



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL  
October 26, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held via video/teleconference on October 26, 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54953 (as amended by AB 361).

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:08 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON  
VICE MAYOR JONES  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to conduct public employee performance evaluations.

Titles: City Manager and Department Heads

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

There was no public business from the floor.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:09 P.M.**

Council Member Woods entered closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Hansen entered closed session at 6:40 p.m.

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

Mayor Wilson asked City Manager to provide meeting participation options.

City Manager provided meeting participation options.

## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON  
VICE MAYOR JONES  
COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Wilson announced he will call upon Council Members, City Treasurer, and members of the public one-by-one for questions or comments and a roll call vote will be conducted for each agenda item for transparency and clarity.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney reported on the closed session item. There was no reportable action taken.

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTED ON PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE**

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

There was no public business from the floor.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

All residents ages 12 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Make an appointment online at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or check with your healthcare provider or pharmacy. Residents ages 12-17 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine, must have a parent/guardian present, and bring proof of age such as a birth certificate or school ID. Those age 16-17 may bring a signed consent form in lieu of an adult.

Providers in Los Angeles County, including Signal Hill and Long Beach, are now administering booster/third doses of all three vaccines. It is recommended that residents 65 years and older and 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions get a booster shot. Visit the City website for detailed information regarding

booster shots and third doses. Make an appointment for a booster dose at [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) or inquire anywhere that currently offers the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Ghostly Gus Community Scavenger Hunt ends Friday, October 29. The scavenger hunt bingo grid and full contest rules are available on the City website. Win prizes for creating a horizontal, vertical, or black-out on the bingo grid through Friday, October 29. Call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. Wristbands are required for all activities (ages 1+). Pre-sale wristbands are \$4, available now through October 29 at the Community Services Office, the Youth Center, and the Signal Hill Public Library. Wristbands can be purchased at the event for \$5 each. Call (562) 989-7330 for additional information.

Fall Mayor's Clean-Up sponsored by the Sustainable City Committee on Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Signal Hill Community Center. Youth participants will receive a free wrist band for the Halloween Carnival. Call (562) 989-7340 for additional information.

The new organics bins have been delivered. Items such as yard waste, food waste, and soiled cardboard may all be placed into the green bin. Organic waste pickup service will start on Monday, November 1. Residents should place their organics bin out alongside their trash and recycle bins on their regularly scheduled trash pick-up day. A follow-up postcard with organics program reminders will be mailed to residents on November 15. If you have questions or have not yet received your bin, call EDCO at (562) 597-0608. Visit the City website for more information.

Council Member Hansen commented on the organic bins.

Bulky Item Pickup Week from November 1 through November 5. Place unwanted items on the curb on your regularly scheduled collection day. Multi-family complexes should work with their building to arrange a pick-up date no later than October 29. Call EDCO at (562) 597-0608 for additional information.

Residents can schedule two additional bulky item pick-ups each year by contacting EDCO at (562) 597-0608. All items need to have tags visibly attached. Print the special tag from [www.cityofsignalhill.org/bulkyitempickup](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/bulkyitempickup).

Active Adult Social Club for 55 and over will be held each Tuesday in November: November 2 at 10:00 a.m. – early access to the Library Community Room; November 9 at 12:00 p.m. – Bingo and Lunch on the Library Terrace; November 16 at 10:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga on the Library Terrace; and November 30 at 10:00 a.m. – Holiday Wreath Craft in the Library Community Room. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

First Friday Book Club on Friday, November 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required to receive a copy of the book. Library staff will contact you when it is ready to be picked up from the library. Register by calling (562) 989-7323 or visiting the Library.

Day of the Dead Celebration at the Library on Friday, November 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Masks are required. Call (562) 989-7323 or visit the Library for more information.

Ten-Digit Dialing is now in effect for all calls, including local calls, for people in area codes 562, 626, 949 and 951. This is due to a transition by the Federal Communications Commission to establish shorter numbers for mental crisis hotlines. Moving forward, you must dial all ten digits of the phone number you are calling, including the area code.

Mayor Wilson asked a question regarding the organic bins.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

Council Member Woods announced Calvary Chapel Signal Hill's family event on October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1200 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Communications Specialist made a presentation on Shop Signal Hill.

City Manager stated the presentation will be available on City website and social media platforms.

- b. Community Development Director provided an update on the City's progress on the completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.
- c. City Manager made a presentation about COVID-19-related community updates.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. Renaming of View Park

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

Mayor Wilson asked questions regarding the renaming of View Park.

Community Services Director and City Manager addressed the question posed by Mayor Wilson.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wilson commented on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant for the park.

City Council commented and discussed the short list of names for the park.

City Manager and Community Services Director commented on the names for the park.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to select Heritage Point Park as the new name for View Park.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:           MAYOR WILSON  
                  VICE MAYOR JONES  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

b. Resolution Amending Commemorative Flag Policy

City Manager introduced Deputy City Manager who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Jones asked a question regarding the Commemorative Flag Policy.

City Manager addressed the question posed by Vice Mayor Jones.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by VICE MAYOR JONES to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-6642 amending Resolution No. 2019-10-6444 establishing a Commemorative Flag Policy.

Resolution No. 2021-10-6642, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10-6444 ESTABLISHING A COMMEMORATIVE FLAG POLICY

The following vote resulted:

AYES:       MAYOR WILSON  
              VICE MAYOR JONES  
              COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
              COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

c. Surplus Land Act Declaration of Surplus Land and Approval of Form of Notice of Availability

City Manager introduced Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

Council Member Woods asked questions regarding the Notice of Availability.

Economic Development Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Woods asked questions regarding the Surplus Land Act.

Economic Development Manager and City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Woods.

Mayor Wilson commented on the Surplus Land Act.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by VICE MAYOR JONES to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-6643 declaring pursuant to Government Code sections 54220-54234 that real property

formerly owned by the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency and transferred to the City and property owned by the City, are all non-exempt surplus land; approving the form of notice of availability therefor; authorizing the City Manager to comply with the Surplus Land Act; and finding the foregoing categorically exempt from CEQA review.

Resolution No. 2021-10-6643, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54220-54234 THAT REAL PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY THE SIGNAL HILL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY AND PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, ARE ALL NON-EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND; APPROVING THE FORM OF NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLY WITH THE SURPLUS LAND ACT; AND FINDING THE FOREGOING CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA REVIEW

The following vote resulted:

AYES:           MAYOR WILSON  
                  VICE MAYOR JONES  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Purchase and Installation of Pedestrian Light Poles from Southern California Edison for the Spring Street Bicycle Lane Gap Closure Project

Summary: Staff is seeking authorization to purchase and install 19 pedestrian light poles to supplement the existing streetlights located on Spring Street from Atlantic Avenue to Junipero Avenue as part of the Spring Street Bicycle Lane Gap Closure Project.

Recommendation: Authorize the Public Works Department to execute a sole source procurement for the purchase and installation of 19 pedestrian light poles from Southern California Edison for an amount of \$103,786.

b. Authorization for Use of LinkedIn Social Media Platform

Summary: The City Council will consider authorizing the utilization of LinkedIn as a public outreach tool for the City which provides two-way communications.

Recommendation: Authorize the City to utilize LinkedIn as a public outreach tool.

c. Continuance of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and Findings Related to AB 361 Exempting the City from Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules

Summary: The City Council will consider the continuance of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in response to the current public health crisis related to COVID-19. The City Council will also consider whether to continue to hold virtual meetings of all City legislative bodies, as allowed by Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

Recommendations: 1. Receive and file report regarding the continuance of the existence of a local emergency in response to COVID-19. 2. Direct all City legislative bodies to continue to hold meetings virtually and determine that such meetings are exempt from the Brown Act teleconferencing rules based on the following findings set forth in AB 361: a) There is a Statewide state of emergency in effect in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and b) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. 3. Direct staff, no later than 30 days after the City Council approves the recommended action, to report back on the state-proclaimed state of emergency so that City Council may reconsider the circumstances of the emergency and, if appropriate, make findings to continue to hold virtual meetings of City legislative bodies pursuant to AB 361.

d. Schedule of Investments and Monthly Transaction Report

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency to the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report. The monthly transaction report provides the changes in investments for the prior month.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

e. Warrant Register Dated October 26, 2021

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 October 26, 2021.



f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021.

Recommendation: Approve.

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

The following vote resulted:

AYES:           MAYOR WILSON  
                  VICE MAYOR JONES  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
                  COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

ABSTAIN:       NONE

**COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Copeland wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Vice Mayor Jones commented on Long Beach Unified School District redistricting.

Mayor Wilson wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween and encouraged the public to shop Signal Hill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Hansen spoke in memory of Signal Hill resident Doris Henthorn.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to adjourn tonight's meeting in honor and memory of Signal Hill resident Doris Henthorn. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via video/teleconference. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:       MAYOR WILSON  
              VICE MAYOR JONES  
              COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND  
              COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN  
              COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

ABSTAIN:    NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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EDWARD H.J. WILSON  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK