



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
February 21, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 21, 2012.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:      MAYOR FORESTER  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation on two undisclosed matters.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 3100 California Avenue.
- c. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property located at 630-798 E. Spring Street, 800-998 E. Spring Street, 631-799 E. Canton Street, 801-999 E. Canton Street, 630-798 E. Canton Street, 800-998 E. Canton Street, 631-799 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 801-999 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:02 p.m.**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to recess to Closed Session.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:           MAYOR FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        VICE MAYOR HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSTAIN:       NONE

Vice Mayor Hansen entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Wilson entered closed session at 6:12 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL – 7:10 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Forester led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items (b) and (c). Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken. City Attorney announced item (a) only one potential litigation matter was discussed and no reportable action was taken, however, City Attorney announced the contractor for the new police station project has ceased working and assured residents this situation is being closely monitored.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**

Carolyn Schwartz, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the increase in traffic on Cherry Avenue and suggested a cross bridge for pedestrians.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council on behalf of Signal Hill Community First and announced the group's objectives.

Mayor Forester read a letter on behalf of Signal Hill resident Josh Legere regarding the last council meeting and the new library.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Permitting Animal Boarding/Daycare; an Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 6.04, Entitled "Animal Control and Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.16, Entitled "Noise"

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2012-01-1443 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 11-06, adding "Animal Boarding/daycare" as a permitted use in the CI, LI, and GI zoning districts subject to a Conditional Use Permit, and revising the performance standards for such uses.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2012-02-1443:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-06, ADDING "ANIMAL BOARDING/DAYCARE" AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CI, LI AND GI ZONING DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND REVISING THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR SUCH USES

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2012-02-1444 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code 6.04, entitled "Animal Control," and Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.16, entitled "Noise".

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2012-02-1444:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.04, ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL," AND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.16, ENTITLED "NOISE"

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

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

- a. Public Hearing – Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

City Clerk read form of notice.

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

Council Member Ward and Vice Mayor Hansen asked and Community Services Director addressed questions regarding the brown bag program and additional senior services.

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

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the resolution to please come forward. No comment was received.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the resolution to please come forward. No comment was received.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-02-5939 approving the City's 2012-2013 application for Housing and Community Development Funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles Community Development Commission and authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG Allocation for fiscal year 2012-2013 funds of \$86,550, with 15% or \$12,982 for Public Service Projects, and the remaining \$73,568 to fund ADA Improvements in the area of Willow Street and Temple Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-02-5939:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S FY 2012-2013 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

b. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Development Standards for Affordable Housing Site at 1500 E. Hill Street and General Plan Amendment for Revisions to the Housing Element

City Clerk read form of notice.

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

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the ordinance to please come forward.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident announced she wasn't speaking in favor of or opposed to the ordinance, however, she asked about soil contamination. Community Development Director and City Attorney addressed Ms. Churchill's questions.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the number of units for affordable housing and Community Development Director addressed Ms. Harris' question.

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

Per Council Member Noll's request, the Community Development Director explained the process of the state requirements for the housing elements.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2012-02-1445 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 12-01, amending development standards and density requirements at an approved affordable housing site at 1500 E. Hill Street.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2012-02-1445:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 12-01, AMENDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS AT AN APPROVED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE AT 1500 E. HILL STREET

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-02-5940 adopting revisions to the General Plan Housing Element.

The City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-02-5940:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

c. Public Hearing for Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 3100 California Avenue

Redevelopment Manager read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report. Since the Purchase and Sale Agreement is not ready, the recommendation is to open the public hearing and continue to March 6.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the purchase and sale agreement to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the title of the property. City Attorney addressed Ms. Harris' questions.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to continue the public hearing to the March 6, 2012 City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

d. Public Hearing for Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 630-798 E. Spring Street, 800-998 E. Spring Street, 631-799 E. Canton Street, 801-999 E. Canton Street, 630-798 E. Canton Street, 800-998 E. Canton Street, 631-799 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 801-999 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street

Redevelopment Manager read the form of notice.

City Manager presented the staff report. Since the Purchase and Sale Agreement is not ready, the recommendation is to open the public hearing and continue to March 6.

Mayor Forester opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Forester invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposed to the purchase and sale agreement to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Purchase and Sale Agreement. City Attorney answered Ms. Harris' question.

Mayor Forester closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to continue the public hearing to the March 6, 2012 City Council meeting.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Mayor's Appointments – Oversight Board

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to receive and file the Mayor's appointment of Council Member Noll and Ms. Pearl Yu to the Oversight Board.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Demolition of Improvements at 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street Project, No. 788

Summary: Superior Demolition, Inc., has completed the Demolition of Improvements at 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street Project, No. 788, in conformance with the plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Superior Demolition, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-02-5941 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the demolition improvements at 1917 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street Project, No. 788 in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Superior Demolition, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill.

b. Purchase of Replacement Vehicle

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to replace a Police Department Administration vehicle for use by the Chief of Police.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase a new/unused 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Administrative Sedan, through the County of Los Angeles, Purchase Order No. DPO-SH-11323318-1. 2. Approve a \$28,500 budget appropriation from the Vehicle Replacement Fund – Fund Balance Reserves to Account No. 007.560.545.520.

c. Resolution Amending Conflict of Interest Code

Summary: Government Code Section 87300 et. seq. requires local governments to review their conflict of interest code to determine its accuracy or make amendments. With the dissolution of the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency and the inclusion of the City Council as Successor Agency, it is necessary to amend the City's Conflict of Interest Code to delete and add these boards, respectively.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-02-5942 amending Resolution No. 2011-06-5901 updating the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Signal Hill.

d. 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.

e. Warrant Register Dated February 21, 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 February 21, 2012.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, February 7, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident requested item (c) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident requested item (f) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve items (a), (b), and (d), (e) on 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

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Assistant City Attorney listed in Appendix A of the staff report for item (c). City Attorney answered Ms. Churchill's questions.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the written statements read by residents at the City Council on February 7, 2012 and requested they be made available online to the public.

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

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Noll thanked the Historical Society for hosting a great Casino Night.

Council Member Ward thanked the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed to a successful Casino Night and announced if anyone is interested in volunteering for the Historical Society, their meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Council Member Ward announced J.C. Penney has reduced their prices and great bargains are there to be found.

Council Member Wilson announced layoffs in local cities due to the elimination of redevelopment agencies.

Council Member Wilson encouraged everyone to shop in Signal Hill and requested looking into a program to begin a formal campaign to encourage shopping locally.

Council Member Wilson announced he is a member of the Committee of 300, a volunteer organization that supports the Grand Prix and invited Council to a kickoff party on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Hansen announced she is an advocate of the Brown Bag program and suggested a fundraising campaign to assist in subsidizing the program.

Mayor Forester announced the State Board of Equalization is offering free income tax preparation services. For additional information please call (323) 980-1221 or visit [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

Mayor Forester announced the Los Angeles County Sanitation District will be hosting their annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 908-4288, ext. 2303.

Mayor Forester thanked the Historical Society for hosting a successful Casino Night.

Mayor Forester congratulated Don and Julie Knabe for winning the Long Beach Memorial Hospital Dancing with the Stars event.

## **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, March 6, 2012 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 8:15 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk