



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
April 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 2, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was 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 was 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.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the legal fees incurred for the WRD lawsuit.

City Manager stated there was a report prepared recently regarding the WRD legal fees and it could be brought back at a future meeting.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.**

It was moved by Council Member Forester and seconded by Council Member Woods to recess to closed session.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      VICE MAYOR WILSON  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN:      NONE

Vice Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:13 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:09 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session item (b). A status report was given and no reportable action was taken. Closed session item (a) will be discussed following tonight's meeting.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and congratulated the recently elected Council Members. Ms. Harris also congratulated Chief Langston on his recent appointment to the 911 Advisory Board, and addressed Council regarding the recent WRD public notice sent to property owners.

City Attorney addressed several of Ms. Harris's comments regarding WRD.

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

- a. Mayor Noll introduced Selena Alanis, new Assistant Planner with the Community Development Department.
- b. Mayor Noll presented a proclamation to the Signal Hill Library staff in recognition of National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013.

- c. Mayor Noll introduced Terry Rogers, representative of Signal Hill Community Foundation who presented a check to the Signal Hill Police Department on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety.
- d. Mayor Noll and Community Services Director presented the Outstanding Older American Award to Louise Cunningham.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Mid-Year 2012-2013 Budget Review

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Forester, Vice Mayor Wilson, and Council Member Woods asked questions regarding the budget.

City Manager and Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Council.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the water utility on the budget, when that information will be available, and the water replenishment fees on the water bills. Ms. Harris also asked if Signal Hill employees are contributing to their health benefits.

Larry Andre, Signal Hill business owner addressed Council and commented on his concrete business and complimented staff.

Council Member Woods asked the City Treasurer to comment on the Mid-Year Budget Review.

City Treasurer commented on the Mid-Year Budget Review.

City Council and City Manager commented on the Mid-Year Budget Review and thanked the Finance Director and staff for a job well done.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson and seconded by Council Member Hansen to receive and file.

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

b. Picnic Shelter Permits

City Manager and Community Services Director presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions about the picnic shelter permits and discussed the process. Community Services Director answered questions directed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to complete a draft of the ordinance inclusive of changing the resident and non-resident fees.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

c. Consideration to Support AB 741

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods requested clarification to the public that this is not an increase in property taxes. City Manager confirmed this is not an increase in property taxes.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-04-6014 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.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-04-6014:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, 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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

d. Consideration to Support SB 470

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-04-6015 to support SB 470 (Wright) to reactivate economic development powers.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-04-6015:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, TO SUPPORT SB 470 (WRIGHT) TO REACTIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POWERS

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to 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.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. Council Appointments to Various Organizations

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the positions to various organizations.

It was motioned by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-04-6016 confirming the appointment of delegates and alternates as official representatives of the city.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-04-6016:

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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 Proscape 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 Proscape Landscaping, Incorporated (Proscape) 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 2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Council Member Woods requested Item Nos. (b) and (e) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to approve Consent Calendar items (a), (c), (d), and (f) through (i).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

Council Member Wilson left Council Chamber for Council discussion of Consent Calendar agenda item (b) due to a conflict of interest.

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

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Attorney stated there was a change made to the contract, in the event there is an increase after the three-year extension, it would go through the bid process.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to approve Consent Calendar item (b).

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      VICE MAYOR WILSON

Vice Mayor Wilson returned to Council Chamber.

e. Claim for Damages

Council Member Woods requested the process be explained for public record why claims are placed on the Consent Calendar and not discussed by Council.

City Attorney explained the process of claims for damages.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar item (e).

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Forester thanked the Community Services Department for a successful Springfest.

Council Member Hansen thanked the Signal Hill Police Department and all the volunteers who worked the Springfest event.

Council Member Woods commented on the Springfest event.

Council Member Woods announced that next year the City of Signal Hill will be celebrating 90 years and she would like to hear ideas how to celebrate.

Council Member Woods announced the Signal Hill Speed Run Documentary will be showing at the Newport Beach Film Festival on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at [www.newportbeach.festivalgenius.com](http://www.newportbeach.festivalgenius.com).

Terry Rogers, President of Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce invited everyone to attend the next mixer at Signal Hill Petroleum on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mayor Noll invited everyone to stop by the Library for National Library Week.

Mayor Noll announced Discovery Well Park will be 10 years old in September.

Mayor Noll invited the Police Captain to please come forward.

Police Captain announced the Signal Hill Police Department will be holding a neighborhood sub-station on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Reservoir Park from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Noll announced April is Distracted Driver's Awareness Month and Signal Hill Police Department is participating.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked Police Captain to clarify the definition of distracted driving. Police Captain addressed the question.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked about the speeding on Walnut Avenue. Police Captain confirmed a speed trailer was stationed there for two weeks.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the AQMD Lawnmower Exchange Program begins on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) for additional information.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the WRD lawsuit is not driving up water rates but rising water rates is driving the lawsuit.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked the City Attorney the best way to protest the WRD Replenishment Assessment. City Attorney suggested something in writing clearly stating what is being protested.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested using social media as a form of protesting.

**MAYOR NOLL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:11 P.M.**

**MAYOR NOLL RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 9:52 P.M.**

City Attorney reported on closed session item (a). No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 16, 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 NOLL  
                 VICE MAYOR WILSON  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR NOLL adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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Michael J. Noll  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk