



## **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  
January 21, 2014

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 make their comments.

(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 unrepresented employees.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding City of Cerritos, et al. v. Water Replenishment District of Southern California, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS128136.
- c. 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, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC060496.

(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) PRESENTATION

a. Strategic Plan-Survey Results

Summary: The Council approved moving forward with updating the Strategic Plan on October 1, 2013. The Strategic Plan process requires public outreach and surveys. Part of the process involved completing a resident satisfaction survey. The results of the survey are presented by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3).

Recommendation: Receive and file.

## (11) ORDINANCES

### a. Second Reading-Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.48 Of The Signal Hill Municipal Code Governing Security Alarm Systems

Summary: Ordinance No. 2014-01-1465 was introduced at the city council meeting of January 7, 2014, and is now presented for second reading and adoption. This ordinance was amended to implement the Enhanced Call Verification (ECV) protocol and make other non-substantive changes to the alarm systems ordinance. Staff believes that the these changes to the Security Alarm Systems ordinance and use of the ECV protocol will continue to reduce the number of false security alarm systems calls for service.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 8.48 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code, entitled "Security Alarm Systems", to adopt a protocol for alarm call verifications.

### b. Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-06 to Allow Conditionally Permitted Freestanding ATMs in the SP-6 Commercial Corridor Specific Plan Zoning District

Summary: Ordinance No. 2014-01-1466 was introduced at the City Council meeting of January 7, 2014 and is now presented for second reading and adoption. The ordinance approves Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-06 to list freestanding automated teller machines (ATMs) as a conditionally permitted use in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, zoning district.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-01-1466 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-06, a request to amend Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 20.49, entitled "SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan," to include "ATM's Freestanding" as a conditionally permitted use.

### c. Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05 to Establish Operational and Development Standards for Emergency Shelters

Summary: Ordinance No. 2014-01-1467 was introduced at the City Council meeting of January 7, 2014 and is now presented for second reading and adoption. The ordinance approves Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05 regarding emergency shelters for the homeless as required for State certification of the Housing Element Update.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-01-1467 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-05, amendments to Title 20 of the Municipal Code for emergency shelters for the homeless in accordance with State mandates.

## (12) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

### a. Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

Summary: A recruitment was held seeking residents who were interested in filling a mid-term vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Public interviews of the candidates were held on January 7, 2014. The City Council will make an appointment to fill the vacant seat on the Commission.

Recommendation: Appoint an individual to fill a vacant seat on the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2017.

### b. Overview of Proposed 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities

Summary: Staff will present the proposed activities to be held during 2014 in commemoration of the City's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Recommendation: Review and approve the proposed activities for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration.

### c. Proposed Dog Park Location

Summary: Since 2010, City staff has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission evaluating various sites throughout the City for use as a dog park. The City Council will consider a staff recommendation to approve a site located at 3100 California Avenue for use as a dog park. A conceptual design has been prepared and presented by staff.

Recommendations: 1. Approve the site at 3100 California Avenue for use as a dog park. 2. Initiate a general plan amendment and zoning ordinance amendment to redesignate the site as PI, Public Institutional. 3. Direct staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to finalize the design.

## (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. Contract Services Agreement with Jose Melad and CSG Consultants, Inc. for Building Plan Check and Inspection Services

Summary: The City Council will consider approval of a Contract Services Agreement with Jose Melad and a Contract Services Agreement with CSG Consultants, Inc. Both companies are structural engineering consultants whose primary function is to provide building plan check and inspection services.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Jose Melad for a total not to exceed \$155,000 per year, to provide building plan check and inspection services for a term of three years as approved by the City Attorney. 2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and CSG Consultants, Inc., for a total not to exceed \$155,000 per year, to provide building plan check and inspection services for a term of three years as approved by the City Attorney.

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 January 21, 2014

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 January 21, 2014.

d. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

(14) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

- a. Council Member Woods will report on her attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Sacramento Legislative Tour in Sacramento from January 6-7<sup>th</sup>

VICE MAYOR WILSON  
MAYOR NOLL

(15) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 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.