

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, August 25, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hidden Hills was duly held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, California 91302 on Monday, August 25, 2014 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Weber called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council: Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Weber
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Steve Freedland

Staff: City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

Absent: Mayor Marv Landon
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absences of Mayor Landon and Council Member Siegel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the August 25, 2014 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Weber made the following announcements:

Our thoughts and best wishes to Mayor Marv Landon for a quick recovery; he has been in the hospital since last Tuesday evening.

City Clerk Deana Graybill's mother is still in the hospital, and we would like to send our best wishes to her.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this year's Fiesta (September 20th and 21st), we could certainly use some help, even for an hour or two; if any students need volunteer/community hours, this is a great opportunity; call Deana at City Hall (818.888.9281).

City Hall, the Community Center, and the Building & Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, September 1st, in honor of Labor Day.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - July

The following report was presented by the City's liaison Lieutenant Dave Thompson:

during the month of July there were two Part I crimes; one was a petty theft (cell phone taken from a construction worker), and the other a theft of a backpack from an unlocked vehicle; there were no arrests, but one traffic collision with property damage only; eight citations were issued, most of them for excessive speed; five dangerous drivers were reported to the STTOP program, which is a rather high number; all five were sent letters regarding STOP signs, speeding, and talking on cell phones (unfortunately very common among juveniles).

In response to Council Member Cohen, Lieutenant Thompson stated the following:

he also thought eight citations was a pretty small number; when he looked into it, he realized that the Motor who usually patrols in Hidden Hills was on vacation for almost the entire month, and he is one of the biggest producers in the Department; another Motor was most likely in the City during that time, but he is new, and still getting used to the area.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - July

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan provided the following information:

in July there were 13 responses, with 7 of those being medical, 3 good intent, and 3 service calls, which included 2 snake removals and 1 response in relation to the smell of smoke (no fire - homeowner was going to have an electrician check wiring); there were 5 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections, and 4 plan checks.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Weber and Council Member Freedland, Ms. Grycan reported that a Department response in the City today was nothing more than a false alarm, and if paramedics were seen, that is because one squad is sent to a fire call just in case they might be needed, or it could have been a separate medical response.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. Minor Accommodation
5395 Jed Smith Road
Addition to an Existing Nonconforming Residence**

The following staff report was provided by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

the requested Minor Accommodation is for a 20 square foot addition that will encroach into the side yard setback; the entire proposed addition to the house is 272 square feet, of which 20 square feet will encroach approximately 2 feet into the side yard setback; the existing 4650 square foot single story house already encroaches 2 feet into the side yard setback, so the addition is just a lateral extension of the house, extending no further into the setback than the existing house; notices were sent, as required, to those properties within 300' of the subject property and posted in the usual public locations; no comments have been received as of this evening; per Hidden Hills Municipal Code Section 5-2I-1(C), the City Council may grant the Minor Accommodation if it finds that the Minor Accommodation will not have a material adverse impact on the public welfare or

adjacent property; staff believes that since none of the proposed improvements would encroach any further into the required setback than the existing house, and that the improvements within the setback will not be out of character with other homes on Jed Smith Road, that there is no material adverse impact on the public welfare or adjacent property; staff is therefore recommending that the Council make the required finding, approve the Minor Accommodation, and adopt the proposed related resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to make the required finding, approve the requested Minor Accommodation, and adopt by title only Resolution No. 873 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A MINOR ACCOMMODATION TO ALTER AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 5395 JED SMITH ROAD.

Council Member Cohen asked if this type of item really needed to be brought before the Council, as it seemed so minor. City Engineer Lovett and the City Manager explained the following:

in the past, this item would have actually required a full-blown variance, but the Council some years ago amended the Municipal Code to make sure that these types of very minor requests could be addressed as a Minor Accommodation, with lesser findings and at a reduced cost; but the Council still wanted the neighbors to have the opportunity to comment on such an addition, even if minor; there are certain requests that can be acted upon by staff, such as when someone is remodeling an existing encroachment and not adding anything further into the setback; however, even in a case such as that, the neighbors are notified.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Weber and Council Member Freedland felt it was a good idea to bring these matters to the Council, as they did think the neighbors should be able to comment if they had concerns.

B. Consideration of Approval of 2014 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Self-Certification Resolution and Adoption of Local Development Report

Mayor Pro Tem Weber opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 874 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - July 28, 2014
- B. City Council Minutes - August 11, 2014
- C. Demand List
- D. Disbursement List - June
- E. Disbursement List - July
- F. Financial/Treasurer's Report - June
- G. Financial/Treasurer's Report - July

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 8/19/14 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Board Member and City liaison Bret Katz informed the Council of the following:

Bryan Campbell was approved as the new Gate Committee member; renovations are taking place in the theater; this is a big job as all the seats have to be removed; both the Fiesta gymkhana and pancake breakfast budgets were approved; new pool furniture has been purchased for the Community Center, with some of the old furniture being put up for sale and some being placed at both the Saddle Creek and Spring Valley arenas; a landscaping subcommittee has been formed (David Brien and Rob Raznick), and they are

hoping that this will lead to substantial savings in the near future; after a discussion regarding proposed rule changes at the swimming pool, the item was tabled with no decision being made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 25, 2014 at the hour of 7:51 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Larry Weber

ATTEST:



Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager