



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL**  
June 17, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 17, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON  
VICE MAYOR FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation, unfunded state mandates, need to file a test claim for obligations.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.

**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 6:07 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:03 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson 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**

Chris Jackson, newly assigned Assistant Chief for Los Angeles County Fire Department, Division 4 introduced himself to Council.

Val Rodriguez, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding a letter he wrote to the Signal Tribune regarding the Liberation Ceremony of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

Cory Allen, Representative for Senator Ricardo Lara, addressed Council and introduced Suely Ngouy, new Field Representative for the Signal Hill area.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Kathleen Pacheco in recognition of her service as City Clerk from 1994 to 2014. Cory Allen, Representative for Senator Ricardo Lara presented a resolution to Ms. Pacheco; Mayor Wilson presented proclamations and certificates from the offices of Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

City Council and City Treasurer thanked Kathee for her years of service, friendship, and wished her well in the future.

Council Member Woods arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone in the audience wishing to speak, to please come forward.

Neena Strichart, Signal Hill resident and business owner came forward and thanked Kathee for her service to the city and friendship over the years.

City Attorney and City Manager commented on the role of the City Clerk and thanked Kathee for her service to the community.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Special Municipal Election Results

City Manager presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and commented on Measure U, the legal costs, and the voter turnout.

Josh Legere, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the proponents of Measure U and the recent election.

Becky Rose, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the cost of legal fees pertaining to Measure U and thanked the voters and Council.

Council Member Hansen commented on the proponents of Measure U.

Vice Mayor Forester commented on Measure U and Signal Hill Community First.

Council Member Noll commented on the management of the City.

Council Member Woods commented on the process of Measure U, voter turnout, and educating voters.

Mayor Wilson thanked staff for the report and commented on Measure U.

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

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

b. City Clerk Appointment Process

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson confirmed with staff the process of the recruitment follows the city charter.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to conduct a recruitment to fill the unexpired term of the city clerk and appoint a city clerk prior to August 17, 2014.

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 Member Hansen announced her previous request to agendize an excused absence for her upcoming vacation is now unnecessary.

c. Resolutions Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15, and Establishing the Annual Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2014-15, and Approval of Year-End Budget Adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2013-14

City Manager and Finance Director presented the staff report.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about the location of the proposed solar street lights, how the bond will pay for the lights, if Signal Hill employees are still utilizing furlough hours, the storm water quality program, and how the city anticipates paying for it.

Public Works Director and City Manager addressed the question regarding the street lights and how it relates to the bonds.

Deputy City Manager addressed the question regarding furlough hours.

City Manager and City Council discussed the cost of storm water quality and future financial impact.

City Council discussed the two-year budget with the Finance Director, City Attorney, and City Manager.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-06-6085 adopting the annual operating and capital budget for the fiscal year 2014-15.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-06-6085:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2014-06-6086:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

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 VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the budget adjustment listed on 2014-06a to amend the FY2013-14 budget for year-end appropriations.

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 Member Woods announced the budget powerpoint from the last City Council meeting can be viewed on the city website.

d. Independent Audit Services Agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP

City Manager introduced Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Finance Director introduced Craig Hartzheim to answer any questions.

City Council discussed auditing services with Mr. Hartzheim.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident asked about availability of financial report to the public.

Mr. Hartzheim addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Hartzheim.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP as the independent certified public accounting firm to audit the financial statements of the City of Signal Hill and its component units, through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$28,998, 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

e. Watershed Management Programs for the Lower Los Angeles River and Los Cerritos Channel Watersheds

City Manager presented the staff report.

MAYOR WILSON RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:28 P.M.

MAYOR WILSON RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING AT 9:39 P.M.

Public Works Director, John Hunter, Representative of John L. Hunter & Associates, and Richard Watson, Representative of Richard Watson & Associates continued presenting the staff report.

City Council asked questions about watershed management programs and storm water runoff.

John Hunter, Richard Watson, and City Manager addressed the questions.

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked about city compliance.

Mr. Hunter and Mr. Watson addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked John Hunter and Richard Watson for their services.

Council Member Woods announced the documents are available to view on the website.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adopt the draft Lower Los Angeles-Reach 1 River Watershed Management Program Study dated June 2014 and adopt the draft Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Program Study dated June 2014.

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

f. Memorandum of Understanding for Harbors Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads

City Manager introduced Public Works Director and John Hunter, representative of John L. Hunter & Associates who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about testing for existing contamination, the Long Beach breakwater, and testing at different levels.

John Hunter 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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for administration and cost sharing for the preparation and implementation of a coordinated compliance monitoring and reporting plan as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region for the Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors' Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads.

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

g. Parkway Landscape Guidelines

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

City Council asked about curbs, sidewalks, walkways, parkway design, guidelines, and public outreach.

Public Works Director addressed the questions posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to approve the proposed Parkway Landscape Guidelines.

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

h. Award of Contract for the 2014 Pavement Management Project, No. 670

City Manager presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen confirmed the project with the City Manager.

Mayor Wilson asked about the type of asphalt used for this project.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the 2014 Pavement Management Project, No. 670, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to All American Asphalt in the amount of \$421,916.

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

i. Award of Contract for the Cherry Widening Project, No. 786

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

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council and asked about a timeline for the project.

Public Works Director addressed the question posed by Ms. Harris.

Mayor Wilson requested a report of a timeline for the project once it is in place.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project, No. 786, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Griffith Company in the amount of \$1,507,997.

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. **FY 2014-2015 Contract Agreements for Proposition A Transportation Programs**

**Summary:** Annually, the City receives Proposition A revenues to be utilized for transportation-related programs. Agreements have been prepared for Long Beach Public Transportation Company to provide Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift services, and Administrative Services Cooperative to provide Dial-A-Taxi services.

**Recommendations:** 1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City and Long Beach Public Transportation Company in the amount of \$38,808 for Fixed Route Bus Subsidy, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City and Long Beach Public Transportation Company in the amount of \$10,000 for Dial-A-Lift Subsidy, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City and Administrative Services Cooperative in the amount of \$15,000 to provide Dial-A-Taxi services, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

b. **2014 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Notice**

**Summary:** California Government Code 87306.5 requires that no later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, the city council shall direct staff to review its conflict of interest code for any changes necessitated by changed circumstances.

**Recommendation:** Direct the City Clerk to notify all City departments and advisory bodies to review their reporting requirements for any potential changes and report to the City Clerk any amendments, or that no amendments are necessary, no later than August 29, 2014. Results of the review will be submitted to the city council at the September 16 meeting.

c. Employment Contract for Interim Deputy Public Works Director

Summary: With the recent retirement of the City's Deputy Public Works Director, staff is recommending hiring an interim Deputy Public Works Director to assist the Public Work Director in managing the Public Works Department field and water utility divisions while the City conducts the recruitment for a new Deputy Director. The City Council will consider entering into an employment contract for an Interim Deputy Public Works Director.

Recommendations: 1. Approve the employment services agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Donald Roberson for Interim Deputy Public Works Director services, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney. 2. Approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$12,960, to Contract Services from the General Fund (55%), Water Fund (35%) and the Vehicle Fund (10%).

d. Resolution Authorizing an Extension to the Agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments for Funding Toward the Cherry Avenue Widening Project

Summary: The City Council will consider extending the term of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Truck Impacted Intersection Grant Agreement for the Cherry Avenue Widening Project by 12 months to June 30, 2015.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-06-6087 authorizing an extension to the agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments for truck impacted intersection funding to improve the intersection of Cherry Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

e. Award of Contract for the Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive ADA Improvements Project, No. 618

Summary: On June 2, 2014, the City received one bid for the Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive ADA Improvements Project, No. 618. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Addscape, Inc.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Temple Avenue and Combellack Drive ADA Improvements Project, No. 618, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Addscape, Inc. in the amount of \$32,149.

f. Award of Contract for the Hilltop Low Flow Pump Replacement Project, No. 776

Summary: On June 10, 2014, the City received bids for the Hilltop Low Flow Pump Replacement Project, No. 776. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Weber Water Resources CA, LLC.

Recommendations: 1. Authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the Hilltop Low Flow Pump Replacement Project, No. 776, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Weber Water Resources CA, LLC in the amount of \$23,260. 2. Approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,000 from the Water Reserve Fund balance.

g. Rejection of Bid – Access Hatches on Gundry Sand Basin Roof Project, No. 779

Summary: On May 28, 2014, the City received one bid for the Access Hatches on Gundry Sand Basin Roof Project, No. 779. Staff is recommending rejecting the bid submitted by Danny Letner Inc. dba Letner Roofing Company.

Recommendation: Reject the bid submitted by Danny Letner Inc. dba Letner Roofing Company for the Access Hatches on Gundry Sand Basin Roof Project, No. 779.

h. 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.

i. Warrant Register Dated June 17, 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 June 17, 2014.

j. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Adjourned Regular Meeting of June 2, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager requested pulling item (a) from the Consent Calendar. It will be agendized for the July 1, 2014 Council meeting.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar items (b) through (i) and agendize item (a) for the July 1, 2014 Council meeting.

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 invited Community Services Director to come forward and talk about the recent Animal Magic event promoting the summer reading program.

Community Services Director came forward and spoke about the Animal Magic event and the reading programs at the Library. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

Council Member Noll commented on the success of the recent Hounds on the Hill event.

Council Member Noll announced he will be attending a Revenue and Taxation meeting in Sacramento on Thursday.

Council Member Noll announced he will be on vacation July 1-6.

Council Member Woods announced the Signal Hill Community Picnic celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, June 21 at Signal Hill Park at 2:00 p.m. Please call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Council Member Woods reported on her trip to Sacramento today regarding AB 2493.

Vice Mayor Forester thanked the Press Telegram for the recent article featuring him and life with AIDS.

Mayor Wilson requested the monitor in the council chamber be lowered approximately four inches.

Mayor Wilson announced Jim Cogan Storyteller at the Signal Hill Library on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 989-7323.

Mayor Wilson announced he will be touring the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant this week.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, July 1, 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 WILSON adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

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Edward H.J. Wilson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen L. Pacheco  
City Clerk