



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL February 28, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in-person and via video/teleconference on February 28, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54953 (as amended by AB 361).

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE

(3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Erin, Signal Hill resident, commented on the Signal Hill Self Storage facility in Signal Hill.

(5) **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(6) **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPER USE AND DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND NARCOTICS.

- b. CHRIS GARNER, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF NATURAL GAS COMMODITY PRICES STATEWIDE, IMPACTS TO CUSTOMERS' GAS BILLS, AND BILL ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS.
- c. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.
- d. MAYOR HANSEN WILL PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO OUTGOING CITY CLERK, CARMEN BROOKS.

Samuel Kori, Stephen Aniceto, Elnaz Salmasi, Shadi Saberi, American University Health Sciences students, presented agenda item 6a; Chris Garner, General Manager of the Long Beach Utilities Department presented agenda item 6b; Community Services Director presented agenda item 6c; and Mayor Hansen presented agenda item 6d.

## (7) **ORDINANCE**

- a. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 STREET TREE MASTER PLAN, APPROVAL OF AN UPDATE TO THE STREET TREE POLICY AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 12.05 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS receive, file, and adopt the 2023 Street Tree Master Plan; amend the existing Street Tree Policy; and introduce Ordinance No. 2023-03-1543.

Ordinance No. 2023-03-1543, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 12.05.040 OF CHAPTER 12.05 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO NEW STREET TREE PLANTING

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	MAYOR HANSEN VICE MAYOR WOODS COUNCIL MEMBER COPELAND COUNCIL MEMBER JONES COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON
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NOES:	NONE
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ABSENT:	NONE
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ABSTAIN:	NONE
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**(8) CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- a. SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to approve the proposed recruitment schedule.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- b. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Hansen invited Jonathan Arnold to speak.

Mr. Arnold thanked the City Council and looks forward to serving the City.

Erin, Signal Hill resident, asked a question regarding agenda item 8b.

City Manager and Vice Mayor Woods addressed Erin's question.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to determine an interim assignment to the vacant position of Chief of Police is a necessity for the secure, ongoing operations of the Police Department and that the position of Chief of Police requires specialized skills; in accordance with CalPERS regulations, authorize the appointment of Jonathan Arnold to a limited-term appointment as Interim Chief of Police to end on the date immediately preceding the date on which the permanent replacement for the vacant position of Chief of Police commences his or her employment or, if earlier, the date that this appointment is terminated by the City Council or Jonathan Arnold, as being in the best interest of the City and the Police Department; authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an employment agreement with Jonathan Arnold as Interim Chief of Police in a form approved by the City Attorney; and adopt Resolution No. 2023-02-6729.

Resolution No. 2023-02-6729, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING JONATHAN ARNOLD AS THE INTERIM CHIEF

OF POLICE UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21221(h)

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02-6730.

Resolution No. 2023-02-6730, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING MID-YEAR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

The City Council provided staff with direction to conduct City Council and Commission meetings under AB 2449, discontinue the emergency proclamation, and allow for virtual participation by members of the public.

**(9) CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT

b. WARRANT REGISTER DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2023

c. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

(10) **COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Wilson commented on the Long Beach bulldog contest he attended.

Council Member Copeland thanked the City Clerk for her service.

Council Member Jones reminded the public about the Women's History Month flag raising on March 2 and reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities LGBTQ Caucus on February 28, 2023.

Council Member Wilson requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in appreciation of City Clerk Carmen Brooks.

Mayor Hansen reminded Council Member Wilson about a text message regarding the upcoming Sanitation District meeting.

(11) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES and seconded by VICE MAYOR WOODS to adjourn tonight's meeting in appreciation of City Clerk Carmen Brooks for her service to the City. A special meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting format, including in-person, and video and teleconference participation options). Instructions to participate in the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda.

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

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TINA L. HANSEN  
MAYOR

Attest:

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CARMEN R. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK