested modification regarding the posting of Los Angeles County Health Department inspection reports prominently on the food trucks.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-5908:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 7/29/11(2), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-05, ADDING REGULATIONS FOR FOOD TRUCK EVENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES, EXCEPT THE COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-09-1432:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-05, 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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Studios

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone in favor of or opposed to the ordinance to please come forward.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance. Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Council Member Noll commented he had been following the workshop and would not be attending the meeting on October 4, 2011, but it is his understanding from residents they would like the business as far away from their residences as possible.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to continue the public hearing to the October 4, 2011 City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association

City Manager introduced the Deputy City Manager who presented the staff report.

Council Member Ward thanked the Deputy City Manager and the Assistant to the City Manager, Personnel for negotiations.

Council Member Wilson echoed Council Member Ward's comments and also thanked the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the pension costs and contributions by the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association and the cost savings committee to be formed by the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and confirmed the amount paid by the City for employee health benefits as well as the lifetime medical benefit.

Detective Nick Davenport, President of the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association addressed Council regarding retaining veteran officers with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association.

Mayor Forester thanked Detective Davenport for meeting with him and working hard through negotiations in order to avoid an impasse.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-5909 amending Resolution No. 2009-01-5736, approving a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the California Meyers-Milius-Brown Act by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association; waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2011-09-5910 specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 3% @ 50 and the 3% @ 55 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-5909:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01-5736, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA MEYERS-MILIUS-BROWN ACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-09-5910:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, SPECIFYING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE REQUIRED NORMAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 3% @ 50 AND THE 3% @ 55 RETIREMENT FORMULAS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Temporary Closure of California Avenue Between Spring Street and Willow Street to Facilitate Construction of a Storm Drain

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked about the communication of alternate routes and was assured by the Public Works Director this would be done using detour signs and it would also be added to the written notification to businesses and residents.

Mayor Forester asked about the large trucks going in and out of the area and confirmed with the Public Works Director that local businesses would have access to their offices.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Award of Contract for the ADA Improvements at Orange Avenue and Willow Street Project, No. 798

City Manager introduced the Director of Public Works who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the ADA Improvements at Orange Avenue and Willow Street Project, No. 798, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Golden State Constructors in the amount of \$189,244.

Mayor Forester thanked the Director of Public Works because this project was funded by sought after grant money.

Council Member Wilson confirmed with the Public Works Director that the signals installed at the corner of Orange Avenue and Willow Street will have left turn signals.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Contract Services Agreement for the Design of the Energy Efficiency Pump Motors Project, No. 621

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tetra Tech for the preparation of the Energy Efficiency Pump Motors Project bid package.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$22,200 for completion of the Energy Efficiency Pump Motors Project bid package. Services will include onsite system evaluations and preparation of design drawings and project specifications.

- b. Property Acquisition – APN: 7148-010-070, 32nd Street

Summary: The City Council will consider an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property with CR Revocable Trust for property located on 32nd Street between 1016 and 1018 E. 32nd Street.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between CR Revocable Trust and the City of Signal Hill for property APN: 7148-010-070 located on 32nd Street between 1016 and 1018 E. 32nd Street. 2. Approve the budget adjustment appropriating \$17,500 from the Gas Tax Reserve Fund (Fund 02) to the General Fund Account No. 001.550.545.540.

c. Warrant Register Dated September 6, 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 6, 2011.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, August 16, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll announced the bicyclers and joggers on Skyline Drive are not stopping at traffic lights. Chief Langston addressed Council Member Noll's concerns and announced the Police Department is creating an outreach program to educate the public regarding the right of way.

Council Member Noll asked about the day laborers and asked if they were posting their wage prices. Chief Langston said this is an ongoing problem and they will continue discussions with the contractor.

Council Member Noll requested Matt Simmons blog show transparency by requiring anyone posting on the blog, sign their name.

Council Member Ward warned residents of a solicitor claiming to be a city representative and asking to give estimates for home improvements is a scam and to beware of phone solicitors.

Council Member Ward announced KTLA announced 12 Great Deli's in Southern California and Rocco's in Signal Hill was recognized. They are located on 28th Street.

Council Member Ward reminded residents to shop and buy in Signal Hill.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society will hold their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 17th at Discovery Well Park from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and tickets will sell for \$6.00 each. Please call (562) 544-6005 for additional information.

Council Member Noll announced he attended a tour of the new Jessie Nelson Middle School as a member of the Long Beach Unified School District Overview Site Committee. The school is 90% complete.

Council Member Noll announced he will be attending a meeting for the League of California Cities at the end of the month and will then be on vacation so the next meeting he will be attending is the October 18, 2011 Council Meeting.

Mayor Forester announced a Shred-a-Thon for Long Beach and Signal Hill is being held on Saturday, September 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Abilities First Community Center at 3770 E. Willow Street. They will take the first 10 boxes free and charge \$5.00 per box after that.

Mayor Forester announced identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States and reminded residents to destroy personal information. Do not put mail with your name on it in the trash.

Mayor Forester invited the Community Services Director to come forward and announce the Celebration of Peace and Unity at the Unity Monument on Temple Avenue on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Ward announced she will be attending the League of California Cities Meeting at the end of the month and then will be on vacation so she will not be attending the next meeting.

Council Member Wilson reported on his attendance at the earlier County Board of Supervisors Meeting in support of the new re-districting.

Council Member Wilson announced the 32nd NAACP Founders Dinner and Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk