



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 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 Police Officers Association.

(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) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Introduction of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Conditional Use Permit for Costco Gas Station at 2198 E. Willow Street

Summary: The applicant, Costco Wholesale, is requesting approval to add a gas station at the existing Costco retail store location at 2200 E. Willow Street in the SP-1, Town Center Specific Plan zoning district. The 16 pump facility is proposed on the western portion of the site. The proposal requires the following entitlements: Zoning Ordinance Amendment-listing gas station as a conditionally permitted use in the SP-1 zoning district and Conditional Use Permit (CUP)-regulating operations at the gas station.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving Mitigated Negative Declaration 08/02/13(1), relative to Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-03, Conditional Use Permit 13-01, and site plan and design review 13-03 for a Costco Gas Station. 2. Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-03 amending Chapter 20.40 SP-1 Town Center East Specific Plan to include "Gasoline Service Station" as a conditionally permitted use. 3. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving Conditional Use Permit 13-01, a request to operate a gasoline service station at 2198 E. Willow Street in the SP-1, Town Center East Specific Plan, zoning district.

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. State of California-AB109 Funds

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded AB109 compliance and enforcement funds in arrears from the State of California for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the Chief of Police to accept funds from the State of California for AB109 compliance and enforcement efforts. 2. Approve \$25,000 budget appropriation to Account No. 001.331.510.130.

b. Support for League of California Cities Resolution-Calling Upon the Governor and Legislature to Enter into Discussions with League and California Police Chief's Association Representatives to Identify and Enact Strategies that will Ensure the Success of Public Safety Realignment From a Local Municipal Law Enforcement Perspective

Summary: Staff is seeking City Council support for a League of California Cities resolution regarding public safety realignment.

Recommendation: Support the League of California Cities resolution calling upon the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussions with the League and California Police Chiefs' Association representatives to identify and enact strategies that will ensure success of Public Safety Realignment from a local law enforcement perspective.

c. Resolution Adopting the Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Dated June 2013

Summary: The Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in the Gateway Region Los Angeles County. The City of Signal Hill is in the Gateway Region.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution authorizing the adoption of the Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan dated June 2013.

d. Contract Services Agreement-Right to Know and Vote Initiative-Public Information Program

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a Contract Services Agreement with Adler Public Affairs to manage the City's public information program on the Right to Know and Vote Initiative that will be considered by Signal Hill voters in June 2014. The public information program will provide educational materials to Signal Hill voters.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Adler Public Affairs, to manage the public information program for the Right to Know and Vote Initiative in the amount of \$24,736 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Community Garden

Summary: Staff will present the conceptual design for the proposed Community Garden, and will review the proposed guidelines and fees for gardeners.

Recommendation: Review and provide feedback.

f. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to submit an application for a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Grant. The grant would be used to rehabilitate homeowners' association (HOA) trails that are open for public use. Adoption of this Resolution provides City Council authorization to submit the grant application and authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the application for competitive excess funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fourth Supervisorial District excess funding for rehabilitation of trails within 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. Retiree Health Benefit Associated with an Industrial Disability Retirement

Summary: The City Council will consider a recommendation to approve the eligibility of a police officer who has been granted an Industrial Disability Retirement to qualify for retiree health benefit coverage as an employee with 5-10 years of service.

Recommendation: Approve the eligibility of Brian P. Johnson to qualify for retiree health benefits under the following provision as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association: Employees with 5-10 years of service (combined city service plus 50% credit for service with another CalPERS agency), shall be eligible to receive 50% of the monthly benefit applicable towards the employee only.

b. Adoption of a Resolution Specifying the City's Contribution to the 3%@50 and the 3%@55 Retirement Formulas Through the California Public Employees' Retirement System

Summary: The City Council will consider a resolution establishing the contribution rates for public safety executive management and management employees for the 3%@50 or 3%@55 California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) retirement formula. This resolution increases the contributions made by the employees toward their pension costs.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2012-01-5932, specifying the City's contribution towards the required normal member contribution for the 3%@50 and the 3%@55 retirement formulas provided by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

c. State Of California-Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Summary: The City of Signal Hill has been awarded grant funding through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The Chief of Police is seeking authorization to accept the grant.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding through the OTS Step Grant Program.

d. Approval of MOUs to Develop Watershed Management Programs for the Lower Los Angeles River and Los Cerritos Channel Watersheds

Summary: The City of Signal Hill is situated in both the Los Cerritos Channel watershed and Lower Los Angeles River watershed. The new Storm Water System Operating Permit (MS4) requires that that Signal Hill along with other participating cities located within these watersheds develop Watershed Management Programs for each watershed. The memorandum of understanding formalizes the agreements among the participating watershed cities to complete these program studies.

Recommendations: 1. Approval of MOU with Gateway Water Management Authority "GWMA" to develop a Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Lower Los Angeles River-Reach 1 Watershed Committee. 2. Approval the MOU with Gateway Water Management Authority "GWMA" to develop a Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Committee.

e. Approval of Use of City Media for Rock for Vets Event

Summary: The Parks and Recreation Commission granted a fee waiver request from The Rock Club-Rock for Vets, a Long Beach nonprofit organization, for use of the amphitheater and open space at Signal Hill Park for a free benefit concert on Saturday, September 28. The organization is seeking approval to advertise the event via City media resources.

Recommendation: Authorize The Rock Club-Rock for Vets to utilize City media resources to advertise their free benefit concert subject to the conditions outlined herein.

f. Warrant Register Dated September 3, 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 September 3, 2013 for FY 2013-2014.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of August 20, 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, September 17, 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.