

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
May 19, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on May 19, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Wilson announced tonight's meeting will be conducted virtually and asked the Community Development Director to provide meeting participation directions.

Community Development Director Doan provided meeting participation directions.

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Commissioner Perica Bell
 Commissioner Armando Lopez
 Commissioner Victor Parker
 Vice Chair Rose Richárd
 Chair Chris Wilson

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Colleen T. Doan
- 2) Contract Planner Jeffrey Graham
- 3) Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldaña
- 4) Assistant City Attorney Danny Aleshire
- 5) Administrative Assistant Phyllis Thorne

In addition, there was 1 person in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wilson led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

OATH OF OFFICE

- a. Commission Secretary Doan administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Lopez.

PRESENTATION

- a. Administrative Assistant Thorne gave a presentation on Building Safety Month.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. One-Year Extension of Conditional Use Permit 19-03

Commissioner Bell recused herself, due to living within 300' of one of the Drill Sites.

Community Development Director Doan read the form of notice and gave the staff report.

Vice Chair Richárd asked for a status update on the Heritage Square project. Director Doan deferred to the applicant for a response.

Chair Wilson asked for clarification regarding the terms of the previous extensions. Director Doan stated that the lengths of the terms reflected the understanding at the time of how much work needed to be done in order to achieve a long-term extension.

Chair Wilson opened the public hearing. Kevin Laney from Signal Hill Petroleum introduced himself. Mr. Laney addressed Vice Chair Richárd's question, noting that SHP continues to work with City staff on long-term development planning.

Chair Wilson asked Mr. Laney for more information regarding the 30-month extension in 2014. Mr. Laney stated that one of the reasons for the longer extension was the work going on at the time regarding Heritage Square and the estimated timeframe for completion of associated environmental documents.

Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Laney if there has been discussion regarding the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the development projects. Mr. Laney stated that SHP and City staff are moving ahead with planning for development, while being aware of the economic changes currently happening.

Acting as a private citizen, Perica Bell commented that she would like information as to whether the initial CEQA documentation needed to be updated, based on the age of the CUP.

There being no further public testimony, Chair Wilson closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Vice Chair Richárd to waive further reading and adopt the resolution.

Assistant City Attorney Aleshire read the title of Resolution No. 833-05-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 97-03, FOR SEVEN EXISTING OIL AND GAS DRILLING SITES WITH OIL AND GAS STORAGE, PROCESSING, SHIPPING OPERATIONS, AND A GAS TURBINE FACILITY, WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2021

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR WILSON; VICE CHAIR RICHÁRD; COMMISSIONERS LOPEZ AND PARKER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER BELL

Motion carried 4/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Update on Local Early Action Planning grants

Community Development Director Doan gave the staff report.

Commissioner Bell commented that she was pleased that these funds are still available, and not impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chair Wilson called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

b. Update on Beacon Award Program

Community Development Director Doan, Contract Planner Graham, and Sr. Engineering Technician Saldaña gave the staff report.

Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Richárd, and Commissioner Parker congratulated staff on both working to make the City sustainable, and also for preparing the application for the award.

Chair Wilson called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Bell to receive and file the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Richárd thanked Director Doan for following up on a complaint regarding weeds.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Parker to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via video and teleconference.

The motion carried 5/0.

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Chair Chris Wilson

Attest:

Colleen T. Doan
Commission Secretary