

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 22, 2015

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, June 22, 2015 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor 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 Larry G. Weber
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Marv Landon
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Treasurer Michael Blazenski
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 22, 2015 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

This Saturday (6/27), Waste Management will be conducting a bulky item pick-up; call your hauler for details.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, for the 4th of July holiday; please have a safe holiday, and do not shoot guns or use illegal fireworks.

Happy Birthday to Emergency Services Director Gabe Nussbaum on July 8th, to Council Member Steve Freedland's son Kurtis on July 12th, and to Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen's wife Joanne tomorrow (6/23).

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, on behalf of the entire Council, wished Mayor Larry Weber a Happy Birthday, coming up on July 5th.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports - April and May

The following report was provided by Deputy Robert DeSantis:

during the month of April there were three Part I crimes; one was an assault (suspect punched victim in faced for no apparent reason) that actually occurred in June of 2014; one was a residential burglary on Long Valley Road, with several boxes of documents being taken although there was no sign of forced entry; the third involved the theft of a ring, but again no break-in reported; there were no arrests; 23 traffic citations were issued, with 14 being hazardous, 5 non-hazardous, and 4 parking; most were for failure to stop at stop signs; in May, there were no Part I crimes, no incidents, and no arrests; 32 traffic citations were issued, with 23 of those being hazardous, 6 non-hazardous, and 3 parking; again, most were for failure to stop at stop signs, but there were also citations for unsafe speed and not wearing seat belts; it is very important, especially with so many kids around to always completely stop at the stop signs.

Council Member Siegel reminded everyone that bicyclists also are required to stop at stop signs.

The City Manager pointed out that on every monthly report, there are always citations issued for

talking on a cell phone, and for driving past the flashing red lights of the school bus. Deputy DeSantis explained that if there is no island in the road, vehicles must stop when coming from either direction if the bus has its red lights flashing and the little sign extended out, and further explained that these are very expensive tickets and can result in loss of a driver's license for a third violation.

Deputy DeSantis then provided information on a recent accident in the City that involved a female under the influence driving a reported stolen vehicle that she crashed through the Burbank exit gate and then into some trees. In response to an audience member, no one had any knowledge of a major accident in the previous week at Round Meadow School, although the school field is used for helicopter evacuations for accidents that might occur on the freeway or somewhere outside of Hidden Hills.

Council Member Siegel thanked Deputy DeSantis and the rest of the personnel involved for providing the recent opportunity for all of the five area cities and the School District to "meet and greet" the new Sheriff, Jim McDonnell. He added that the Sheriff was delightful, smart, and direct. Deputy DeSantis agreed that Sheriff McDonnell is very refreshing and approachable, and should be very good for the Department.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports - April and May

The reports were received and filed as no one from the Fire Department was able to attend due to some fires and other activity in the area.

PRESENTATIONS

City Certificates/2015 Student Achievement Recipients

Mayor Weber stated that this was probably the best meeting for all the Council Members, as they really enjoy acknowledging the great students who live in this City. He pointed out that the names of the students and the names of the awards they have received are provided to the City by

the students' respective schools, so none of this comes from the parents or the City staff. Mayor Weber introduced School Board Members Cindy Iser (President) and Jill Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Dan Stepenosky, and Round Meadow School Principal Jeremy Resnick, and then invited everyone to stay seated until all the certificates were presented, after which the Council would take a short recess for refreshments (he offered a big thank you to City Clerk Deana Graybill for setting up and providing them) and a little party in honor of the recipients.

Council Member Freedland stated that it was a very big deal to have Board Members, the Superintendent, and a Principal all in attendance, and that just showed how they, along with the parents and Council Members, were all very proud of the students. He added that he hoped to see all these students back again next year, and was expecting great things from them.

On behalf of the entire Council, Mayor Weber then presented certificates to the following students, whose names and accomplishments were read by Council Member Freedland:

From A.E. Wright Middle School:	Lauren Kessler Ethan Toeg	Dannika Liddell
From Calabasas High School:	Leanna Goldwasser	
From Louisville High School:	Nicole McGinnis	
From Round Meadow Elementary:	Chloe Costell Emily Gimenez Jacob Triessl	Quinn Firestone Nicholas Motamedi
From Sierra Canyon School:	Kayla Davis Michael Feinberg Dylan Lionelli	Joy Feinberg Robert Feinberg Luca Lionelli
From Viewpoint School:	Maya Fardad-Finn Julianna Penner Dennett Stibel Maya Wazana	Persia Fardad-Finn Drew Schulman Aaron Wazana Sara Wynn

At this time (8:07 p.m.), Mayor Weber called for a short recess, reconvening the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Once the meeting was reconvened, Debra Cohen, a member of the Las Virgenes Unified School District Measure E Oversight Committee, provided a required annual update on Measure E, the \$98 parcel tax approved by 78% of the voters in 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - June 8, 2015**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List - May**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - May**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A (with Council Member Freedland and Council Member Landon abstaining on this item as they were not in attendance at the meeting), B, C, and D of the consent calendar as submitted.

PRESENTATIONS REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

A. Higgins Capital Management, Inc. - Deborah M. Higgins, President

Ray Higgins and Deborah Higgins, owners of Higgins Capital Management, Inc., presented their proposal for providing broker/dealer investment services to the City, giving information on their history, their clients, the services they provide, their investment philosophy, their adherence to the City's investment policy, and what they believed they could do for the City and how that would be accomplished. A lengthy discussion occurred, during which a lot of questions were asked by the Council Members. No action was taken at this time, other than to ask Higgins Capital Management, Inc. to provide to the City some historical data on the performance of other public entities that the company has handled.

**B. Wells Fargo - Ryan Dietz, Senior Vice President/Wealth Advisor
David Lipsey, Senior Fixed Income Manager**

Ryan Dietz, who would be the accountability partner, and David Lipsey, who would be responsible for handling the City's account, presented the Wells Fargo proposal for providing fee based investment services to the City, giving information on the services they provide, how those services are provided, their investment philosophy, how that relates to the City's investment policy, their objectives for the City, how those objectives would be accomplished, and how the City would pay for the services. A lengthy discussion occurred, during which a lot of questions were asked by the Council Members. No action was taken at this time, other than to ask Wells Fargo to provide to the City a list of the public agencies they handle, and the past performance of the portfolios of those public agencies.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Discussion and Direction Regarding Proposals to Provide Investment Advisory Services to the City

Staff was directed to place this item on the next Council agenda on July 13, 2015.

B. Report from 6/16/15 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel reported the following:

the \$50 million wildlife corridor project near Liberty Canyon is moving forward; the corridor would span the 101 freeway and Agoura Road, creating a tunnel over a portion of Agoura Road; the corridor is proposed to be 165' wide and 400' long; there is a bill moving through Sacramento that would allow people to sleep in their vehicles, as long as the vehicle is legally parked; another proposed sales tax measure, Measure R2, is planned for the ballot in November 2016; the COG elects a new President at the end of June, and then the meetings move to the City of the President; starting in July, the new President will be Denis Weber, so the COG and TAC meetings will be held for this next fiscal year in Agoura Hills.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Related Resolution

Even though Council Members Freedland and Landon were not at the last meeting for the discussion on the draft budget, they both stated they had talked to staff and were very comfortable with the draft as proposed. Council Member Freedland was happy to see that the draft budget showed a healthy surplus in excess of \$300,000, even though prepared conservatively. Council Member Siegel pointed out that the budget was also very conservative in relation to investments, even though that could change in the future if and when the City hires an investment firm that hopefully would result in better returns. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 884 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 TO THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT, AFFIRMING INVESTMENT POLICY, APPROVING THE CITY'S BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015.

B. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between Chris Sundlee and the City of Hidden Hills for Emergency Services Coordinator Services

The City Manager pointed out that the only changes in the contract were the following: 1) the term was changed to allow the contract to continue until terminated, with the City being able to terminate the agreement with or without cause upon thirty days written notice, and 2) the consultant is now entitled to reimbursement of the cost, not to exceed \$1000 annually, to obtain the insurance required by the City. She added that the consultant, per the contract, would still receive \$50/hour for 40 hours per month. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve

the "Agreement Between Chris Sundlee And The City Of Hidden Hills For Emergency Services Coordinator Services".

C. Consideration of Approval of an Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the City of Hidden Hills and Richards, Watson & Gershon, A Professional Corporation, for Legal Services

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve "Amendment No. 1 To The Agreement Between The City Of Hidden Hills And Richards, Watson & Gershon, A Professional Corporation, For Legal Services".

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of Cases: 1

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 9:50 p.m., at which time the City Manager announced that in closed session the Council would be discussing the item listed above.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 9:56 p.m., at which time the City Attorney announced (by phone) that the Council in closed session discussed the item listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 22, 2015 at 9:57 p.m.

Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager