



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2012

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 – 7:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

(5) PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Forester will present the 4th Quarter Sustainability Award to Sustainable Now Technologies, represented by Eric Wooler-Grimm, Tim Bentley, and Nathan Morrison, for cutting edge research and development of clean-burning algae bio-fuel technology.
- b. Mayor Forester and Police Chief Michael Langston will present a proclamation to the Sultans Car Club in recognition of their many contributions to the Signal Hill Police Department.

(6) ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code to Purchase Precinct Ballots for General Municipal Elections at 50 Percent of Voter Registration

Summary: California Elections Code Section 14102 requires the elections official to provide a minimum number of ballots equal to 75 percent of the registered voters in a precinct. Charter cities under their charter power may reduce the number of ballots ordered for the precincts. Voting trends have changed considerably over the last decade, with more voters deciding to vote by mail as either Permanent Vote By Mail Voters or requesting a ballot be mailed to them for each election. This report requests that the Signal Hill Municipal Code be amended to allow the City Clerk to purchase precinct ballots for General Municipal Elections at 50 percent of voter registration rather than the 75 percent required.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 1.14 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code, entitled Municipal Elections, to permit the purchase of precinct ballots for General Municipal Elections at fifty percent of voter registration.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CALL THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER

a. Resolution Electing Signal Hill Housing Authority to Retain the Housing Assets

Summary: The provisions of AB1x 26 provides for the City to make the election to retain the affordable housing responsibilities through its Housing Authority. AB1x 26 allows for the housing assets to be transferred to the Housing Authority. This report provides for the Agency's housing functions and assets to be transferred to the Housing Authority and for the Housing Authority to accept the assets.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolutions determining that the City of Signal Hill elects to, and shall retain the housing assets and functions of the dissolved Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 34176 and hereby transfer such housing functions and assets to the Signal Hill Housing Authority and accepting from the City the retained housing assets and functions of the dissolved Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency.

RECESS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

b. Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Employees' Association

Summary: Representatives from the Signal Hill Employees' Association and the City have completed negotiations on a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Resolutions approving the MOU and increased PERS contributions made by employees are presented for City Council consideration.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolutions amending Resolution No. 2009-01-5737 approving a Memorandum Of Understanding pursuant to the California Meyers-Milias-Brown Act by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Employees' Association and amending Resolution No. 2010-04-5811 specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 2%@55 and the 2%@60 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

(8) 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. Adoption of a Resolution Specifying the City's Contribution to the 3%@50 and the 3%@55 Retirement Formulas Through the California Public Employees' Retirement System

Summary: The City Council will consider a resolution establishing the various contribution rates for management and non-management public safety employees to help fund their 3%@50 or 3%@55 California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) retirement formula.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt a resolution amending 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.

- 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 January 17, 2012

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 January 17, 2012.

- d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, January 3, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

(9) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(10) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

(11) 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.