



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**
November 6, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November 6, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: MAYOR HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Carmax regarding real property located at 2950 Walnut Avenue.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. No reportable action was taken.

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

There was no public business from the floor.

INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Hansen introduced Clayton Crawford and Hayley Mammen, new Police Officers for the City of Signal Hill; Barbara Sanchez, new Dispatcher/Jailer, and Tom Neinast, recently promoted Police Records Supervisor for the Signal Hill Police Department.
- b. Maria Elena Gonzalez, owner of Signal Hill Florist made a presentation describing her business.
- c. Debra Russell, representative from Signal Hill Petroleum introduced Elevation Studios, a new business in Signal Hill.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Green City Report Prepared by the Sustainable City Committee and Certifying Signal Hill as a One-Leaf Green City

City Manager introduced the Community Development Associate Planner and Planning Intern who presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester asked about future goals. Community Development Director and Associate Planner addressed the question.

Vice Mayor Noll thanked Council Member Forester, Council Member Wilson, Tim Williamson, Tom Benson, and staff for their efforts in becoming a One-Leaf Green City.

Council Member Wilson commented on the Green City Report and thanked everyone involved.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5988 approving the Green City Report prepared by the Sustainable City Committee and self-certifying Signal Hill as a One-Leaf Green City.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-11-5988:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GREEN CITY REPORT PREPARED BY THE SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE AND SELF-CERTIFYING SIGNAL HILL AS A ONE-LEAF GREEN CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Hansen presented a proclamation to Tim Williamson and Tom Benson, representing the Sustainable City Committee in recognition of becoming a One-Leaf Green City.

Chair Hansen called the Successor Agency to order.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: CHAIR HANSEN
 VICE CHAIR NOLL
 MEMBER FORESTER
 MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: MEMBER WARD

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

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member/Member Forester asked when the new Police Station will open. Deputy City Manager announced the new Police Station is scheduled to open on January 29, 2013 and there will be a public open house on January 19, 2013.

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Noll thanked the Deputy City Manager and City Attorney for their dedication and hard work.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR NOLL to enter into a Takeover Agreement between the City Council as Successor Agency and Arch Insurance Company in a form approved by the Agency Counsel.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR/CHAIR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER/MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

Chair Hansen recessed the Successor Agency.

c. Contract Services Agreement for Citywide Street Sweeping Services

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester asked if the vehicles are using compressed natural gas (CNG). Public Works Director confirmed the vehicles are using CNG.

Vice Mayor Noll thanked staff for renegotiating the contract.

Council Member Forester thanked CleanStreet.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement extension for street sweeping services with CleanStreet, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a three-year term, with an annual not to exceed contract amount of \$150,400 and maximum total contract amount of \$451,200.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Police Department Data Network

City Manager introduced the Police Chief who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Noll and Council Member Forester asked about accessing the network and the security of the network. Police Chief addressed the questions.

Council Member Wilson asked about the cost for the network, the amount budgeted and the backup for the system.

Police Chief, Deputy City Manager, and Captain Mark addressed questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

e. Polls for March 5, 2013, General Municipal Election

City Manager introduced the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk who presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the combining of polling places and asked questions. Deputy City Clerk addressed questions posed by Council.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council regarding combining polling places and read a statement (attached).

City Council discussed combining polling places.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to create a neighborhood voting center at the First Family Church at Cherry Avenue and 21st Street to serve all the voters east of Cherry Avenue. The Signal Hill Park Community Center will continue to serve the voters west of Cherry Avenue.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Contract Services Agreement - Martin & Chapman Company, Election Consultants and Suppliers - For the March 5, 2013, General Municipal Election

Summary: The City's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The City Council will consider entering into an agreement with Martin & Chapman Co., to provide election services and supplies to the City for the March 5, 2013, General Municipal Election.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Martin & Chapman Co., to provide election supplies and consultant services to the City of Signal Hill in an amount not to exceed \$24,160, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

b. Resolution Amending Part-Time Salaries

Summary: The part-time position of Planning Intern will be established to assist the Community Development Department in obtaining para-professional support to ensure they are able to maintain a highly responsive and efficient level of service.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5989 amending Resolution No. 2008-06-5687, establishing salary ranges for hourly employees, establishing the position of Planning Intern and repealing all other resolutions and portions of resolutions in conflict herewith.

c. Authorization for Interim Public Works Director

Summary: The Public Works Director has been granted a leave of absence. During his leave, the City will require the services of an Interim Public Works Director to ensure the efficient operation of the department continues. We have contacted a California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) retired annuitant and he has agreed to serve as Interim Public Works Director. Due to his CalPERS retired annuitant status, the City must approve a resolution to obtain authorization from CalPERS to employ him as the Interim Public Works Director.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5990 implementing Government Code Section 21221 (g) regarding the employment of James Davis as Interim Public Works Director.

d. Agreement for the "Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West) Los Angeles County"

Summary: The Police Department wishes to enter into a one-year agreement with Gardena Police Department in support of countywide regional efforts to publicize the combined DUI efforts of all law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County and to raise general public awareness regarding the problems associated with drinking and driving.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a one-year agreement with Gardena Police Department as the fiscal pass-through service provider for the 2012-2013 State of California Office of Traffic Safety "Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West) Los Angeles County" grant project, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

e. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the 2012 Pavement Management Project, No. 670

Summary: Palp Inc. dba Excel Paving, has completed the 2012 Pavement Management Project, No. 670, 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 Palp Inc. dba Excel Paving.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-5991 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the 2012 Pavement Management Project, No. 670, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Palp Inc. dba Excel Paving, and the City of Signal Hill.

f. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Raymond Arbor Park Play Surface and Equipment Replacement Project, No. 690

Summary: Aghapy Group, Inc., has completed the Raymond Arbor Park Play Surface and Equipment Replacement Project, No. 690, 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 Aghapy Group, Inc.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the Resolution No. 2012-11-5992 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Raymond Arbor Park Play Surface And Equipment Replacement Project, No. 690, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Aghapy Group, Inc., and the City of Signal Hill. 2. Approve the budget adjustment appropriating \$11,010 from the FY 2012-13 Unappropriated Park Development Fund balance.

g. Warrant Register Dated November 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 Register dated November 6, 2012.

h. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Joint Closed Session of the City Council/City Council as Successor Agency, October 16, 2012.

Regular Meeting of the City Council, October 16, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester thanked the Long Beach Unified School District and Long Beach Education Foundation for *Principal for a Day*. Council Member Forester reported on his acting as Principal for a Day at Jessie Nelson Academy.

Council Member Wilson reported on his acting as Principal for a Day at Burnett Elementary School.

Council Member Wilson wished his daughter a Happy 21st Birthday on November 12th.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on the recent slurry seal in Signal Hill and requested it be avoided on Election Day in the future.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on a recent letter in the Signal Tribune written by Signal Hill resident Maria Harris regarding the Right to Know and Vote petition currently being circulated and asked the City Attorney to comment.

City Attorney commented on the way the Right to Know and Vote Initiative is written.

Mayor Hansen commented on the Right to Know and Vote petition.

Mayor Hansen announced the Bulky Item Pickup will be the week of November 12th. Place large, non-hazardous, bulky items at curbside to be picked up. For additional information please visit www.edcodisposal.com or call (562) 989-7355.

Mayor Hansen announced the Evening Book Club on the second Monday of each month; First Fridays' Book Club on the first Friday of each month; Signal Hill Social Club on October 12th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Library. Please call (562) 989-7324 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced A Night at the Library Antique Appraiser will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to get a FREE informal evaluation of your item. Please call (562) 989-7323 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m. at Discover Well Park.

Mayor Hansen announced Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11th and thanked the Veteran's who served our country.

Mayor Hansen requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Helen Justus, Mother of long-time Signal Hill resident Mary Justus.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Helen Justus, Mother of Mary Justus, longtime Signal Hill resident to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 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 HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk

November 6, 2012

City of Signal Hill
Mayor and Members of the City Council

My name is Maria Harris. I am a Signal Hill resident and represent Signal Hill Community First, an association of Signal Hill residents and voters.

We respectfully request your vote against staff's recommendation to hold the March 2013 municipal election at only one polling location, Signal Hill Park Community Center.

Signal Hill voters will be selecting council members to fill three seats that will be open due to the end of term of council members Michael Noll, Ellen Ward, and Ed Wilson.

You may recall that the city used to have 5 voting places, a few years ago, those five were reduced to 3 locations. Now, your staff is recommending plans to make another reduction to only 1 polling place. The proposed staff recommendation creates barriers to voter access and participation. As elected officials you have a duty to encourage voter participation.

Therefore, we ask each of you to vote to continue this matter for two weeks. We believe it is unfair to discuss this matter when Signal Hill voters, as we speak, are at these 3 locations voting for the next President and are unable to be here to give their opinions.

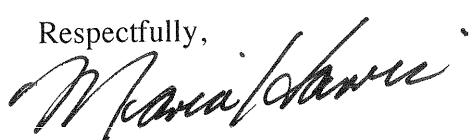
Many community people, who couldn't be here tonight, would like to volunteer to serve as poll workers and offer appropriate property for polling locations. Currently, we know of two residents that recently contacted the Los Angeles County Registrar to become new polling locations for 2013. Our voting community is very concerned about your staff recommendation to limit Signal Hill voters to only one location in March 2013.

However, should the council decide to go ahead and consolidate the voting polls, the place selected should NOT be a city facility. It should be a readily accessible public place with plenty of parking and where a car can be easily maneuvered into and out of the parking space.

This location also should be on a well-known, convenient and major traffic route where the poll can be seen from the street. Perhaps a tent at one or both of the HOME DEPOT parking lots would be good locations.

I respectfully request you either vote against the staff recommendation, or continue this matter to allow more public participation.

Respectfully,



Maria Harris
Signal Hill Community First