



## 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  
December 17, 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. Each speaker is allowed three minutes to make their comments.

(1) CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

(5) PRESENTATION

- a. Mayor Noll will introduce Chad Anema, new employee with the Signal Hill Public Works Department.
- b. The Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center project was recognized as Project of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Staff will give a presentation on the award and ceremony.
- c. 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 Jennifer Northup with Silver Spoon Jewelry, Inc.

(6) ORDINANCES

- a. Ordinance Amending Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 3.28-Claims Against City: Payment Required Before Litigation-Second Reading and Adoption

Summary: Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463 was re-introduced at the meeting of December 3, 2013, and is now presented for second reading and adoption. The Signal Hill Municipal Code does not contain an express requirement to pay taxes, fines or fees before pursuing litigation. This ordinance will impose a "pay first, litigate later" requirement for litigating tax refund claims or tax disputes concerning any City taxes-requiring persons challenging the payment of taxes, fees, fines, and other payments to the City to make such payments prior to commencing any actions to recover such payments. This ordinance will provide the City with the same benefits as the State, protecting the City against delay tactics that could preclude payment of taxes, fees or fines due and owing to the City for several years.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463 amending Chapter 3.28 of the Municipal Code entitled "Claims Against City" adding procedural requirements for claims made against city in compliance with the California Government Code.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association

Summary: Representatives from the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association (SHPOA) and the City have completed negotiations on a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Presented for City Council consideration are resolutions approving the MOU adjusting compensation and benefits and increasing the amount employees contribute toward their CalPERS pension costs.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2011-09-5909, approving a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the California Meyers-Milias-Brown Act by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers' Association. 2. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2013-09-6039 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.

- b. Approve the Community Gardens Project and Authorize to Advertise for Construction Bids

Summary: Staff will present the design and cost estimates for the Community Garden.

Recommendation: That the City Council review the design and cost estimates for the Community Garden, give direction and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids.

- c. Cherry Avenue Widening from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 450 Feet South of Pacific Coast Highway, Project No. 786

Summary: The City received authorization earlier this month from Caltrans, the State agency charged with overseeing the Federal Grant received for this Project, to proceed with the construction phase for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project. As such, the staff may now proceed with issuing a Request for Proposal to provide construction management services, advertise the Project for construction bids, and finalize and implement the Project's public outreach plan.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

## (8) 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 Declaring Final Acceptance of the Traffic Signal Improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746

Summary: California Professional Engineering, Inc., has completed the Traffic Signal Improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746, in conformance with the plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by California Professional Engineering, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the traffic signal improvements at Cherry Avenue and 20th Street Project, No. 746, in the city of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between California Professional Engineering, Inc., and the city of Signal Hill.

- b. 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 of the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

- c. Warrant Register Dated December 17, 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 December 3, 2013.

- d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of December 3, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

(9) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER

- a. Council Member Forester will report on his attendance at the LGBT Leadership Institute in Denver, Colorado, from December 5-8.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

VICE MAYOR WILSON

MAYOR NOLL

(10) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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.