



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 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 – 6:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Miranda et al v. Bonner et al (Case No. CV-08-03178 SJO (VBKx))
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

(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) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Finding the City to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program

Summary: The Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP) requires that each city must self-certify its conformance to the CMP, annually, at a noticed public hearing. The attached resolution states that the City of Signal Hill is in conformance with all CMP requirements for the 2011-12 program year.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

b. Public Hearing - Extension and Progress Report on Interim Urgency Ordinance Adopting Interim Regulations for the Development of Properties with Abandoned Oil Wells Pending Completion of Special Studies Necessitated by Recent Policy Changes of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources Concerning Developing Projects Adjacent to or on Top of Abandoned and Re-Abandoned Oil Wells

Summary: The Council will consider extending the interim urgency ordinance initially adopted August 16, 2011 regarding development standards for properties with abandoned or re-abandoned oil wells for one additional year. The interim ordinance was adopted in response to the State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources abruptly terminating their leak testing, development site plan review and well certification process in November 2010. An extension is necessary to allow sufficient time for the consultant team to complete the special studies needed to adopt a comprehensive amendment to the City's existing Oil Code.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the resolution extending interim regulations for the development of properties with abandoned oil wells pending the completion of studies on how the Signal Hill Oil Code shall address the health and safety issues of oil wells caused by the policy changes of the State Division Of Oil, Gas And Geothermal Resources concerning abandoned oil wells.

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Restricting Truck Access To Local Streets

Summary: In response to resident concerns regarding truck traffic noise, the City Council and staff requested the City Attorney's office to research whether the City can prohibit or restrict truck traffic on local streets such as Orange Avenue. Specifically, staff is contemplating prohibiting trucks on Orange Avenue south of Burnett Street during night-time hours. The City Attorney will provide an update on his research.

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff whether to continue working with all interested parties to prepare a draft ordinance that will mitigate truck traffic impacts on Orange Avenue south of Burnett Street and on other local streets that could be impacted by the Orange Avenue restrictions. Staff would return to the City Council with the draft ordinance and report on the impacts on surrounding streets, prior to scheduling a public hearing.

b. Park Ordinance Review

Summary: The Municipal Code pertaining to parks has been reviewed by staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Changes will be reviewed with the City Council prior to formal introduction for adoption.

Recommendation: Staff will present proposed changes to the Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.08 regarding parks for Council review and discussion.

c. California Prison Reform and Realignment AB109/AB117

Summary: California has engaged prison reform and realignment which has significantly changed the criminal justice system in California. This report discusses the potential impacts to the City of Signal Hill as a result of these changes.

Recommendation: Receive and file the report.

(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. 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Los Angeles County Operational Area

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training. The County of Los Angeles has been designated as the grant administrator for Los Angeles County.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to accept grant funding through the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program.

b. Contract Service Agreement for the Management of the Day Laborer Center

Summary: In August 2011, the City of Signal Hill entered into a one-year contract service agreement with an independent contractor to manage the day laborer center located in the Home Depot parking lot at 2450 Cherry Avenue. This report discusses renewing that contract service agreement for two additional years.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a two-year contract service agreement with the independent contractor to manage the day-to-day operations of the center, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Approval of Amendment No. 1, Extending the Coordinated Monitoring Program of the Metals TMDL with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Summary: The City has participated in a water quality monitoring effort on the Los Angeles River. This MOA would extend the water quality monitoring effort for an additional fiscal year.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the MOA.

d. Warrant Registers Dated August 6, 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 Registers dated August 6, 2012 for FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 9, 2012 (Amended).

Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 17, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

VICE MAYOR NOLL

MAYOR HANSEN

(14) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council is Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

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.