



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
April 15, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on April 15, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

**CLOSED SESSION**

City Manager indicated the following item was to be discussed under Executive (Closed) Session.

- a. A closed session was 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.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.
- 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 54956.9(b)(3)(A), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

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

There was no public business from the floor on closed session items. It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive (Closed) Session at 6:04 p.m.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON  
MEMBER HANSEN

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:04 P.M.**

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:04 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:01 P.M.**

Vice Mayor Forester reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Forester led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on closed session items. No reportable action was taken.

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

Neena Strichart, Signal Hill resident and business owner presented t-shirts to Council Member Hansen and Council Member Woods.

**PRESENTATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chief Langston introduced and swore in new Signal Hill Police Officers Kyle Castner, Erik Medina, and Michael Stone.

**ORDINANCES**

**CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04-1469 AMENDING SHMC 2.90—ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Forester asked council if there were any questions of staff. Seeing none, he invited members of the audience wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

There being no further comments from the audience, Vice Mayor Forester asked if council had any comments.

The City Attorney indicated that the ordinance was revised from that posted on Friday to include an urgency clause in the recitals which requires this ordinance be passed by 4/5ths vote.

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Hansen to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-04-1469 amending SHMC 2.90—Elections and Campaign Contributions.

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2014-04-1469:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.90 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISCLOSE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES BY OUTSIDE PARTIES

The following roll call vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
MEMBER HANSEN  
MEMBER NOLL  
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON  
ABSTAIN: NONE

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **COUNCIL MOVES TO TAKES ITEM 12D OUT OF ORDER**

### **COUNCIL APPROVES ADJOURNMENT OF THE MAY 20, 2014, MEETING TO MONDAY, JUNE 2ND**

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Hansen to adjourn the meeting of May 20, 2014, to Monday, June 2, 2014. It was the consensus of the council to adjourn the May 20th meeting to Monday, June 2nd.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN LEAVES COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7:25 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEE RESOLUTION PRIOR TO THE JUNE 3, 2014 STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO ESTABLISH PARTICIPATION FEES FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM**

City Manager, Community Services Director, and Community Services Manager presented the staff report.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident, spoke in favor of the program and indicated how the fees described in the report are not subject to Measure U.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, spoke on the court order regarding the impartial analysis for Measure U, and the city information on Measure U.

City Attorney pointed out the discrepancies between the item being discussed and the issues brought up by the speakers regarding the proposed charter amendment.

Council Member Noll spoke in favor of the program.

Council Member Woods spoke in favor of the program and supports taking measures to protect programs and services that residents have come to rely on.

Vice Mayor Forester asked the city manager if the court transcripts are on the website.

City Manager indicated that the transcripts are on the website, and reiterated that there was not a ruling on the impartial analysis; it was a stipulated agreement that was taken off-calendar.

City Attorney indicated that when a matter is taken off-calendar there is no ruling.

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Woods to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Fee Resolution prior to the June 3, 2014, Statewide Primary Election, to establish participation fees for the Itty Bitty Day Camp, Afterschool Recreation Club, and Tween Recreation Programs.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:        VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:        NONE  
ABSENT:      MAYOR WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
ABSTAIN:     NONE

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO GRANT A FRANCHISE**

**TO OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED, AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
MAY 20, 2014**

City Manager and Public Works Management Analyst presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident, stated that Measure U follows the state constitution and that franchise fees are not subject to Measure U.

Carol Churchill, Signal Hill resident, stated that she spoke with staff about how the fee is calculated for public and non-public utility pipelines.

City Attorney pointed out the inconsistencies between state propositions 218 and 26, and it is unknown how any potential conflicts between the propositions and the measure would be resolved by a court; and explained the difference between charter cities and general law cities.

It was moved by Council Member Woods and seconded by Council Member Noll to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04-6075 declaring intent to grant a franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated (comprising franchises under Oil Operators Incorporated, formerly Chemoil, formerly S&C Oil, and formerly Powerine/Cenco) 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. 2) Set a public hearing for May 20, 2014.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-04-6075:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED (COMPRISING OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED, AND FRANCHISES OWNED BY OIL OPERATORS INCORPORATED INCLUDING FORMERLY CHEMOIL, FORMERLY S&C OIL, AND FORMERLY POWERINE/CENCO FRANCHISES) 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 roll call vote resulted:

AYES: VICE CHAIR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES GREEN CITY REPORT—ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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

Council Member Noll left the council chamber at 8:12 and returned at 8:14.

Council Member Woods asked about the police department solar panels and if there are any comparison numbers yet between solar v. non-solar.

Deputy City Manager responded that there are numbers, but would like to acquire additional data to get overall evaluation.

Vice Mayor Forester indicated that he will be resigning his position on the Sustainable City Committee and there will be an opening for a council member to fill this vacant position.

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Woods to receive and file the report.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONSENT CALENDAR**

The City Manager indicated the following was listed on the Consent Calendar for City Council approval:

a. 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.

b. Warrant Register Dated April 15, 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 15, 2014.

c. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of April 1, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Noll reported on the closing of Willow Urgent Care and would like staff to collect information on area urgent care centers in the event residents inquire.

Council Member Woods reported on upcoming 90th Anniversary events.

Council Member Noll asked when Hounds on the Hill is scheduled. Community Services Director responded that the event is the first Saturday in June.

Vice Mayor Forester announced the upcoming events:

- Author Talk, April 16, Signal Hill Public Library
- Spring Fest, April 19, Signal Hill Park
- Community Yard Sale, May 3, Signal Hill Park
- National Safety Telecommunication Week
- Unused Prescription Drug Disposal, April 26, Signal Hill Police Department.
- Signal Hill Police Department Open House, May 10
- Browning High School new construction project information meeting open house, April 16, Jessie Nelson Middle School
- Spring Bulky Item Cleanup Week, May 12-16

Vice Mayor Forester announced that today is the one-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing and reminded everyone to be vigilant and cognizant of your surroundings.

Vice Mayor Forester reiterated that there is an abundance of information on Measure U on the city website.

Council Member Woods asked if staff had received any information regarding the grand opening of Chittick Field/Hamilton Bowl on April 23.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Council Member Noll and seconded by Council Member Woods to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 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:      VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
                 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:      NONE

ABSENT:     MAYOR WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN

ABSTAIN:    NONE

VICE MAYOR FORESTER adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Larry Forester  
Vice Mayor

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk