



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
February 5, 2013

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 – 7:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

(5) INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. A presentation will be made on the new Signal Hill Police Station.
- b. Mayor Hansen and Police Chief Langston will present proclamations and special merit awards to Signal Hill Police Department employees.
- c. City of Signal Hill Librarian Gail Ashbrooke will give a presentation regarding Teens Read Week Over Winter Break.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Resolution Approving the Vacation of a Portion of Street Adjoining 2799 E. 21st Street

Summary: Adoption of this resolution will complete the vacation of a portion of street adjoining 2799 E. 21st Street.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the vacation of a portion of street adjoining 2799 E. 21st Street.

- b. Public Hearing-Annual Review of the 2013 Institutional Permits

Summary: Signal Hill Municipal Code, Chapter 8.16 requires an annual review of institutional permits by the City Council. The Courtyard Care Center, located at 1880 Dawson Avenue and the Las Brisas Child Care Center, located at 2399 California Avenue have submitted applications to obtain their permit for the calendar year 2013.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the Annual Institutional Permit for Courtyard Care Center and the Las Brisas Child Care Center.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Authorize to Advertise for Construction Bids for Cherry Avenue Widening From 20th Street to 450 Feet South of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786

Summary: Staff is requesting that the City Council adopt Construction Drawings and Specifications for the Cherry Avenue Widening from 20th Street to 450 feet south of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786, and authorize the City Manager to advertise the Project for construction bids. This will enable staff to immediately proceed with advertising the Project for construction bids once formal authorization is received from Caltrans.

Recommendation: Approve and adopt Construction Drawings and Specifications for the Cherry Avenue Widening from 20th Street to 450 feet south of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786, and authorize the City Manager to advertise the Project for construction bids.

- b. Certification Of Petition – Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote

Summary: On December 17, 2012, members of the citizens group Signal Hill Community First, submitted a charter amendment initiative petition entitled “Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote – Requiring 2/3 Vote for all Taxes, Assessments and Fees; Expiration of Taxes and Fees Within 10 Years, Assessments Within 20 Years; Requiring Bond Repayment in 20 Years. Initiative Charter Amendment.” The signatures on the petition have been verified by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. A Certificate of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition has been prepared. Pursuant to state law, the special election will be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election of June 3, 2014.

Recommendation: Receive and file the City Clerk’s Certificate of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition.

(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. Warrant Register Dated February 5, 2013

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 5, 2013.

b. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, January 15, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

(9) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

- a. Council Member Wilson will report on his meetings with Congressman Lowenthal and his attendance at the Inauguration.

VICE MAYOR NOLL
MAYOR HANSEN

(10) ADJOURNMENT

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of Ken Britton, long time Signal Hill resident. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 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.