



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
February 19, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 19, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT: MAYOR HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Wilson arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Judie Jacobus, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House and the pop tab collection program.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and requested the public be given an opportunity to speak on any item on the agenda including agenda item number (9) Council New Business.

Carole Yochum, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding her history in Signal Hill, serving as Planning Commissioner, and the upcoming election.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident and Council candidate addressed Council regarding the platform of his opponents.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, asked questions regarding the report and submitted documents to be attached to the minutes (available in the City Clerk's office), and commented on her history as Planning Commissioner and on City Council.

Lori Woods, Signal Hill resident and Council candidate addressed Council and requested she be able to speak after the upcoming presentation on emergency preparedness kits.

Josh Lazere, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding plastic bag bans in neighboring cities, and a bike lane infrastructure in Signal Hill.

### **INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Giovanna Ferraro, owner of Fitness Impact and Pastor Gregory Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of the University Health Sciences gave presentations describing their businesses.

City Council thanked Ms. Ferraro and Pastor Johnson for their hard work and dedication to their respective businesses.

Mayor Hansen arrived at 7:26 p.m.

- b. Pilar Alcivar-McCoy, Community Services Director gave a presentation regarding emergency preparedness kits offered through the Community Services Department and CERT classes offered through the Signal Hill Police Department.

Lori Woods, Signal Hill resident and Council candidate discussed the importance of emergency preparedness.

- c. Signal Hill Librarian Gail Ashbrooke gave a presentation regarding the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signal Hill Library and the "One City-One Book" program. Ms. Ashbrooke introduced author Marty Steere, Signal Hill resident who wrote *Sea of Crises*, the first book to be read as a community.

Council Member Forester thanked the City Librarian for implementing the program.

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Services Director who presented the staff report and introduced Mike Neal with Willdan Engineering to answer questions.

Vice Mayor Noll left Council Chambers at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m.

City Council asked for clarification and asked questions. Community Services Director and Mr. Neal addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the Resolution to please come forward.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident spoke in favor of the Resolution and asked questions about the Brown Bag program. Community Services Director addressed the questions posed by Ms. Harris.

Nancy Sciortino, Signal Hill resident spoke in favor of the Brown Bag program.

Gloria Nava, Signal Hill resident asked about the number of residents who are in the Brown Bag program. Community Services Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Nava.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the Resolution to please come forward. There was no public comment.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

City Council commented on the Brown Bag program.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-02-6012 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; 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.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-02-6012:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2013-2014 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The following resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **a. WRD Proposition 218 Litigation Review**

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

Vice Mayor Noll left council chamber at 8:13 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

Council Member Forester and Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the WRD and Proposition 218. Public Works Director addressed the questions.

City Attorney and City Manager commented on the WRD and Proposition 218.

Lori Woods, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked questions regarding the WRD and the litigation.

Robb Whitaker, Signal Hill resident and General Manager of the WRD addressed Council and commented on the staff report, the WRD, and answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Hansen left council chamber at 8:38 p.m. and returned at 8:40 p.m.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on the WRD lawsuit.

Council Member Ward left council chamber at 8:53 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on the WRD lawsuit.

Vice Mayor Noll left Council Chambers at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:03 pm..

City Attorney addressed questions asked earlier by Ms. Woods.

City Attorney and City Council discussed the WRD lawsuit.

Council Member Forester left Council Chamber at 9:11 p.m. and returned at 9:12 p.m.

Lori Woods, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding an additional question regarding the WRD. City Attorney addressed the question.

It was moved by COUNCILMEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

b. Measures Taken for Polling Place Change Notification

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the proposed telephone call to voters in Precinct 6450004A.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident thanked Council and staff for the recent letter sent to voters and spoke in favor of the proposed telephone call to voters.

Robert Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding a recent letter sent to candidates about electioneering.

Lori Woods, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the polling place change.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the polling place change.

Council Member Wilson and Vice Mayor Noll discussed the polling place change, recent letter to residents, and proposed telephone call to voters.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve contacting voters in Precinct 6450004A by phone reminding them to vote on March 5, and where to locate their correct polling place.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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.

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Forester asked for clarification regarding the earlier request to allow public comment on Council New Business.

City Attorney addressed the question.

Council Member Forester congratulated Jimmy at Big E's Pizza on the recent birth of his fourth son.

Council Member Forester thanked Peter Allen for thanking City Council regarding the work they've done with the oil companies.

Council Member Ward announced a successful Signal Hill Historical Society Dinner and Casino Night and thanked Mary Justus for her hard work and dedication and thanked Signal Hill Petroleum, Mercedes Benz of Long Beach, Signal Hill Rotary Club and all the local Signal Hill restaurants for supporting the event.

Council Member Forester thanked Council Member Ward for her hard work on the Signal Hill Historical Society Casino Night.

Council Member Wilson apologized for not attending the Casino Night fundraiser.

Council Member Wilson reminded everyone to vote on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Wilson announced the Sustainability Committee is working on projects such as bans on plastic bags and implementing a bike infrastructure.

Vice Mayor Noll announced plastic newspaper sleeves make good doggie bags.

Vice Mayor Noll invited Public Works Director to come forward and requested an update on the project currently underway at the intersections of Willow Street and Walnut Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway and Orizaba Avenue.

Public Works Director updated Council on the projects at Willow Street and Walnut Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway and Orizaba Avenue.

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with Deputy City Manager the amount spent on the new Signal Hill Police Station.

Vice Mayor Noll thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission and Signal Hill residents for the recent workshop on the electronic sign.

Council Member Forester asked about the EDCO E-waste grand opening.

Public Works Director announced the grand opening is on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Due to the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting of the City Council will be Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 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 WARD  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Tina L. Hansen  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk