



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 19, 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. Giovanna Ferraro, owner of Fitness Impact and Pastor Gregory Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of the University Health Sciences will make presentations describing their businesses.
- b. Pilar Alcivar-McCoy, Community Services Director will give a presentation regarding the Emergency Preparedness Kits offered through the Community Services Department.
- c. Gail Ashbrooke, City Librarian will give a presentation regarding the “One City-One Book” program.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Proposed Use of 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Summary: For fiscal year 2013-2014, the City of Signal Hill will receive approximately \$58,378 in new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under the Los Angeles County Urban County allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To participate in the CDBG Program, the City is required to conduct a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed CDBG Projects. Staff is proposing continuation of the Senior Food Distribution Program and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Street and Sidewalk Improvements in eligible areas of the City. The City Council is required to adopt a resolution affirming these projects.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the City's 2013-2014 application for Housing and Community Development funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission. 2. Authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG Allocation for fiscal year 2013-2014 funds of \$58,378, with 15% or \$8,756 for Public Service Projects, and the remaining \$49,622 to fund ADA Street and Sidewalk Improvements in eligible areas of the City. Administrative Authority costs are no longer provided through the LACDC allocation. Instead, these fees may be charged as a direct project cost when eligible.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. WRD Proposition 218 Litigation Review

Summary: The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is charged with the responsibility to manage the Central Basin and West Basin groundwater aquifers. To fund this responsibility, WRD charges a Replenishment Assessment Fee for every gallon of water pumped from these groundwater aquifers. As a result of continued and significant Replenishment Assessment Fee increases by WRD over the last seven years, without justification, the cities of Downey, Cerritos, and Signal Hill were compelled to file suit in order to protect their water rate payers.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

b. Measures Taken for Polling Place Change Notification

Summary: The polling place for Precinct 6450004A (areas generally east of Cherry Avenue and south of Skyline Drive) was moved to the Family Church at 2094 Cherry Avenue for a number of reasons, including improved handicapped accessibility and parking. This change was made prior to the mailing of the sample ballot booklets. The back of each voter's sample ballot booklet shows the correct polling place; however, the map on page 4 of the booklet erroneously shows the prior 2199 Temple Avenue polling location. The City Clerk's Office is providing an update on the actions taken to update the voters.

Recommendation: Staff has mailed a City letter to all registered voters in Precinct 6450004A the week of February 11th. A citywide post card reminding voters to vote and information on the polling places is being mailed the week of February 25th. We are recommending contacting voters in Precinct 6450004A by phone reminding them to vote on March 5, and where to locate their correct polling place.

(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. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Beau Hartley for property loss.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Beau Hartley.

b. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

c. Warrant Register Dated February 19, 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 19, 2013.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, February 5, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

(9) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(10) ADJOURNMENT

Due to the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, tonight's meeting of the City Council is adjourned to Wednesday, March 6, 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.