



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
January 23, 2024

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR LORI WOODS
VICE MAYOR EDWARD WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER TINA HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER KEIR JONES

ABSENT: NONE

(3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6) **PRESENTATIONS**

Congressman Robert Garcia presented a United States flag to the City Council to commemorate unwavering leadership and dedicated service to the members of the community and in recognition of the City's centennial.

- a. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION TITLED, "MENTAL HEALTH AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH GUT MICROBIOTA".

American University of Health Sciences students Bill Chen, Restee Mopia, Valerie Vasquez, and Mahima Patel presented agenda item 6a.

- b. THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL INTRODUCE ALFA LOPEZ, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER. ALFA HAS OVER 15 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HAVING WORKED FOR THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR FOR NINE YEARS AS A PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT ANALYST IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE. ALFA PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE CITIES OF COSTA MESA AND POMONA FOR SEVEN YEARS. ALFA IS A VERY EXPERIENCED AND WELL-ROUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. OVERALL, HER EXPERIENCE AS A GENERALIST AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPER WILL ENABLE THE CITY TO FILL PROJECT MANAGEMENT ROLES IN MULTIPLE AREAS. IN ADDITION TO HOLDING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AND A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, ALFA IS ALSO A LICENSED REALTOR.

City Manager, Carlo Tomaino and Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Manager, Alfa Lopez presented agenda item 6b.

- c. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION TITLED "PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR THE EAST 20TH STREET AND REDONDO AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT".

Public Works Director, Thomas Bekele presented agenda item 6c.

(7) **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED USE OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Mayor Woods declared the public hearing open at 7:42 p.m.

Mary Gonzalez, Signal Hill resident, asked a question regarding ramps and sidewalks.

Public Works Contracts Manager, Margarita Beltran addressed the question.

Mayor Woods declared the public hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01-6777 approving the City's proposed Community Development Block Grant programs for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-01-6777, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(8) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Candidates were provided three minutes each to address the City Council. City Council asked questions of the candidates in the following order: Mario Fedelin, Linda Edwards, and Mary Gonzalez.

Mayor Woods called for nominations for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Jones nominated Linda Edwards.

Vice Mayor Wilson nominated Mario Fedelin.

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Mario Fedelin.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: VICE MAYOR WILSON

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
MAYOR WOODS

City Clerk conducted a roll call vote for nominee Linda Edwards.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

Linda Edwards was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, serving the term from January 24, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

b. 2023 ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROPERTIES WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to receive the report and provide direction to staff requesting a CUP amendment for Signal Hill Self Storage go before the Planning Commission at a future meeting, that Signal Hill Self Storage by the date of February 1, 2024, remove automobiles stored onsite, provide the requested paperwork to the City for the boat stored onsite, and obtain the permit required for the shower removal, or the administrative citation process will begin.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SURPLUS; CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET AND RELATED FUNDING; TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS, AND RELATED FUNDING TRANSFERS FOR PHASE 1 OF THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN BUDGET; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET; AND APPROVAL OF THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN PHASE I BUDGET

Council Member Copeland left the Council Chamber at 9:34 p.m. and returned at 9:36 p.m.

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 9:37 p.m. and returned at 9:40 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve the proposed appropriations and reserve transfers from FY 2022-23 to FY 2023-24 operating budget and reserve balances, utilizing the current FY 2022-23 General Fund operating surplus of \$7,996,701; approve the Civic Center Master Plan Phase I budget; and adopt Resolution No. 2024-01-6778, authorizing appropriations from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund operating surplus, current year appropriation

adjustments, and capital improvement plan budget and related funding transfers for Phase 1 of the Civic Center Master Plan Project, amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-01-6778, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SURPLUS, CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET AND RELATED FUNDING TRANSFERS FOR PHASE 1 OF THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN PROJECT, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET

The following vote resulted:

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

Mayor Woods left the Council Chamber at 10:00 p.m. and returned at 10:01 p.m.

(9) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. RESOLUTION DECLARING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PALM DRIVE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM OBISPO AVENUE TO E. WILLOW STREET (PROJECT NO. 90.24003) PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH HARDY & HARPER INC.

Resolution No. 2024-01-6779, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PALM DRIVE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM OBISPO AVENUE TO EAST WILLOW STREET (PROJECT NO. 90.24003), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN HARDY & HARPER INCORPORATED AND THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

- b. RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO PURCHASE TWO (2) CITY VEHICLES UTILIZING THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL FLEET AUTO GROUP
- c. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH

D&H WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DISINFECTION STATION AT TEMPLE RESERVOIR

- d. CONTRACT AMENDMENT REGISTER DATED JANUARY 23, 2024
- e. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT
- f. WARRANT REGISTER DATED JANUARY 23, 2024
- g. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

(10) COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Jones announced the Signal Hill Chamber Luncheon and Installation of Officers on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. at the Dream City Church, Signal Hill.

Council Member Copeland wished his father a happy 90th birthday.

Council Member Hansen wished her father a happy 92nd birthday.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced AdvanceCare Pharmacy opened at 3225 E. PCH in Signal Hill; announced that he sits on the Board of the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust, and Signal Hill was one of the first to be awarded funding by the Trust. Additional information to come in the near future.

Mayor Woods thanked staff for their hard work; reminded Council Members to review Centennial activities and their interests; and announced that history talks will be recorded and shared with the community.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

DARITZA GONZALEZ
CITY CLERK