



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
April 2, 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 – 6:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Employees' Association and the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding Water Replenishment District of Southern California v. City of Signal Hill, Case No. B242071; Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. VC060496, BS128136.

(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) INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Mayor Noll will introduce Selena Alanis, new Assistant Planner with the Community Development Department.
- b. Mayor Noll will present a proclamation to the Signal Hill Library staff in recognition of National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013.
- c. The Signal Hill Community Foundation will present a check to the Signal Hill Police Department on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety.
- d. Mayor Noll and Community Services Director will present the Outstanding Older American Award.

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Mid-Year 2012-2013 Budget Review

Summary: The City Council will conduct a mid-year budget review regarding the City's financial positions based on the first six months of the fiscal year as of December 31, 2012.

Recommendation: City Council will provide any additional direction for staff on the 2012-13 Mid-Year Budget Review and receive and file.

b. Picnic Shelter Permits

Summary: The City Council conducted a workshop on August 6, 2012 to consider comprehensive changes to the City's codes relative to use of parks, including proposed picnic shelter permits and reservations. The City of Signal Hill Municipal Code currently requires permits for group events and picnics for companies, societies and organizations over 25 persons in size. The proposed park use ordinance, and past practice, extends picnic shelter permits to all groups over 25 persons, including families, as a way of managing potential overuse of the parks and minimizing conflicts. Staff is seeking additional direction on shelter permits for proper parks management purposes.

Recommendation: The City Council should provide direction to staff so that staff can complete the drafting of the Park Use Ordinance and schedule the public hearing.

c. Consideration to Support AB 741

Summary: AB 741, commencing with the 2012-13 fiscal year and each year thereafter, proposes to increase the allocation of property tax revenues under a new Tax Equity Allocation (TEA) formula for qualified cities who receive little or no property tax rates. The City of Signal Hill is a low property tax city receiving only 6.7% of the property taxes. AB 741 would increase the share of property taxes the City receives over time to 15%.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution to support AB 741 (Brown) to add Section 98.3 to the California Revenue and Taxation Code which proposes to ensure that qualifying cities receive a minimum amount of ad valorem property tax revenues necessary to maintain services. 2. Direct staff to write a letter of support for AB 741 and to work with our legislative advocates in Sacramento to seek support and approval from the California Legislature.

d. Consideration to Support SB 470

Summary: SB 470, sponsored by Senator Wright and written by the City of Long Beach would reactivate economic development powers of cities by allowing them to sell land using a “fair reuse value.” In addition, the legislation defines “economic opportunity” and reinstates the Polanco Act for brownfield remediation. The bill also allows local agencies to participate in tax sharing agreements.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution to support SB 470 (Wright) to reactivate economic development powers. 2. Direct staff to write a letter of support for SB 470 and to work with our legislative advocates in Sacramento to seek support and approval from the California Legislature.

e. Council Appointments to Various Organizations

Summary: The City Council will consider appointments to various committees and organizations resulting from the recent City Council reorganization.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2012-04-5948, confirming the appointment of delegates and alternates as official representatives of the city.

(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. Purchase of Two Replacement Public Works CNG Trucks

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase two replacement CNG trucks for the Public Works Department. Staff proposes to purchase these vehicles from Wondries Fleet Group. This purchase will “piggy back” on the State of California, Contract number 1-13-23-20F.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase two new 2013 Ford F250 pickup trucks from Wondries Fleet Group through the State of California, Contract number 1-13-23-20F.

b. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Proscap Landscaping, Incorporated for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD No. 1) Landscape Maintenance Services

Summary: In 2008, the City entered into a contract services agreement with Proscap Landscaping, Incorporated (Proscap) to provide landscape maintenance services for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (LLMD No.1). A third amendment to the Contract Services Agreement is being proposed to provide a three-year contract extension with no increase in contractual costs for the entire term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to amend the Contract Services Agreement for landscape maintenance services for LLMD No. 1, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for a three-year term, with a contract amount of \$29,180 annually.

c. Extension of Contract Services Agreement with Valleycrest Landscape, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services of Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park

Summary: The City hired ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services at Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park in 2008. A second amendment to the original Contract Services Agreement is being proposed to provide a two-year contract extension under the current terms of the contract, with no increase in costs over the two-year term.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. for landscape maintenance services at Hilltop Park and Sunset View Park. The amendment will provide a two-year extension of the existing contract under the contract's current terms including no increase to the annual cost.

d. League of California Cities – Amendments to League Bylaws

Summary: At its February meeting, the League's Board of Directors approved submitting two amendments to the League's Bylaws to the membership. The proposed amendments would amend the Bylaws to provide that: 1. Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred in by at least five or more cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. 2. The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3rd vote of those Directors present. Currently, the Board may take positions with a simple majority vote.

Recommendation: Approve the amendments to the League bylaws and authorize the Mayor to mark and sign the ballot.

e. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Stephanie Kutil for property damages.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Stephanie Kutil.

f. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Duke Alloh for property damages.

Recommendation: Deny the claim for Duke Alloh.

g. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Sharon Valdez for bodily injury.

Recommendation: Deny the claim for Sharon Valdez.

h. Warrant Register Dated April 2, 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 April 2, 2013.

i. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, March 19, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(14) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 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.