



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL September 23, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Council Chamber on September 23, 2025.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR KEIR JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLIE HONEYCUTT
COUNCIL MEMBER LORI WOODS

ABSENT: NONE

LATE ARRIVAL: VICE MAYOR TINA HANSEN

(3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Tina Hansen arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Isaac Martinez, Long Beach resident, addressed the City Council regarding the Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway project and expressed interest in receiving updates about the project.

(5) **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. MAYOR JONES WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE 2025 SIGNAL HILL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES.

Mayor Jones presented agenda item 5a.

- b. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON OBESITY IN CHILDREN.

American University of Health Sciences students Kayla Crisostomo and Katherine Noriega presented agenda item 5b.

(6) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHOP LOCAL UPDATE

Assistant to the City Manager/Economic Development Manager Alfa Lopez made a presentation on the Shop Local Program and answered questions from the City Council and the public regarding business participation and program tracking analytics. It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to receive and file the Shop Local Program update. The update was received and filed without objection.

- b. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM/SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

City Manager Carlo Tomaino provided an overview of the item and the City Council discussed the City Council meeting dates in November and December 2025. The City Council provided direction to staff to cancel the City Council meetings of November 11, 2025 and December 23, 2025. The City Council confirmed quorum for the meeting dates of November 25, 2025 and December 9, 2025, and directed staff to schedule a Special meeting on November 13, 2025 at a time to be determined.

- c. MASTER AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WILLOW STREET AND CHERRY AVENUE CORRIDORS COLLISION REDUCTION PROJECT AND THE CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT; HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 12 GRANT FUNDING

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Thomas Bekele provided a presentation on this item and answered questions from the City Council and the public regarding the timing and maintenance of traffic lights. Council Member Honeycutt indicated that the City was not funding these improvements. It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to:

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Master Agreement with the Department of Transportation for project funding in the amount of \$1,082,450 for the Willow Street and Cherry Avenue Corridors Collision Reduction Project;

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Master Agreement with the Department of Transportation for project funding in the amount of

\$2,719,980 for Citywide Transportation Enhancement Project;

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09-6901, entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) CYCLE 12 AWARDED FUNDS FOR THE WILLOW STREET AND CHERRY AVENUE CORRIDORS COLLISION REDUCTION PROJECT; and

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09-6902, entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 12 AWARDED FUNDS FOR THE CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- d. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH W.G. ZIMMERMAN ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE EAST BURNETT STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Contracts Manager Margarita Beltran provided a presentation on this item and answered questions from the City Council and the public regarding concerns about biker safety measures and how this project is integrated into the broader modal plans. Ms. Beltran and Mr. Bekele also responded to questions about the process for the project award, specifically regarding awarding the project to the highest bidder. It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Engineering Design Consultant Services Agreement with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering, Inc. to prepare the PS&E documents for the East Burnett Street Historical District Pedestrian and Bike Enhancement Project, for a term of 6 months and a

not-to-exceed contract amount of \$245,372.70, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and

Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to utilize a project contingency of up to 10% (\$24,537.27) and approve a 180-calendar day term extension to accommodate any unforeseen conditions. The proposed contingency would bring the total contract agreement budget to \$269,909.97.

- e. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 OPERATING EXPENDITURE BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET, AND RELATED FUNDING, TO FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET

Management Analyst David Castro provided a presentation on this item. It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to:

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09-6903, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 OPERATING EXPENDITURE BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(7) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH WESTOVER CONTROLS CORPORATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HVAC UPGRADES
- b. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT
- c. WARRANT REGISTER PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
- d. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HONEYCUTT to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(8) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jones presented a certificate to a late arriving Leadership Academy participant. Mayor Jones also reminded everyone of the Diversity Coalition Committee event being held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. on the Signal Point Terrace.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next Regular meeting of the City Council on October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR JONES adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

KEIR JONES
MAYOR

Attest:

DARITZA PEREZ
CITY CLERK