



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
December 3, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 3, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 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 Police Officers Association.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding State Department of Finance v. Commission on State Mandates, Court of Appeal Case No. B237153.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.**

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:03 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:05 P.M.**

**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 direction for further negotiations. No reportable action was taken.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Noll made an announcement regarding public comments.

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

Nancy Sciortino, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Great Gatsby event on December 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the upcoming Great Gatsby event a recent article in the Long Beach Business Journal.

## **PRESENTATION**

Community Services Director and Community Services Manager made a presentation on the recent volunteer recognition banquet and Halloween Carnival and presented special recognition awards to Apolonio Villareal, Friends of Long Beach Animals, Signal Hill Petroleum, and Frank and Bonnie Virga.

Mayor Noll and Council Member Hansen thanked the volunteers and the Community Services Department.

Mayor Noll presented a proclamation to Signal Hill Police Officer Alan Spiegel who is retiring after 26 years of service. Victoria Chung, Representative for Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal presented a certificate to Officer Spiegel and Chief Langston presented certificates from Senator Ricardo Lara, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, and Congressman Alan Lowenthal, and Senator Barbara Boxer.

## **ORDINANCES**

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

City Manager introduced the City Attorney who presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and re-introduce Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463 with new language 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.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-11-1463:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.28 OF THE SHMC ENTITLED "CLAIMS AGAINST CITY" ADDING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS MADE AGAINST CITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

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-Zoning Ordinance Amendment Gundry Avenue

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11-1464 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 13-04, amending the official zoning map to change the designation of a .20-acre parcel at 2170 Gundry Avenue from "Light Industrial" to Area 6 of the "SP-7 Special Purpose Housing Plan" and revising the development standards by increasing the density for Area 6 to 72 dwelling units.

City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2013-11-1464:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 13-04, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF A .20-ACRE PARCEL AT 2170 GUNDY AVENUE FROM "LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO AREA 6 OF THE "SP-7 SPECIAL PURPOSE HOUSING SPECIFIC PLAN" AND REVISING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS BY INCREASING THE DENSITY FOR AREA 6 TO 72 DWELLING UNITS

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

a. Contract Agreement for Comprehensive Information Service with Brealt Solutions

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the staff report and introduced Mike Ryan, Representative for Brealt.

City Council asked questions regarding the contract with Brealt.

Finance Director addressed the questions posed by Council.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year Contract Services Agreement between the City and Brealt Solutions with a possible three year extension, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

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

Vice Mayor Wilson thanked the current IT contractor for ten years of service to the City.

b. Police Station Public Art Piece Conceptual Design

City Manager introduced Deputy City Manager and Jon Cicchetti who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about the art piece.

Mr. Cicchetti and Deputy City Manager addressed questions posed by Council.

Vice Mayor Wilson and Council Member Hansen commented on the selection process for the art project.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive and file.

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**

- a. Resolution Supporting the 2014 Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Services Initiative as Part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Summary: This year qualified taxpayers who earn less than \$51,567 may be eligible to receive a maximum of \$6,044 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a refundable credit, and unlike other available tax credits, the EITC is a direct cash payment which is added to any refund due to qualifying individuals.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program/Earned Income Tax Credit.

- b. Contract Services Agreement with John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc., for Environmental Engineering Services

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a Contract Services Agreement with John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc., to provide environmental engineering services as they relate to administration of the city's industrial waste program, and state mandated storm water quality programs.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide environmental engineering services.

c. Award of Contract for the Custodial Maintenance of City Buildings

Summary: The Public Works Department supplements its maintenance operations by utilizing a contractor to provide custodial maintenance for City owned buildings. Staff is recommending an award of contract to UMS, Inc., dba United Maintenance Systems.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement for Custodial Maintenance of City Buildings between the City of Signal Hill and UMS, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Warrant Register Dated December 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 Register dated December 3, 2013.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of November 19, 2013.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar.

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**

Council Member Forester commented on the Thanksgiving holiday.

Council Member Forester announced he will be attending the LGBT Leadership Institute in Colorado later this week.

Council Member Woods reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting Ceremony tomorrow evening at 6:00 at Discovery Well Park.

Vice Mayor Wilson congratulated UCLA on their recent football victory.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced he will be participating in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the Affordable Care Act and Covered California Presentation on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chamber. Please call (562) 989-7307 to RSVP or for additional information.

Mayor Noll announced he was reappointed to serve on the Revenue and Taxation Committee by the League of California Cities.

Mayor Noll announced refuse and recycling collections will be delayed one day for both Christmas and New Years' holiday weeks. For more information please call (562) 597-0608.

Mayor Noll announced there will be no street sweeping on Christmas Day or New Years' Day. For more information please call (562) 989-7355.

Mayor Noll announced the free annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Place undecorated trees at curbside and they will be picked up on Monday, December 30 and Monday, January 16. For residents who live in multi-family complexes please call (562) 597-0608 to set up a special collection of your tree.

Mayor Noll announced Cruise of Lights in Huntington Harbor Family Excursion on Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Mayor Noll announced a Library Amnesty program for the month of December. In celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signal Hill Library, any books or materials returned during the month of December will be waived of any late fines or fees.

Mayor Noll announced the Active Adult trip to the Palm Springs Follies on Thursday, January 9. This is the follies farewell season.

Council Member Hansen asked the Community Services Director to please come forward and asked about the family excursion to Huntington Harbor.

Community Services Director announced tickets are available for the excursion but sold out for Cookies with Santa.

Mayor Noll announced he will be adjourning the meeting in memory of Richard Lopez, lifelong resident of Signal Hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Richard Lopez to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, December 3, 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 8:06 p.m.

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Michael J. Noll  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk