



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 09, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Community Room of the Signal Hill Public Library on December 9, 2025.

(1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

(3) CLOSED SESSION

a. A CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2).

NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CASES: 1

b. A CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PROPERTY: APPROXIMATELY 1.9 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND LOCATED AT THE 2400 BLOCK OF GARDENA AVENUE; HERITAGE SQUARE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN; APNS:

7214-005-900, 7214-005-901, 7214-005-902, 7214-005-903 AND
7214-005-904.

AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER.

NEGOTIATING PARTIES: CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, AVANT REAL ESTATE,
SIGNAL HILL PETROLEUM, AND THEIR AUTHORIZED AGENTS OR
REPRESENTATIVES.

UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.

(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

(6) RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:01 P.M.

(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The City Attorney stated there was no reportable action.

**(9) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA
(SPEAKERS WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES FOR EACH DISTINCT ITEM)**

There was no public business from the floor.

(11) PRESENTATIONS (this item was heard out of order)

- a. POLICE CHIEF BRAD KENNEALLY WILL PRESENT PLAQUES HONORING THE LIVES OF FORMER SIGNAL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Police Chief Brad Kenneally presented Agenda Item 11a.

- b. COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST CINDY FLARO WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S COMMUNICATION PLAN.

Communications Specialist Cindy Flaro presented Agenda Item 11b.

- c. THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION (FOUNDATION) IS THE LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WORKING TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ+) AMERICANS. BY INSPIRING AND ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, THE FOUNDATION STRIVES TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND REALIZE A WORLD THAT ACHIEVES FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY FOR ALL.

THE FOUNDATION'S MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX (MEI) IS THE ONLY NATIONWIDE ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUSIVE OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE. LOCALITIES ARE RATED BASED ON NON-DISCRIMINATION LAWS, THE MUNICIPALITY AS

AN EMPLOYER, MUNICIPAL SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND LEADERSHIP ON LGBTQ+ EQUALITY. THE MEI PROVIDES A PUBLIC SNAPSHOT OF HOW CITIES ADVANCE LGBTQ+ EQUALITY AND A FRAMEWORK FOR MAYORS, COUNCILORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, OUTLINING IMPACTFUL STEPS THEY CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THEIR LGBTQ+ RESIDENTS AND STAFF.

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE BEST CITIES IN THE NATION FOR LGBTQ+ INCLUSION IN MUNICIPAL LAW AND POLICY, EARNING A PERFECT SCORE IN THE FOUNDATION'S 2025 MEI. THE CITY WAS ONLY ONE OF 132 CITIES, NATIONWIDE, TO ACHIEVE A PERFECT SCORE; REFLECTING THE CITY'S OVERALL COMMITMENT TO CREATING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

Assistant to the City Manager/Economic Development Manager Alfa Lopez presented Agenda Item 11c.

(10) CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

a. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

The City Clerk presided over the selection of Mayor and declared nominations open for Mayor.

Council Member Jones nominated Vice Mayor Hansen for Mayor. There were no additional nominations.

City Clerk declared the nominations closed.

The following vote resulted:

Council Member Copeland:	Council Member Hansen
Council Member Hansen:	Council Member Hansen
Council Member Honeycutt:	Council Member Hansen
Council Member Jones:	Council Member Hansen
Council Member Woods:	Council Member Hansen

City Clerk declared Vice Mayor Hansen as the new Mayor.

Mayor Hansen declared the nominations open for Vice Mayor.

Council Member Jones nominated Council Member Honeycutt for Vice Mayor. There were no additional nominations.

Mayor Hansen declared the nominations closed.

The following vote resulted:

Council Member Copeland:	Council Member Honeycutt
Mayor Hansen:	Council Member Honeycutt
Council Member Jones:	Council Member Honeycutt
Council Member Honeycutt:	Council Member Honeycutt
Council Member Woods:	Council Member Honeycutt

Mayor Hansen declared Council Member Honeycutt as the new Vice Mayor.

Mayor Hansen presented outgoing Mayor Jones with a proclamation.

(12) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY REGULATIONS, CONFORM TO STATE LAW, AND UPDATE PROVISIONS

City Attorney Richardson presented the staff report and responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:46 P.M.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 7:46 P.M.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to: approve the proposed changes to the Signal Hill Municipal Code ("SHMC") by introducing for first reading the Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPECIFIED PROVISIONS OF TITLE 20 (ZONING) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND OTHER SPECIFIED MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S ANNUAL CODE UPDATE, TO CLARIFY REGULATIONS, BOLSTER EXISTING ONES, REMOVE UNNECESSARY OR REDUNDANT PROVISIONS, UPDATE REGULATIONS TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW AND MODERNIZE SAME; AND FINDING SAID ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

b. PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING, AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11-1555 AMENDING TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND OTHER UNIFORM CODES

City Attorney Richardson presented the staff report.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:49 P.M.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 7:49 P.M.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to: adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11-1555 amending Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Signal Hill Municipal Code and adopting the 2025 California Building Codes by reference, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.02, 15.04, 15.06, 15.10, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, AND 15.36, OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), VOLUMES I AND II AND ALL APPENDICES WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX J, CONSISTING OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, AND THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN CHANGES THERETO; AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2024 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2024 INTERNATIONAL GREEN STANDARDS CODE, AND 2024 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN CHANGES THERETO; AND DELETING CHAPTERS 15.22 AND 15.32 OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION);

and authorize staff to submit the Buildings and Construction Code Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
	COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
	COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS
	VICE MAYOR HONEYCUTT
	MAYOR HANSEN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

(13) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Finance Director Siamlu Cox presented the staff report and responded to questions from the City Council.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to: 1. Receive and file the City's ACFR for FY 2024-25; 2. Direct staff to return the first part of the 2026 calendar year with proposed appropriations for the FY 2024-25 General Fund positive fund balance; and 3. Direct staff to distribute copies of the ACFR for FY 2024-25 as required, as well as to the Office of the City Clerk to be placed on file for the general public and posted on the City's website.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
	COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
	COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS
	VICE MAYOR HONEYCUTT
	MAYOR HANSEN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

- b. PROPOSED POLICY FOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Deputy City Manager Yvette Aguilar presented the staff report and responded to questions from the City Council.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to: Council approve the proposed City Council Committee Policy as presented.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS
VICE MAYOR HONEYCUTT
MAYOR HANSEN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

c. POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF AN ANNUAL JESSIE NELSON DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Deputy City Manager Yvette Aguilar presented the staff report and responded to Council inquiry.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to direct staff to move forward with the programming as outlined in the presentation and return to the Council with a Resolution effectuating the same.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS
VICE MAYOR HONEYCUTT
MAYOR HANSEN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

(14) 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 for discussion.

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-6914 IMPLEMENTING NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON A SEGMENT OF GUNDY AVENUE AND ONE BLOCK OF 21ST STREET.
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-6915 APPROVING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL PERMITS.
- c. LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH CLEARGOV, INC. FOR CITYWIDE BUDGET PREPARATION SOFTWARE.

- d. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED DECEMBER 9, 2025.
- e. WARRANT REGISTER PRESENTED DECEMBER 9, 2025.
- f. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	MAYOR HANSEN
	VICE MAYOR HONEYCUTT
	COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
	COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
	COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

(15) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Woods made no remarks.

Council Member Jones reported attending a Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. the prior week. He invited the public to attend the Mayor's Reception on December 10th, complimented staff on the decorations and trees throughout the City, and thanked staff for their willingness and efforts to accomplish the Council's goals despite having to work in temporary quarters throughout the year.

Council Member Copeland made no remarks.

Vice Mayor Honeycutt spoke about his upcoming term as Vice Mayor and was enthusiastic about working alongside Mayor Hansen. He commended the Police Department for their Heroes and Helpers event held the past weekend and invited Police Chief Kenneally to speak regarding the event.

Mayor Hansen wished the entire community Happy Holidays, reminded the community there is no second City Council Meeting in December scheduled and recognized family members in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to adjourn tonight's meeting to the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

MAYOR TINA HANSEN

Attest:

DARITZA PEREZ
CITY CLERK