



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
July 16, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 16, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR NOLL  
VICE MAYOR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: 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.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54656.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- c. 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**

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding closed session item (b) and requested additional information.

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

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:11 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.**

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

Chan Brainard, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the walkers, joggers, and cyclists on the hilltop and safety concerns.

Pat Bledsoe, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding traffic and parking on E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Junipero Avenue.

Gary Dudley, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the walkers, joggers, and cyclists on the hilltop and safety concerns.

Richard Moreno, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the walkers, joggers, and cyclists on the hilltop and safety concerns.

Dennis Petersen, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding his concern about vandalism occurring in the evening at the park and on Skyline Drive.

Max Heidenreich, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding traffic and parking on E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Junipero on 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding agenda item nos. 14 (a) and (b).

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Noll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

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

- a. Mayor Noll introduced the Police Chief who introduced Ruby Garcia, Los Angeles County Probation Officer on assignment with the Signal Hill Police Department, Perla Perez, new full time Police Records Clerk, and Delia Martinez, new Police Officer with the Signal Hill Police Department.
- b. Police Chief introduced recently promoted Police Captain Chris Nunley and Police Lieutenant Mel Krizo with the Signal Hill Police Department.
- c. Mayor Noll and the Community Development Director presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Sustainability Award to Costco Wholesale, represented by Scott Kirby, Warehouse Manager, for the Signal Hill store.

## ORDINANCE(S)

City Council agreed to move agenda item 14 (a) and discuss with agenda item 11 (a).

- a. Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.48 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing Security Alarm Systems
- a. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of City Service Fees and Charges

City Manager introduced the Police Chief who presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the security alarm fees.

Police Chief addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

City Council discussed the security alarm fees and the language in the ordinance with the Police Chief and City Attorney.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-07-1456 amending Chapter 8.48 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code, entitled "Security Alarm Systems", to reduce the number of false alarms before a fee is assessed.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-07-1456:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.48 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS", TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FALSE ALARMS BEFORE A FEE IS ASSESSED

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 VICE MAYOR WILSON to adopt Resolution No. 2013-07-6030 amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2013-07-6030:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF 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

b. Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-01 Trucking Yard Performance Standards and Related Negative Declaration

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-07-1457 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-01 adding Chapter 20.23 "Trucking Yard Performance Standards," to the Signal Hill Municipal Code, amending footnote (LL) Section 20.20.020, "Use Classifications" and replacing the 2006 list of existing trucking yards with a revised list.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-07-1457:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 13-01 ADDING CHAPTER 20.23 "TRUCKING YARD PERFORMANCE STANDARDS," TO THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING FOOTNOTE (LL) SECTION 20.20.020, "USE CLASSIFICATIONS" AND REPLACING THE 2006 LIST OF EXISTING TRUCKING YARDS WITH A REVISED LIST

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. Amendment to Signal Hill Municipal Code 2.08-Council Meetings

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Noll invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance to please come forward. There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2013-07-1458 amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 2.08.040 Time of Meetings.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-07-1458:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.040 TIME OF MEETINGS

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 left Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:16 p.m.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Proposition 218 Protest Public Hearing-Solid Waste Collection Service Rate Adjustment

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding the staff report.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Noll asked the City Clerk to announce the number of written protests.

City Clerk announced one signed written protest was received with two addresses.

Mayor Noll asked if there were any protests to please come forward. Written protests can be given to the Deputy City Manager.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and protested using the Proposition 218 procedure and stated parcel owners were the only recipients of the notices sent.

City Attorney addressed Ms. Harris's concern and clarified notices were sent to all customers not just parcel owners.

Maria Harris addressed Council regarding future increases.

City Attorney addressed comments made by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Noll closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-07-6028 pursuant to Signal Hill Municipal Code Section 08.08.040(l), establishing maximum rates for solid waste collection services for each residential unit and commercial/industrial establishment.

City Council commented on EDCO and the services offered to residents.

Mayor Noll invited Steve South and Efrain Ramirez, Representatives of EDCO Disposal to come forward and thanked them for working with the City.

City Attorney read the title or Resolution No. 2013-07-6028:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, PURSUANT TO SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 08.08.040(I), ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT AND COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT

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

b. Continued Public Hearing-Introduction of a Municipal Code Amendment to Title 16 Revising Regulations for Development on Properties with Abandoned Oil Wells and Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance with Temporary Regulations

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods asked about the ordinance.

Community Development Director and City Attorney addressed the question.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Noll invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance to please come forward.

Keven Doherty, Representative of SummerHill Homes spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mayor Noll closed the public hearing at 8:52 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and introduce the Ordinance No. 2013-07-1459 amending Title 16 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled "Oil Code" and Chapter 20.52 entitled "Site Plan and Design Review" to establish regulations regarding development on properties with abandoned oil wells with City Attorney's minor changes.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-07-1459:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "OIL CODE" AND CHAPTER 20.52 ENTITLED "SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW" TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTIES WITH ABANDONED OIL WELLS

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 VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2013-07-1460 amending Title 16 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code entitled "Oil Code" and Chapter 20.52 entitled "Site Plan and Design Review" to establish regulations regarding development on properties with abandoned oil wells.

City Attorney read the title of Urgency Ordinance No. 2013-07-1460:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "OIL CODE," AND CHAPTER 20.52 ENTITLED "SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW," TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTIES WITH ABANDONED OIL WELLS.

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. Public Hearing-Resolution Finding the City to be in Conformance with the Congestion Management Program

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods asked about auditing of the self-certification by the MTA.

Public Works Management Analyst addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Noll opened the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Noll invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the resolution to please come forward. There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2013-07-6029 finding the city to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

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

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Appointment of Voting Delegates to League of California Cities Annual Meeting

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to appoint Council Member Woods as the second alternate to League of California Cities Annual Meeting.

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

b. Survey Results on Pension and Medical Benefits for Elected Officials

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding newly elected officials and pension and benefits.

Deputy City Manager addressed Ms. Harris's question.

City Council, City Treasurer, and City Attorney commented on pension and medical benefits for elected officials.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to keep pension and medical benefits status quo and receive and file.

c. Strategic Plan

City Manager introduced the Redevelopment/Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

City Council commented and asked questions regarding the Strategic Plan.

City Attorney, Redevelopment/Economic Development Manager, and City Manager addressed the questions.

City Manager thanked the Redevelopment/Economic Development Manager for preparing the analysis.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Strategic Plan.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to approve the Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Signal Hill and Kelly Associates Management Group in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

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**

b. Agreement for Legal Services

Summary: The City Attorney has submitted a request for consideration of an adjustment to their billing rates. The City Attorney billing rates were last adjusted in 2007.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Fee Agreement with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP.

c. 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.

d. Warrant Register Dated July 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 Registers dated July 16, 2013 for FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

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Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Forester requested pulling Consent Calendar item (b).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to approve Consent Calendar items (c) through (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

b. Agreement for Legal Services

City Manager and City Attorney presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the fees for legal services and the City Attorney billing rates.

City Manager and City Attorney addressed comments made by Ms. Harris.

City Council discussed the City Attorney Fee Agreement.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by VICE MAYOR WILSON to authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Fee Agreement with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP and City Manager to review the contract.

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**

Mayor Noll left Council Chamber at 10:08 p.m. and returned at 10:10 p.m.

Council Member Forester announced National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at Reservoir Park.

Council Member Forester announced he is going on vacation to celebrate his father's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and wished him a happy birthday.

Council Member Hansen invited the Chief to come forward to discuss park patrols, traffic concerns, security, vandalism, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July closure signage.

Police Chief discussed the concerns and spoke about the traffic enforcement program and addressing issues in the future.

City Manager discussed putting together a task force to assist in addressing the growing concerns regarding traffic and safety issues.

Council Member Hansen suggested looking into having a Family Night Out event.

Council Member Hansen thanked the Sanitation District for the boat trip last weekend.

Council Member Hansen announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please call (562) 989-7324 for additional information.

Council Member Hansen announced the Signal Hill Concerts in the Park is printed in the *Kids Guide* publication.

Vice Mayor Wilson commented on the issues discussed earlier on the hilltop.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced he attended the Signal Hill Police Officers Association Golf Tournament and thanked them for the invitation.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported on his attendance at the Signal Hill Chamber Mixer at the Undershirt.

Vice Mayor Wilson commented on the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case.

Mayor Noll announced the next Movie in the Park is *The Lorax* on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Signal Hill Park. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Noll announced National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Reservoir Park. Please call (562) 989-7205 for additional information.

Mayor Noll announced City Council will be attending National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and tonight's meeting will be adjourned to Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Noll announced Concerts in the Park begin on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. in Signal Hill Park.

Mayor Noll announced tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of Kevin Woyjeck and 18 fellow firefighters who died fighting the Yarnell fire in Arizona.

City Manager announced Kevin's father, Joe Woyjeck was instrumental with the transition from Long Beach Fire to Los Angeles County Fire in Signal Hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Kevin Woyjeck and 18 fellow firefighters who died fighting the Yarnell fire in Arizona. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 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 10:29 p.m.

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Michael J. Noll  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk