



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**

October 18, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 18, 2011.

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 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 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding State of California v. Commission on State Mandates Case No. 34-2010-000605.
- d. 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.

### **RECONVENE – 7:08 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT:      NONE

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Items (a), (b), and (c) were discussed, status reports were given and no reportable action was taken. Item (d) was not discussed.

City Attorney announced Council voted to add the following item to closed session for the Redevelopment Agency:

- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding the Cherry Avenue Widening Project.

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the added closed session item and announced this was not following the appropriate process required by the Brown Act. City Attorney advised Ms. Harris, the item was added as an urgency item due to a meeting earlier today with the City of Long Beach. Council voted unanimously in closed session to add the urgency item.

Melissa Guy, Signal Hill business owner thanked Council for removing the parking signs on St. Louis and cleaning up the property on the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Louis. Ms. Guy also thanked the Signal Hill Police Department and encouraged everyone to shop in Signal Hill.

Denise Damrow, President of Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts announced the annual Show & Sell will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Signal Hill Community Center. This is a free event.

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Mayor Forester introduced La Trice McBride who presented City Council with an award in appreciation for their support of Veteran Stand Down Day.

## **ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1436 Continuing the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency
- b. Assembly Bill AB1X27 Urgency Ordinance Continuing the Existence of the Signal Hill Community Redevelopment Agency and Committing the City to Annual Remittances Pursuant to AB1X27

City Manager presented the staff reports.

Council Member Wilson asked if the urgency ordinance was the same ordinance presented at the last meeting. City Manager confirmed it was the same ordinance inclusive of the requests made by Council at the October 4, 2011 City Council meeting.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-10-1436 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.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1436:

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR FORESTER  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES:      COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt the Urgency Ordinance No. 2011-10-1437 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.

City Attorney read the title or Ordinance No. 2011-10-1437:

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR FORESTER  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES:      COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

a. Public Hearing – Introduction of an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Shell Pipeline Company LP and a Resolution Finding the Franchise Categorically Exempt from CEQA Guidelines

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Council Member Noll asked if we would be receiving the same amount of money. Public Works Management Analyst advised we would be receiving the same amount or higher.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone speaking in favor of the ordinance to please come forward. No comment was received.

Mayor Forester invited anyone speaking in opposition to the ordinance to please come forward. No comment was received.

There being none, Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading adopt Resolution No. 2011-10-5919 finding the Grant of Franchise to Shell Pipeline Company LP to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article 19 of the guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2011-10-5919:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-10-1439 granting to Shell Pipeline Company LP the right, privilege, and franchise 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 said City.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1439:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING SHELL PIPELINE COMPANY LP THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND FRANCHISE 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 SAID CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Planning Commission Report and Recommendation Regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Studios, Introduction of Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Studios and Introduction of Ordinance to Incorporate Los Angeles County Body Art Regulations by Reference

City Manager introduced Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

City Attorney explained the process of adopting a code by reference. Council Member Wilson asked what happens if the code is amended in the future by Los Angeles County. City Attorney advised once a code is adopted by reference, it is adopted as written at that point in time. If the code is amended in the future, unless Council comes back to adopt the amended code, the City would still be using the old code.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident represented fellow resident, Bob Mendoza and presented Council with surveys conducted by Mr. Mendoza as well as a letter she wrote on his half (attached).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-10-1440 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 certain commercial and industrial zoning districts, subject to a separation distance of 1,000 feet from certain sensitive land uses, and a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from other tattoo and/or body piercing establishments.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1440:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, 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 CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO A SEPARATION DISTANCE OF 1,000 FEET FROM CERTAIN SENSITIVE LAND USES, AND A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 1,000 FEET FROM OTHER TATTOO AND/OR BODY PIERCING ESTABLISHMENTS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2011-10-1438 adding Chapter 8.56 to Title 8 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code, and adopting 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," relating to regulation of tattoo and/or body piercing studios.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1438:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8.56 TO TITLE 8 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADOPTING 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," RELATING TO REGULATION OF TATTOO AND/OR BODY PIERCING STUDIOS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Community Foundation

Mayor Forester recused himself as he sits on the Board for the Signal Hill Community Foundation and turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Hansen.

Mayor Forester left Council Chamber at 7:40 p.m.

City Manager introduced the Community Services Director who presented the staff report.

City Council and Community Services Director discussed the requested documentation from the Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts (FOSCHA) and Friends of the Signal Hill Library (FOSHL), the requested audit of FOSCHA and FOSHL and bank accounts for both, in addition to the Millenial Brick Project, and the importance of transparency.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced anyone wishing to speak regarding the MOU to please come forward and announced speakers who do not want to complete a speaker card, please state your name and address at the podium. If you complete a speaker's card, no address is necessary when speaking.

Denise Damrow, President of Friends of the Signal Hill Cultural Arts and Friends of Signal Hill Library addressed Council regarding transparency, the accounting of funds, commitment of volunteers, and requested additional time to provide the requested documentation.

Council Member Ward questioned Ms. Damrow regarding transparency, certificates of insurance and a dinner hosted for volunteers. Denise Damrow assured Council the certificates of insurance were sent.

Council Member Wilson announced FOSHCA has done a great job for the City over the years and he feels there needs to be accountability and timeliness in order to have a business relationship with the City.

Council Member Noll thanked Ms. Damrow for all her hard work as well as the volunteers and expressed the importance of transparency and accountability, and wants no more delays.

City Attorney suggested taking public comment.

Denise Damrow announced board members do not want to move forward with the MOU as it is written and one of the main concerns is where the money will go if FOSHCA and FOSHL go out of business and invited Council to attend meetings and work together on an MOU.

Sylvia Hopper, Signal Hill resident and member of FOSHL addressed Council regarding the Community Foundation taking over Concerts in the Park and the Millenial Brick Program and doesn't like the politicking.

Gary Dudley, Signal Hill resident and Board President of the Signal Hill Community Foundation announced the Foundation was founded in 2001 and it provides funding through grants, donations and corporate funding and sees no harm in bringing these programs to the Foundation. Mr. Dudley thanked the volunteers for FOSHCA and FOSHL.

Richard Harris, Signal Hill resident asked what experience the Community Foundation has regarding working with operations and managing volunteers, and is staff going to be involved.

Community Services Director announced staff will be involved in preparations and planning. Details will be worked out in the next few Foundation meetings. Council Member Noll confirmed with the Community Services Director this is temporary until the structure is in place.

Council Member Ward asked that once a structure is in place, plans need to be made for the future, in the event the group breaks away from the City, and an annual audit should be completed.

City Attorney announced the MOU is very detailed and if FOSHCA or FOSHL go out of business there is a provision that the funds will continue to serve the purpose of the 501(c)3. The City Attorney's office was not approached regarding any concerns or questions regarding this issue. City Attorney will continue to work with Community Services Director to put the appropriate language in the MOU to create the structure needed.

Council Member Ward announced she doesn't believe anything has happened with the money but would like to see an audit completed.

Council Member Wilson announced FOSHCA and FOSHL are two separate organizations and will still be in existence. It is up to the board to decide what they are going to do but there is a perception the City is involved and there must be timeliness and accountability.

Council Member Noll announced he would like to see staff work closely with Denise Damrow and the volunteers to facilitate a smooth transition.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced FOSHCA and FOSHL are independent 501(c)3's and the MOU doesn't change that. An MOU was presented to the boards of these organizations 18 months ago and Council did not receive an answer until a month ago and the answer was no to the MOU. Council feels the need for an MOU, a financial accounting and requested additional documentation that has not been provided, and it has been too long.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Signal Hill Community Foundation; authorize the Community Foundation to assume responsibility for fundraising and planning the Summer Concert Series; authorize the Community Foundation to assume responsibility for sales of Millennial Bricks at Hilltop Park for the benefit of capital improvements and programs at the Signal Hill Library.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR FORESTER

Council Member Ward left Council Chambers at 9:02 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hansen requested that staff meet again with Denise Damrow to discuss the outstanding items and requested an annual status report to revisit the MOU in one year and see how it is working.

Denise Damrow confirmed that if FOSHCA and FOSHL were to complete an audit, and provide the requested documentation, as well as an MOU, it would be too late and the voted upon MOU will indeed be in effect for one full year. Ms. Damrow also announced there would likely be no volunteer base for the Community Foundation which means staff would be working on the events which would be an additional cost. Vice Mayor Hansen thanked Denise Damrow and announced most likely the Community Foundation would be looking for volunteers to assist with future events.

Mayor Forester returned to Council Chamber at 9:04 p.m.

c. Award of Contract for the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project, No. 612

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

Council Member Ward returned to Council Chamber at 9:05 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked Public Works Director about the original amount. Public Works Director confirmed it was \$250,000.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project, No. 612, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to FS Construction in the amount \$241,449; approve the budget adjustment appropriating \$25,000 in cost savings from the Cerritos Avenue Improvements Project, No. 804 to the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project budget.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. California State Transportation Department Signing Authority Resolution

Summary: The City has successfully obtained federal funds that are currently being used for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Cherry Avenue Traffic Signal Project, and the Cherry Avenue/405 Freeway Ramps Reconfiguration Design Study. The State, as the administrator of state and federal funds, requires that the City update its current resolution authorizing City representatives with signature authority to enter into Master Agreements, Program Supplements and funding agreements, right-of-way certifications, and reimbursement invoice submittals specific to projects.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of California for funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program and authorizing the City Manager and/or Deputy City Manager and/or the Public Works Director to execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation for funds available for the City of Signal Hill.

b. Extension of Risk Assessment Contract – OEHHA

Summary: The City requires professional services from the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for the review of environmental risk assessments. This report provides for the extension of the contract for three years.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between the City of Signal Hill and the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment No. 08-E0023 to provide (on-call) risk assessment services.

c. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of City Services Fees and Charges

Summary: The City establishes service fees and charges to reflect the cost of performing special services. Staff is proposing to add new items to the Uniform Schedule of Service Fees related to the new Street Tree Ordinance, on-line access to police reports, and animal control services provided by the City of Long Beach. Fees related to the former Kids Kamp program are proposed to be removed from the fee schedule.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2011-06-5900, amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

d. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Golden State Foods Corporation for property damage.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Golden State Foods Corporation.

e. 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.

f. Warrant Register Dated October 18, 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 18, 2011.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Special Meeting of the City Council, September 27, 2011.

Regular Meeting of the City Council, October 4, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the Consent Calendar items (a) thru (f).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve item (g) of the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR FORESTER  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

## **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Noll provided an update on Measure K School Bonds and the Jessie Elwin Nelson Middle School.

Council Member Ward reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco. She attended along with Council Member Noll and reported on the presentation regarding Library Services.

Council Member Wilson announced the Knights of Pythias, Signal Hill Tribune and Community Foundation are hosting a Food and Friendship Dinner on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Signal Hill Community Center.

Council Member Wilson announced his attendance at the NAACP dinner and congratulated Ted Caruthers, recipient of the Presidential Humanitarian Award.

Mayor Forester announced Fall Clean-up Week is October 17-21<sup>st</sup>. Put bulky items out on your regular trash pick-up day. Multi-families please call 562-597-0608 to make special arrangements for large items. No hazardous waste items.

Mayor Forester invited Community Development Director to come forward to announce Mayor's Cleanup on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Discovery Well Park.

Mayor Forester announced the Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill basketball courts. Please call 562-989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Forester announced his attendance at the Long Beach LAMDA Democratic Club Human Rights Dinner on October 15<sup>th</sup> and thanked them for a nice dinner and congratulated the many honorees.

Mayor Forester announced his attendance at the Board of Supervisor's meeting where they recognized 811 Dig Alert and presented the City with a proclamation.

## **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, November 1, 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  
                 VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk

Oct. 18, 2011

Signal Hill City Council  
City of Signal Hill

Subject: Tattoo and Body Piercing Salon

Honorable City Council members:

At the Signal Hill Planning Commission Oct. 11, 2011 meeting, the Commission considered the Council's straw poll opinion regarding the appropriate distance of a tattoo and body piercing salon from residences, churches, schools, community centers, parks and library. Commissioners Tom Benson and Shannon Murphy voted to support the Council's 1,000-foot preference. Commissioners Devon Austin and Rose Richard voted to continue the Commission's recommendation of a 500-foot separation. Commissioner Jane Fallon was absent.

Since the Commission's vote was split, I initiated another survey of Signal Hill residents asking if they supported the Council's preference or the Commission's recommendation. I am presenting these surveys tonight, Oct. 18, to the Council to add to the public record and provide you with more useful information about the opinions of Signal Hill residents.

There are 20 surveys I wish to present this evening. Of those 20, 18 support the Council's 1,000-foot preference and 2 support the Commission's 500-foot recommendation. Adding these surveys to the total number I have presented to directly the Council, there are 138 residents who want the 1,000-foot distance; and, 23 who prefer the 500-foot distance.

At the Commission's Oct. 11 meeting, I submitted more surveys addressed to the Commission on this issue. The overwhelming majority opinion was in support of the 1,000-foot separation.

Without a doubt, Signal Hill residents support the Council's straw poll preference for a 1,000-foot separation from residences, churches, schools, community centers, parks and library.

It is very important for the Signal Hill community to have their opinions known by the Council. Residents care about this issue.

Sincerely,



Bob Mendoza (signed by Maria Harris acting on his behalf)