



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL October 28, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person in the Council Chamber on October 28, 2025.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 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) **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PROPERTY: APPROXIMATELY 1.6 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED, INDUSTRIAL OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO I-405 FREEWAY; APN: 7212-001-933.

AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER.

NEGOTIATING PARTIES: CITY OF SIGNAL HILL; CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR HOLDINGS, INCORPORATED; 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) RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:31 P.M.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to recess to Closed Session.

Vice Mayor Hansen arrived at 6:40 p.m.

(6) RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING – 7:03 P.M.

Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(8) CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The City Attorney reported on the closed session item; there was no reportable action taken.

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

Signal Hill residents Lou Rosen and Sheila Estrada; Long Beach residents Nicole Ferris, Laura, M, Melanie Sinclair, and Ana Espinoza; and Lakewood resident Jennifer spoke about ongoing immigration activity in the City of Signal Hill.

(10) PRESENTATIONS

- a. THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES STAFF WILL INTRODUCE A PET AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.

Item 10a was pulled from the agenda and not heard.

- b. THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND JKA WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA CHAPTER FOR URBAN DESIGN FOR THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN. JKA ACCEPTED THE AWARD AND REPRESENTED THE CITY AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. JKA WILL PRESENT THE CITY WITH THE AWARD.

John Kaliski, JKA, presented the American Planning Association California Chapter for Urban Design award to the City for the Civic Center Master Plan.

- c. CITY LIBRARIAN CHARLES HUGHES WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ABOUT SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY.

City Librarian Charles Hughes presented agenda item 10c.

- d. MAYOR KEIR JONES WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO COLLEEN T. DOAN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, IN RECOGNITION OF HER RETIREMENT AND 13 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL.

Mayor Jones presented agenda item 10d.

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY AS THE LOCATION OF MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES TEMPORARILY DURING REMODELING OF CITY HALL

City Manager Carlo Tomaino provided a presentation on this item. It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to:

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-10-6907, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, TO DESIGNATE THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY AS THE LOCATION OF MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES TEMPORARILY DURING REMODELING OF CITY HALL.

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

- b. OPPORTUNITY STUDY AREAS PROJECT UPDATE

City Manager Carlo Tomaino; Suzanne Schwab, Associate Principal with PlaceWorks; and City Attorney Matthew Richardson provided a presentation on this item and the City Council discussed various components of the Opportunity Study Areas project, including Planning Commission involvement, similar projects in other cities, resources that may be impacted by the project, potential financial incentives and processes needed to pursue and/or implement the options, and names for Opportunity Study Area 1.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HONEYCUTT and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to:

1. Advance preparation of zoning code amendments to establish the three Opportunity Study Area overlay zones consistent with the land use scenarios approved by the City Council and return with a draft Ordinance effectuating the proposed amendments.
2. Issue a Request for Proposals to initiate preparation of a program-level California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document to evaluate the proposed overlay zones and streamline future environmental review for development consistent with the Opportunity Study Area framework.
3. Initiate discussions with the County of Los Angeles regarding the potential formation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) focused on Opportunity Study Area 1 and report back to the City Council with an update.
4. Engage with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and the United States Department of the Treasury to assess eligibility and pursue Federal Economic Opportunity Zone (OZ) designation for Census Tract 06037573401 (5734.01) within Opportunity Study Area 1 as part of the upcoming Round 2 nomination cycle.
5. Provide direction regarding proposed branding opportunities for the Opportunity Study Areas and return to the City Council with a plan to brand and promote these areas to future developers.

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

(12) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL FOR THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED
- b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- c. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED OCTOBER 28, 2025
- d. WARRANT REGISTER PRESENTED OCTOBER 28, 2025
- e. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND 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

(13) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Woods shared that there is a PCH Long Beach Bike Project Public Workshop on Wednesday, October 29. Council Member Woods also shared that Calvary Chapel Signal Hill is hosting a family event on Friday, October 31.

Council Member Honeycutt thanked staff for coordinating the Well 10 ribbon cutting and Halloween carnival. He said both were excellent events. Council Member Honeycutt also expressed concern about recreational use of Hill Street between Temple Avenue and Obispo Avenue that he witnessed over the weekend; the concern being safety for all.

Council Member Copeland reported that there was a recent case of West Nile Virus found in a mosquito in Signal Hill. Council Member Copeland asked if staff received notification of this and suggested sharing the information on the City's website. He also indicated that signage was posted in the area about the case.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR HANSEN and seconded by MAYOR JONES to agendize a discussion of recreational use of Hill Street between Temple Avenue and Obsipo Avenue, indicating that it has been a long time concern. Vice Mayor Hansen also reminded everyone of the presence of coyotes in the area and to be mindful of pet and human safety.

Mayor Jones thanked staff for the excellent Fletcher Jones Audi and Halloween carnival events. Mayor Jones also reminded everyone of the Signal Hill Community Foundation (SHCF) "A Night of Magic" fundraiser event on Thursday, October 30. Mayor Jones shared that the SHCF is committed to filling gaps in resources available

to the community. He further shared that the Signal Hill Police Department is available to all to ensure the safety of the community and suggested following the Department on social media. Mayor Jones also expressed interest, along with Council Member Honeycutt, in discussing plans to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States, happening next year.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by VICE MAYOR HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to a Special meeting of the City Council on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR JONES adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

KEIR JONES
MAYOR

Attest:

DARITZA PEREZ
CITY CLERK