



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
November 15, 2011

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.

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. with the conduct of any business permitted to be conducted in closed session by the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), if any, and with the public portion of the meeting commencing at 7:00 pm. There is a period for public comment on closed session matters at 6:00 p.m. prior to the closed session. In the event there is no business to be conducted in closed session, the regular meeting shall commence at 7:00 p.m. There is a public comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting, as well as the opportunity to comment on each agenda item as it arises. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

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. Agenda 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 is allowed to address the council on all agenda items. The mayor will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item. The public may speak to the council on items that are not listed on the agenda. This public comment period will be held at the beginning of the public portion of the meeting. You are encouraged (but not required) to complete a speaker card prior to the item being considered, and give the card to a City staff member. The purpose of the card is to ensure speakers are correctly identified in the minutes. However, completion of a speaker card is voluntary, and is not a requirement to address the council. The cards are provided at the rear of the Council Chamber. Please direct your comments or questions to the Mayor.

(1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

MAYOR FORESTER
VICE MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

(3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- 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.

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

(5) RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

(6) RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

(10) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Re-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 proposed City Street Tree Ordinance was initially introduced at the September 20, 2011 City Council Meeting. Upon additional review of the proposed ordinance, staff, working closely with the City Attorney, is recommending that further revisions and clarifications be incorporated which in turn necessitates a reintroduction of the Ordinance prior to the second reading.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and re-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. 2011-11-xxxx herein

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Contract Services Agreement For A Water Rate Study With Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated

Summary: At times, the Public Works Department utilizes the services of professional consultants to provide specialized services for the City. Staff is recommending approval of a Contract Services Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated, to perform a comprehensive water rate study for the Public Works Department.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Incorporated (RFC), to perform a Water Rate Study, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

(12) 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. LA Impact Joint Powers Authority

Summary: The Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) has formally organized itself as a Joint Powers Authority. In taking steps to continue ongoing benefits of membership within LA IMPACT and opportunities to help shape the policies of LA IMPACT going forward, the City may join the LA IMPACT Authority.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (LA IMPACT JPA), authorizing the City's membership in LA IMPACT; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the JPA Agreement.

- b. 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.

- c. Warrant Register Dated November 15, 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 November 15, 2011.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, November 1, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

(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, December 6, 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.