



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

November 1, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 1, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- a. 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.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 1925 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON ARRIVES AT 6:33 P.M.

RECONVENE – 7:06 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. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and read a letter from Signal Hill Community First, a new non-profit organization (attached).

Mayor Forester asked for clarification regarding the non-profit and asked if it was filed as a 501(c)4. Ms. Harris announced they are currently analyzing to determine what kind of incorporation is needed and no funds will be raised.

PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Forester presented a proclamation to Dr. Sarah Naz Khaleghi, Director of the Long Beach Community Improvement League, Signal Hill Child Development Center in support of quality preschool programs in Signal Hill.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1439 Granting a Franchise to Shell Pipeline Company LP

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-10-1439 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.

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 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

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1440, Amending Chapter 20.20 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code to Include Tattoo and Body Piercing Studios as a Permitted Use in Certain Zones

Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-10-1438, Adopting by Reference the Los Angeles County Body Art Code

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager and City Attorney explained the process of adopting the ordinance approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment and adopting the ordinance by reference.

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

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:21 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.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked for clarification regarding 1,000 ft from residential zones or sensitive land uses.

There being no additional comment, Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Community Development Director explained the classification for sensitive land use is from existing schools, churches, public parks, daycare centers, community centers, libraries, and 1,000 ft from any areas zoned for residential use.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt 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; waive further reading and adopt 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. 2011-10-1440:

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

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. City Commission Appointments

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council, City Manager, and City Attorney discussed the current method of appointing Commissioners, cost estimates for a consolidated election, and the City Charter.

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

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. Resolution Amending Records Retention Schedules

Summary: The City's 2011 Records Retention process has been completed. Minor changes have been submitted by the City Clerk and Economic Development and Housing departments to their Records Retention Schedules, which have been approved by the City Attorney and now require City Council approval.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending the City's Records Retention Schedule previously adopted by Resolution No. 2010-08-5836, and repealing all prior resolutions.

b. Warrant Register Dated November 1, 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 1, 2011.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, October 18, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested item (c) be pulled for discussion.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the Consent Calendar items (a) and (b).

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident read a letter to Council on behalf of Signal Hill Community First regarding the minutes of the City Council meeting on October 18, 2011 (attached).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to approve item (c) of the Consent Calendar.

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident read a letter to the City Council regarding the October 4, 2011 City Council meeting (attached).

Mayor Forester apologized to Ms. Nava.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced it has been said repeatedly at meetings the speaker cards are voluntary.

City Manager read from the front page of the agenda, the process that should be followed when speaking.

Ms. Nava requested the speaker card say it is voluntary.

Council Member Noll asked the City Attorney for clarification regarding the requested information from speakers.

City Attorney stated that giving your address is voluntary. Speakers not wanting to give their address can complete a speaker card. If a member of the public refused, the City Attorney would advise letting the individual speak.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the notes he took while surveying residents regarding tattoo parlors.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll requested adjourning tonight's meeting in memory of Larry Allison, longtime journalist serving Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Council Member Noll asked the City Manager for a status report on the property on 21st Street that needs to be demolished. City Manager gave a status report on the 21st Street property.

Council Member Ward announced she attended a walk-through at the new In-N-Out Burger on Spring Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Council Member Ward encouraged everyone to support local businesses.

Council Member Wilson welcomed the new In-N-Out Burger and thanked them for the recent walk-through.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a belated Happy Halloween.

Vice Member Hansen announced the Long Beach Veteran's Day Parade is on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Atlantic Avenue and Harding Street.

Mayor Forester reminded everyone about the Nationwide EAS Test scheduled for November 9th at 11:00 a.m. The FCC and FEMA will conduct this first-ever nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. For additional information please visit www.fcc.gov/pshs.

Mayor Forester announced the Knights of Pythias, Signal Tribune Newspaper and Community Foundation are hosting a Food and Friendship Dinner on Thursday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Signal Hill Community Center.

Signal Hill resident, Bob Mendoza stated that he just received a call from a resident on the North End of the city who inquired about the ammonia leak at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant this afternoon, and what the City would do if this were more serious.

Mayor Forester thanked the Community Services Department for a successful Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 29th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Larry Allison, to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 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 8:19 p.m.

Larry Forester
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk