



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
April 1, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 1, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Neena Strichart, Publisher of Signal Tribune newspaper presented shirts commemorating the City's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Mayor Wilson and Council Member Noll.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the Right to Know and Vote Initiative and the Impartial Analysis of Measure U.

Ron Mark, former Signal Hill Police Captain addressed Council regarding Measure U.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on Measure U.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Police Chief Langston introduced Ramin Baschshi, Representative for Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles and Make-A-Wish Recipient Alan Nguyen. Mayor Wilson presented proclamations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Alan Nguyen in recognition of Make-A-Wish Foundation's contributions to the greater Los Angeles community and Junior Officer Alan Nguyen.

- b. Don Pederson, Representative from the Los Angeles Police Chiefs' Association made a presentation on Measure U, the Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote Initiative.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident commented on the press release read by Chief Pederson.

Vice Mayor Forester asked Ms. Harris about the filing status of Signal Hill Community First.

Ms. Harris addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Forester.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the report prepared by Urban Futures Incorporated.

City Attorney commented on the statements made by Ms. Churchill and the three lawsuits recently filed against the city.

- c. Mayor Wilson presented certificates of recognition to nonagenarian residents of Signal Hill to honor their residency and their longevity.

## **ORDINANCES**

- a. Ordinance Adoption-Amendment to SHMC 2.90-Elections and Campaign Finance Ordinance-Political Action Committees

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced the City Attorney who commented on the ordinance and recent litigation.

City Council commented and asked questions about the ordinance.

City Attorney addressed the questions posed by City Council.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the ordinance and recent litigation.

Bob Mendoza, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the ordinance.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on earlier remarks made by Vice Mayor Forester.

Council Member Noll left Council Chamber at 8:41 p.m. and returned at 8:43 p.m.

City Council discussed the ordinance with the City Attorney.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to continue the ordinance to the April 15, 2014 Council meeting and directed the City Attorney to amend SHMC Section 2.90.090 changing lawsuit power to the City Attorney and research reporting requirements by the Fair Political Practices Commission and primary recipient committees.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. Public Hearing-Resolution Approving Use of 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

City Manager introduced Community Services Director and Michael Neal, CDBG Coordinator who presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding the CDBG funding and programs offered. Community Services Director, Mr. Neal, and Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04-6072 approving the City's 2014-2015 application for housing and community development funds and authorizing submission of such application to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-04-6072:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2014-2015 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS DESIGNATING USE OF AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to approve the estimated CDBG Allocation for fiscal year 2014-2015 funds of \$58,889, with 15% or \$8,833 for Public Service Projects, and the remaining \$53,285 to fund ADA Street and Sidewalk Improvements in eligible areas of the City.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring Intention to Levy Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1

Mayor Wilson recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left Council Chamber at 8:50 p.m.

Vice Mayor Forester asked for the staff report.

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed City Council regarding the California Crown tract and the Right to Know and Vote Initiative, Measure U.

City Attorney addressed comments made by Ms. Harris.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04-6073 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2014-15 and approving the engineer's report.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-04-6073:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR WILSON

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to set the public hearing for May 20, 2014.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MAYOR WILSON

Mayor Wilson returned to Council Chamber at 9:04 p.m.

b. Award of Contract for the Signal Hill Police Station Demolition Project No. 867

Deputy City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding the demolition of the former police station.

Deputy City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Signal Hill Police Station Demolition Project, No. 867 to 5M Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$486,224, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Award of Contract for the Signal Hill Community Garden Project, No. 738

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

Council Member Woods asked about the Community Garden.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR

FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Signal Hill Community Garden Project, No. 738, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Asphalt, Fabric and Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$165,615 and accept M.C. Alyea Construction's request to withdraw its bid.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

d. View Park and Monument Sign Location

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

City Council asked about the site, view park, and monument sign.

Community Services Director addressed questions posed by Council.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to approve the site at the southwest corner of Burnett Street and Cherry Avenue for use as a view park with a monument sign and direct staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a conceptual design.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

e. Council Appointments to Various Organizations

City Council discussed appointments to various committees and organizations.

Council Member Noll was removed as alternate for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy & Environmental Subcommittee as this was in error. The Mayor and Mayor's Designee would serve as delegate and alternate for SCAG General Assembly.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04-6074 as amended, confirming the appointment of delegates and alternates as official representatives of the city.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-04-6074:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04-6016, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **a. Award of Contract Extension for Concrete and Asphalt Maintenance**

Summary: The Public Works Department supplements its maintenance operations by utilizing a contractor to construct concrete and asphalt repairs to City streets and sidewalks. This contract enables Maintenance Operations to better respond to the ongoing need to repair damaged or deteriorated curbs, gutters, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and utility patches.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year extension to the amended Contract Services Agreement for Concrete and Asphalt Maintenance with Lovell Construction, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### **b. Purchase of Two Replacement Public Works CNG Trucks**

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase two replacement CNG trucks for the Public Works Department. Staff proposes to purchase these vehicles from

the National Auto Fleet Group. This purchase will be made under the National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

Recommendation: Authorize the Vehicle and Equipment Services Division to purchase two new 2015 Ford Super Duty F250 Super Cab Dedicated CNG pickup trucks from National Auto Fleet Group through the National Joint Powers Alliance Bid Number 102811.

c. Establishing New Classification-Water Systems Operator II

Summary: The City Council will consider establishing the new job classification of Water Systems Operator II in the Water Department. The new classification is being proposed to better suit the Department's needs and the ability to attract and retain well qualified applicants to operate the City's complex water system.

Recommendations: 1. Approve the creation of the Water Systems Operator II position and establish the new salary range of \$4,173-\$5,325 per month. 2. Amend the Senior Water Systems Operator salary range from the current \$4,173-\$5,325 per month to \$4,382-\$5,593 per month.

d. Update Regarding Nonprofit Organizations Memorandums of Understanding

Summary: Staff will provide an update regarding Memorandums of Understanding with Signal Hill nonprofit organizations.

Recommendation: Receive and file report.

e. Warrant Register Dated April 1, 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 April 1, 2014.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of March 18, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES:      MAYOR WILSON  
                 VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:    NONE

ABSTAIN:   NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Hansen announced Walt Disney's Mary Poppins will be shown during Family Movie Day on Saturday, April 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center. Please call (562) 989-7323 to register or for additional information.

Council Member Noll invited Community Services Director to please come forward to talk about earthquake survival kits.

Community Services Director announced earthquake survival kits are available in the Community Services department at a cost of \$65 (one person) or \$90 (two persons). Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Council Member Woods reminded everyone to look for upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in the new City Views and Signal Tribune newspaper.

Vice Mayor Forester stated he would like to follow the reinstatement of the Bloom Bill (AB 2493) to help release money for the library.

Council Member Noll announced he will be attending the Revenue and Taxation Committee meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Mayor Wilson announced the Strategic Plan Visioning Workshop tomorrow, Tuesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Please call (562) 989-7379.

Mayor Wilson announced e-waste and hazardous may be dropped off at EDCO, 2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7355 for additional information.

Mayor Wilson announced Spring Bulky Item Pick up will be held the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. If you live in a multi-family residence, please call (562) 597-0608 to schedule.

Mayor Wilson announced the South Coast Air Quality Management District will begin the lawnmower exchange program on April 16, 2014. Please call (888) 425-6247 to register.

Council Member Woods announced 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners are for sale. Please call (562) 595-7900 to order.

Council Member Woods announced the first event celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote, Proposed Charter Amendment to City of Signal Hill City Charter by Maria Harris, Proponent, regarding Writ of Mandate Directing Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to Amend Ballot Label and set Order to Show Cause Hearing and for attorney fees, Case No. BS147681.
- b. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, existing litigation, regarding City of El Centro, et.al. v. The State of California, Case No. 37-2014-00003824-CU-WM-CTL.
- c. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with unrepresented employees.
- d. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.

City Attorney announced closed session items could be tabled and discussed at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Given the lateness of the hour and the fact that the closed session items are not time-sensitive, it was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to continue the closed session items to the next meeting of the City Council, and adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 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 WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:      NONE

ABSTAIN:      NONE

MAYOR NOLL adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk