



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 4, 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) ORDINANCE(S)

a. Ordinance Continuing the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency

Summary: Under new State legislation, redevelopment agencies are required to either dissolve; or their sponsoring city is required to reform their agency by dramatically increasing payments of local property taxes to the State. Under the threat of dissolution, the Council will consider adopting an ordinance necessary to continue the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency pursuant to the new State law. The Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency needs to continue to implement a variety of redevelopment projects and programs, including the clean-up of contaminated properties and re-abandonment of orphaned oil wells, in order to eliminate blight from the community. The Agency also has other important financial obligations, including payback of a prior City loan.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance determining it will comply with the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in order to permit the continued existence and operation of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency Project Area Number One.

(8) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Continued Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Studios

Summary: The City Council will consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance to permit tattoo and/or body piercing studios in certain zoning districts separated by a minimum distance of 500 feet from a sensitive land uses such as a church, school, park, community center or residential zones. Additionally, tattoo and/or body piercing establishments must not be situated less than 1,000 feet from a similar establishment. The zoning districts that may accommodate the use include the CG, Commercial General, CI, Commercial Industrial, CO, Commercial Office, LI, Light Industrial, GI, General Industrial, and Area 3 of the SP-10 Pacific Coast Highway Specific Plan. The use is currently listed as ‘tattoo parlor’ in the zoning code and is prohibited in all zoning districts. The City must accommodate the tattoo and body piercing use due to a federal court ruling that declared it protected under the Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving Negative Declaration 07/29/11(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-04, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.20, entitled “Commercial Districts,” to include ‘Tattoo and/or body piercing studio’ as a permitted use in the CG, Commercial General, CO, Commercial Office, CTC, Commercial Town Center, CI, Commercial Industrial, LI, Light Industrial, GI General Industrial, and SP-10, Pacific Coast Highway Specific Plan, zoning districts, subject to a separation distance of 500 feet from sensitive land uses such as residential zones, churches, schools, parks, libraries and community centers and a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from a similar tattoo and body piercing establishment and to adopt by reference portions of Chapter 11.36 of the Los Angeles County Code, entitled “Body Art Establishments,” and portions of Part 1, Chapter 36, of the Los Angeles County Code Environmental Health Regulations, entitled “Body Art Regulations”. 2. Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-04, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.20, entitled “Commercial Districts,” to include ‘Tattoo and/or body piercing studio’ as a permitted use in the CG, Commercial General, CO, Commercial Office, CTC, Commercial Town Center, CI, Commercial Industrial, LI, Light Industrial, GI, General Industrial, and SP-10, Pacific Coast Highway Specific Plan, zoning districts, subject to a separation distance of 500 feet from sensitive land uses such as residential zones, churches, schools, parks, libraries and community centers and a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from a similar tattoo and/or body piercing establishment, and to adopt by reference portions of Chapter 11.36 of the Los Angeles County Code, entitled “Body Art Establishments,” and portions of Part 1, Chapter 36, of the Los Angeles County Code Environmental Health Regulations, entitled “Body Art Regulations”.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Electric Car Charging Stations

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has an opportunity to gain two electric vehicle charging stations through the Department of Energy-funded ChargePoint America Program. The program is administered through Coulomb Technologies, Inc., with objectives to encourage public use of clean and efficient electric vehicles, track the use of charging stations for extensive data collection, and create jobs. In exchange for allowing the Department of Energy to collect usage data, the grant offers equipment and the installation for two charging stations at no cost to the City.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into two separate Contract Services Agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Coulomb Technologies for the installation and management of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

b. Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Services Agreement for Engineering Services with Tetra Tech, Inc.

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization for the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for the preparation of a Preliminary Design Study of a Membrane Water Treatment Plant. The amended scope will expand the study to evaluate the feasibility of additional water treatment technologies and strategies.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for professional engineering services with Tetra Tech, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, increasing the contract sum for FY 2011-12 by \$44,100.

c. Second Meeting in December

Summary: The second meeting in December falls on December 20, 2011. This being a holiday week, City Council will consider cancelling this meeting to the first meeting in January 2012.

Recommendation: Discuss whether or not to cancel the December 20, 2011 meeting and give direction to staff.

(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. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Laurie Whall for bodily injury.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Laurie Whall.

b. Purchase of Replacement Vehicle

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a replacement vehicle for use by the Police Department.

Recommendation: Authorize the Police Department to purchase one 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedan, through the Cooperative Purchase Provision of the County of Los Angeles, PO No. DPO-SH-11321410-1.

c. Resolution Establishing CalPERS Health Insurance Contribution

Summary: The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act requires a resolution to establish contribution rates for City employees and retirees for calendar year 2012.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution repealing Resolution No. 2010-09-5844 and fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.

d. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Summary: For several years, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach has provided maintenance support services to Public Works Maintenance Operations. Staff recommends City Council approval to extend the contract for maintenance support for a period of three-years at the same annual cost.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement, between the City and the Conservation Corps of Long Beach in the amount of \$35,000, to provide a corps member to supplement the Public Works Maintenance Operations Program, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Approval of Alcohol Use for Knights of Pythias Event

Summary: The Signal Hill Community Foundation is partnering with the Lakewood/Long Beach Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 403, for a fundraiser. They are seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their event scheduled for November 10, 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 the Signal Hill Community Foundation and the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 403, to provide alcoholic beverages at this event.

f. Warrant Register Dated October 4, 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 October 4, 2011.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, September 20, 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, October 18, 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.