



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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2175 Cherry Avenue ♦ Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 7, 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](http://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](http://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 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- 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. The City's "Shop Signal Hill" program was created to offer Signal Hill businesses an opportunity to appear at a council meeting and make a short presentation describing their business and the products and services they provide. Tonight's meeting will feature Paul Nader, owner of Nader's Popular Furniture.
- b. Mayor Noll will present the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sustainability Award to Office Depot, represented by Jose Gomez, Store Manager, and Brian Garrett, District Sales Manager, for the two facilities within Signal Hill.
- c. A representative from Southern California Edison will give a presentation regarding SCE communication plan for local governments.

(11) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Municipal Code Amendments to Chapter 9.08 Conduct in Public Places

Summary: The City Council will consider amendments to the Signal Hill Municipal Code revising various sections of Title 9 Chapter 9.08 Conduct in Public Places.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance amending Chapter 9.08 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code regarding conduct in public places.

(12) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Appointments to the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Civil Service Commission

Summary: Recruitment was held to seek residents who are interested in serving on the Planning, Parks and Recreation, and Civil Service Commissions. The City Council will make appointments to fill the vacant seats on each of the Commissions.

Recommendations: 1. Appoint three individuals to fill two expired seats on the Planning Commission with terms expiring May 31, 2017. 2. Appoint three individuals to fill two expired seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring May 31, 2017. 3. Appoint three individuals to fill two expired seats on the Civil Service Commission with terms expiring May 31, 2017.

- b. Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease

Summary: Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. ("SHP") is interested in entering into a Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease on the property location at 1839 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The property was formerly owned by the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency and was subsequently transferred to HNL Properties as part of the Disposition and Development Agreement. The mineral rights were not transferred. SHP requests to use all depths below five hundred (500) feet for the purpose and exclusive rights of prospecting, exploring, mining, drilling and operating the land leased for oil, gas and other hydrocarbons, and other commercially valuable substances which may be produced through wells. In return, the City of Signal Hill will receive royalty shares.

Recommendation: Approve the Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease and direct the City Manager to execute it.

c. Amendment to the Memorandums of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association and Signal Hill Employees' Association

Summary: The current Memorandums of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association and the Signal Hill Employees' Association includes thresholds, that if met, allow for a meet and confer process regarding the freeze on merit increases. The thresholds have been met and staff is seeking authorization to allow eligible employees to receive one merit increase.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to grant eligible employees one (1) merit increase.

CALL THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIR NOLL  
VICE CHAIR WILSON  
MEMBER FORESTER  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER WOODS

CALL THE SIGNAL HILL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIR NOLL  
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d. Authorization of Protest - WRD Water Rate Increase

Summary: The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) recently mailed a notice that the district is proposing an increase in the Replenishment Assessment (RA) it imposes upon all groundwater pumping within its district from \$244 per acre-foot up to \$298 per acre-foot. The City of Signal Hill owns water rights in the underground Central Basin, which it pumps to serve residents and businesses within the City and therefore, is subject to WRD's Replenishment Assessment. Thus, our customers' water rates can rise proportionally to the RA. The City owns a number of properties and received 130 City notices from the WRD, although it is unclear if these are notices to the pumpers or property owners. This report provides information on the background of the proposed rate increase and seeks direction on the filing of protests.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to file protests on behalf of the City to the WRD's proposed RA rate increase from \$244 per acre-foot up to \$298 per acre foot of water pumped from the Central Basin.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY

RECESS THE SIGNAL HILL HOUSING AUTHORITY

(13) 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. Resolution Designating a Handicapped Parking Space Adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue

Summary: This resolution will designate a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt a resolution designating a handicapped parking space adjacent to 1958 Dawson Avenue for the exclusive use of disabled persons.

- b. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to pay for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the District. This resolution declares the Council's intention to levy and collect assessments, sets the public hearing for July 2, 2013, and approves the Engineer's Report.

Recommendations: Waive further reading and adopt the following resolution declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and approving the engineer's report. Set the public hearing for July 2, 2013.

- c. Warrant Register Dated April 16, 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 16, 2013.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, April 2, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

(14) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

a. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

Council Member Woods will discuss 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

VICE MAYOR WILSON

MAYOR NOLL

(15) ADJOURNMENT

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of William Vandament, former Signal Hill Planning Commissioner. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 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.