



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2010
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 15, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The following items were discussed in Executive (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.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, between the City of Signal Hill and Nicholas Payiatis-Cubero regarding real property located at 1917 E. 21st Street.
- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c), potential initiation of litigation in one case.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney gave a status report. No action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Denise Damrow, representing Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts, reported on the upcoming Concert in the Park series.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Debbie Mestaz, recently promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in the Public Works Department.
- b. The presentation by Los Angeles County Service Authority on the 511 Traffic, Transit, and Travel Information system was carried over to the August 3, 2010 meeting.
- c. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to the Community Services Department in recognition of Parks & Recreation Month. The Community Services Director gave a short presentation on the “Parks Make Life Better” branding campaign.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing – Ordinance Granting a Pipeline Franchise to Oxy Long Beach and a Resolution Finding the Franchise Categorically Exempt from CEQA Guidelines

City Clerk read the form of Notice.

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

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

There being none, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2010-07-5831 finding the Grant of Franchise to Oxy Long Beach Inc., to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article 19 of guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 5010-07-5831:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO OXY LONG BEACH INC., TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF GUIDELINES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2010-07-1418 granting a franchise to Oxy Long Beach Inc. and the interests, rights, privileges, and duties to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within this City.

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2010-07-1418.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OXY LONG BEACH INC. AND THE INTERESTS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTEANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN THIS CITY.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Public Hearing – Wireless Telecommunication Facility at 3275 Grant Street

City Clerk read form of notice.

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

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

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

Tim Kaczmar, Site Acquisition and Zoning Manager for Blackdot Wireless spoke in favor of the resolutions.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution Nos. 2010-07-5832 and 2010-07-5833 approving negative declaration 05/28/10(1), relative to Conditional Use Permit 10-04, a request to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility on the rooftop and behind existing screen wall of an industrial office building at 3275 Grant Street in the LI, Light Industrial zoning district; and approving Conditional Use Permit 10-04, a request to construct and operate a rooftop wireless telecommunications facility on an industrial office building located at 3275 Grant Street in the LI, Light Industrial zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2010-07-5832:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 05/28/10(1), RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 10-04, A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON THE ROOFTOP AND BEHIND EXISTING SCREEN WALL OF AN INDUSTRIAL OFFICE BUILDING AT 3275 GRANT STREET IN THE LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT

AND Resolution No. 2010-07-5833:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 10-04, A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON AN INDUSTRIAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 3275 GRANT STREET IN THE LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ORDINANCE(S)

a. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-07-1418 Granting a Franchise to Crimson California LLP

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2010-07-1418 granting a franchise to Crimson California Pipeline L.P. and the interests, rights, privileges, and duties to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil and petroleum products for any and all lawful purposes under and along the public streets, ways, alleys, and places as the same now or may hereafter exist within this City.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2010-07-1418:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE L.P. AND THE INTERESTS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS,

ALLEYS, AND PLACES AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST
WITHIN THIS CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Annual Review of the City of Signal Hill OPEB Trust Fund

City Manager introduced the Finance/Administrative Services Director and Carlos Oblites, Senior Managing Consultant of PFM Advisors who presented the staff report and a performance review of the fund.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive and file the report.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Authorization to Fill Full-Time Public Works Senior Maintenance Position and Subsequent Maintenance Worker Position

City Manager introduced the Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to authorize staff to conduct a promotional recruitment to fill the Public Works Senior Maintenance position and to conduct an external, or open, recruitment to fill the Maintenance Worker vacancy created by the promotional opportunity.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Park Patrol

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

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to receive and file the report.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Contract Services Agreement with RGP Planning & Development Services for Update of the General Plan Safety Element

Summary: State law requires that the City maintain a General Plan with eight elements. Staff is seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract services agreement with RGP Planning & Development Services for an update of the General Plan Safety Element in the amount of \$42,855.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with RGP Planning & Development Services to complete an update of the General Plan Safety Element in the amount of \$42,855 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

- b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Cherry Avenue Resurfacing Project No. 785

Summary: Hardy & Harper, Inc. has completed the Cherry Avenue Resurfacing Project, No. 785, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Hardy & Harper, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2010-07-5834 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Cherry Avenue Resurfacing Project No. 785, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Hardy & Harper, Inc. and the City of Signal Hill, California.

- c. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Used Oil Payment Program Grant Application

Summary: Staff is requesting authorization to submit an application for the Used Oil Payment Program to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the successor agency to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). Adoption of this resolution provides City Council authorization to submit a grant application in FY 2010-11 and also authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all necessary documents for the next five years.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2010-07-5835 authorizing the submittal of an application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the used oil payment program for FY 2010-11.

d. Contract Services Agreement with Albus-Keefe & Associates Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services on the Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center Project

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to enter into a contract with Albus-Keefe & Associates, Inc. to provide geotechnical engineering services during construction of the new Signal Hill Police Station and Emergency Operations Center.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Albus-Keefe & Associates, Inc., for geotechnical engineering services, in the amount of \$37,186.30, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

e. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for damages from Carlos Goines for mistreatment by the Signal Hill Police Department.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Carlos Goines.

f. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for damages from Martina Tarango for vehicle damage.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Martina Tarango.

g. Warrant Register Dated July 6, 2010

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 July 6, 2010.

h. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of June 15, 2010.

Special meeting of June 29, 2010.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll reported on his visit to Sacramento as part of Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the City Manager for his time and preparation of a presentation to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on one of the impairments on the Los Angeles River.

Mayor Wilson hoped everyone had a safe and sane Independence Day, and asked Captain Ron Mark to report on any incidents that may have occurred in the City. Captain Mark reported that the hilltop was well attended and there were very few calls regarding fireworks.

Mayor Wilson read from the text of an email sent to him suggesting that he be lynched for his support of Congresswoman Richardson's reelection. After reading the statement Mayor Wilson indicated that unfortunately the days of racial prejudice and bigotry are not over. Mayor Wilson indicated that he represents people of all ethnic backgrounds and that he always tries to do what is best for the community. He also stated that it was wrong for anyone to suggest that he should not be in office just because he happened to be an African American. Mayor Wilson indicated that the email is under investigation for a crime by the Signal Hill Police Department.

Mayor Wilson announced the upcoming Concert in the Park series, the prescription drug discount program sponsored by the NLC, the "Hire A Youth" program sponsored by the workforce investment network, the new meter readers being contracted by the Long Beach Gas Department, and the sale of the zinnia seeds to benefit the summer youth programs.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN, to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 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 WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk