



## 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  
May 20, 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 WILSON  
VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL  
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.

(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) PRESENTATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS

a. A representative from the Signal Hill Employees' Association will make a presentation on Measure U.

b. Mayor Wilson will present the Sustainability Award to Promontory Crest Homeowners Association.

c. Mayor Wilson will proclaim May 2014 as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is in appreciation of building safety officials, contractors, and tradespeople who work to ensure the safe construction of buildings.

(11) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Public Hearing-Resolution Ordering the Levy of Assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Summary: Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 was formed in 1992 to provide funding for the maintenance of common landscaped areas within the California Crown Tract. Annually, the City Council must initiate proceedings to renew the levy and collection of special assessments for the

District. Staff is proposing a 1.08 percent increase in the assessment, which reflects the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution ordering the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

b. Public Hearing-Introduction of an Urgency Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated and a Resolution Finding the Franchise Categorically Exempt From CEQA Guidelines

Summary: Oil Operators, Incorporated (Oil Operators) is requesting to renew its pipeline franchises to operate its pipeline facilities within the City's rights-of-way.

Council is requested to consider granting a new pipeline franchise agreement to Oil Operators Incorporated prior to adopting the City's two-year budget, due to the uncertainty created by Measure U. Measure U is a proposed amendment to the City Charter that will require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for all new and increased fees, including oil pipeline franchise fees.

Recommendations: 1. Waive further reading and adopt the resolution finding the grant of franchise to Oil Operators Incorporated to be categorically exempt pursuant to Article 19 of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act. 2. Waive further reading and adopt an urgency ordinance granting 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.

c. Resolution Amending the Uniform Schedule of the City User Fees and Charges for Services

Summary: The City considers adjusting or adding user service fees and charges to better reflect the cost of performing special services. This report outlines various changes suggested to the special service fees prior to adopting the City's two-year budget due to the uncertainty created by Measure U. The Finance Department prepared the schedule to update the City's fees for services. This is mainly done on an annual basis to ensure that fees and charges cover the cost to provide the service. However, on June 3, 2014, Signal Hill voters will be asked to vote on Measure U - a proposed amendment to the City Charter that will require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for all new fees. It is unclear in the proposed charter amendment initiative which fees and assessments will require this super majority, and will likely require the courts to decide this issue.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 2013-08-6031, amending the Uniform Schedule of Fees.

## (12) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

### a. Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 2493 Related to the Funding of the Signal Hill Library

Summary: The construction of a new Signal Hill Library has been a community goal since 1998. In March of 2011, the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency issued an \$8.6 million bond to complete the library construction. In February of 2012 the California Supreme Court upheld legislation dissolving all redevelopment agencies statewide, retroactively suspending redevelopment agency bond funds for 38 communities. AB 2493 (Bloom) provides a path forward for these 38 communities to fund public projects, generating much needed construction and permanent employment.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution in support of Assembly Bill 2493 (Bloom) Statewide Economic Development, Infrastructure Construction and Job Creation Act.

### b. Memorandum of Agreement Between Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and City of Signal Hill To Establish a Co-Response Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) as Part of a Larger Collaborative Effort Between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Southeast Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey, Huntington Park, Vernon, and Signal Hill

Summary: To improve services to citizens suffering from a mental health crisis or in need of mental health services, the Signal Hill Police Department would like to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to develop and operate a Co-Response Mental Health Evaluation Team comprised of a Police Officer/Mental Health Clinician. Signal Hill would participate in this effort as part of a larger collaborative between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Southeast cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey, Huntington Park, Vernon, and Signal Hill.

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to develop and operate a Co-Response Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

### c. Resolution Declaring a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Condition

Summary: Considering the severity of the drought and based on the findings presented in the Governor's statewide State of Emergency drought declaration, staff is recommending that the City Council re-activate, by resolution, a Level I Water Supply Shortage declaration in accordance with the provisions specified Municipal Code Chapter 13.03, the City's Water Conservation Program.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring a Level 1 Water Shortage Condition in accordance with City of Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 13.03.

d. Parkway Landscape Guidelines

Summary: Staff will present the proposed Parkway Landscape Guidelines. This document provides detailed guidelines and examples for residents and business owners interested in converting their turf covered parkways (the landscaped area between the curb and the sidewalk) into water efficient landscaping.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed Parkway Landscape Guidelines.

e. Rescheduling of the Workshop for the Two-Year Financial Budget

Summary: The City Council has scheduled the FY2014-2015 and FY2015-2016 budget workshop for May 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff is suggesting moving the budget workshop to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Recommendation: The City Council should give direction on rescheduling the budget workshop to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

(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. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686

Summary: Addscape, Inc. has completed the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Addscape, Inc.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Improvements Project, No. 686, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Addscape, Inc.

b. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670

Summary: Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company has completed the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt the resolution declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the Willow Street and Dawson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, No. 670, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between Ruiz Concrete and Paving Company and the City of Signal Hill, California.

c. 2014 Sponsor/Site Agreement with the City of Long Beach for a Summer Food Program

Summary: The City utilizes the Summer Food Program provided by the California Department of Education and administered by the City of Long Beach to provide lunches for children. Each year, a Sponsorship and Site Agreement must be signed. This year's agreement will provide for lunches at Discovery Well and Signal Hill Parks.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Sponsor/Site Agreement between the Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Youth Employment Plan for County Grant Projects

Summary: The City has received two grants from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District totaling \$259,000 to fund improvements at Reservoir Park and the hilltop trail system. Staff is presenting for approval the Youth Employment Plans required by the Los Angeles County grant programs.

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Employment Plans for the Reservoir Park and Trail Renovation improvement projects.

e. 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 shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

f. Warrant Register Dated May 20, 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 May 20, 2014.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of May 6, 2014

Recommendation: Approve.

(14) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

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

(15) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn tonight's meeting to Monday, June 2, 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.