



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 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 p.m. 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

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct City Manager evaluation.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct department head evaluations.
- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding City of Cerritos, et al v. Water Replenishment District of Southern California (Case No. BS 128136).

(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 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Facilitate the Development of a Publicly Managed Community Garden at 1917 E. 21st Street

Summary: The property at 1917 E. 21st Street was identified for park expansion and an interim use as a community garden. In order to proceed with the garden use, the zoning designation must be changed from “RLM-1, Residential Low-Medium-1” to “OS, Open Space” and inclusion of “Publically Managed Community Gardens” as a permitted use in OS district must be added. The City Council will receive public comment on the proposed community garden.

Recommendations: 1. Open the public hearing to receive testimony and close the hearing. 2. Direct staff to re-notice the public hearing for November 20, 2012.

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Award of Contract for the 2013 Pavement Management Project, No. 688

Summary: On September 20, 2012, the City received bids for the 2013 Pavement Management Project, No. 688. Staff is recommending an award of contract to American Asphalt South, Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the 2013 Pavement Management Project, No. 688, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to American Asphalt South, Inc., in the amount of \$308,305.20.

b. Water Rate Review

Summary: The City Council periodically reviews water rates. The last rate adjustment was in 2010 and, since that time, no additional increases have been approved. A series of actions, including a Proposition 218 lawsuit against the Water Replenishment District (WRD) brought by the Cities of Signal Hill, Cerritos, and Downey, and a State Legislative Audit of water suppliers sponsored by Assembly Member Ricardo Lara, have resulted in no increases in WRD rates for this year. Since the WRD pumping assessment is 28% of the operations and maintenance costs to operate the Signal Hill water system, no rate increase is recommended for 2013.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

CALL SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO ORDER

c. Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center Project Takeover Agreement

Summary: The original contractor for the Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center Project has defaulted and their contract has been terminated. Staff is seeking authorization to enter into a Takeover Agreement between the City Council as Successor Agency and Arch Insurance Company. Arch Insurance Company is the Surety and is now responsible to complete the construction of the new policy facility.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Administration to enter into a Takeover Agreement between the City Council as Successor Agency and Arch Insurance Company in a form approved by Agency Counsel.

RECESS SUCCESSOR AGENCY

(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. State of California – Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Program. The Chief of Police is seeking authorization to accept the grant.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding through the OTS Step Grant Program.

b. Resolution Establishing CalPERS Health Insurance Contribution

Summary: The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act requires a resolution to establish contribution rates for City employees and retirees for calendar year 2013.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution repealing Resolution No. 2011-10-5917 and fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.

c. Resolution Designating 27th Street from Walnut Avenue and the Alley West of Walnut Avenue as One-Way

Summary: Staff is recommending designating 27th Street between Walnut Avenue and the alley west of Walnut Avenue as one-way in the eastbound direction. This portion of 27th Street will serve as the primary exit for Police patrol units leaving the new police station.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution designating the segment of 27th Street between Walnut Avenue and the alley west of Walnut Avenue one-way in the eastbound direction.

d. Contract Services Agreement for Construction Management Services for the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue Traffic Signal Project

Summary: At times, the Public Works Department utilizes the services of professional consultants to provide specialized services for the City. Staff is recommending approval of a Contract Services Agreement with RKA Consulting Group, Inc. to provide construction management services during construction of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue traffic signal.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and RKA Consulting Group, Inc. to provide construction management services during construction of the 20th Street and Cherry Avenue traffic signal, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Approval of Alcohol Use and City Media For Show and Sell Event

Summary: The Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts (FOSHCA) is seeking permission from the City Council to provide alcoholic beverages at their Show and Sell event scheduled for November 3, 2012, in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Per Resolution No. 99-12-4976, such an application must be approved by the City Council. They are also seeking approval to utilize City media resources to advertise the event. Per City policy, such media resources must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation: Authorize FOSHCA to provide alcoholic beverages at the event, and utilize City media resources to advertise it subject to the conditions outlined herein.

f. Warrant Register Dated October 2, 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 October 2, 2012.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, September 18, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

a. Report on Meeting Attendance

Vice Mayor Noll will report on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Diego from September 5-7.

MAYOR HANSEN

(14) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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.