

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, April 11, 2016

***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, April 11, 2016 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jim Cohen called the meeting to order and presided thereover after asking Deputy Robert "Guido" DeSantis to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council:	Mayor Jim Cohen Council Member Steve Freedland Council Member Marv Landon Council Member Larry G. Weber
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Stuart E. Siegel

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the April 11, 2016 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Cohen made the following announcements:

Happy Birthday to Building Official Greg Robinson (on 4/15).

Passover begins at sundown on Friday, 4/22.

**AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

**PRESENTATION**

**To Deputy Robert "Guido" DeSantis in Recognition of His Retirement from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department**

On behalf of the entire Council, staff, and residents, Mayor Cohen presented a City plaque to Deputy Robert "Guido" DeSantis, thanking him for his 26 years of service with the Sheriff's Department and his dedication and commitment extended to the City of Hidden Hills during all those years. Deputy DeSantis expressed his appreciation to the City and its residents, both personally and professionally, for all their support.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Minor Accommodation  
24805 Jacob Hamblin Road  
Addition and Renovation**

At this time, Council Member Freedland recused himself and left the meeting room, as his property is within 300' of the subject property.

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

this application is for a minor accommodation for a remodel and addition to an existing nonconforming single family residence that encroaches into the side yard setback; the lot has a small building pad with a steep downslope in the rear; the existing building is 2938 square feet, with an existing side yard setback of roughly 16' (the standard side yard setback is 25'); the applicant proposes to demolish the existing garage and replace it with a new garage 16' 9" from the side property line; there will also be a new second story addition that will be approximately 19' 3-1/2" from the side property line; the proposed improvements will encroach no further into the setback than the exiting encroachments; the new work has been approved by the Community Association; notices were sent to all those properties within 300' of the subject property and posted as required; no comments have been received; the applicant's argument in favor of the request is that the proposed improvements in the setback are in conformance with the neighborhood characteristics; pursuant to the City's Municipal Code Section 5-2I-1-C, the City Council may grant the minor accommodation if the Council finds that the minor accommodation will not have a material adverse impact on the public welfare or adjacent property; it is staff's opinion that the finding can be made because none of the proposed improvements would encroach any closer into the required setbacks, and the proposed improvements within the setbacks will not be out of conformance with other homes on Jacob Hamblin; based on the evidence presented, staff recommends that the City Council make the above finding, approve the minor accommodation, and adopt by title only the proposed resolution.

Mayor Cohen opened the public hearing. As there were no questions or comments, he closed the hearing. Council Member Weber stated he had visited the property, while Mayor Cohen and Council Member Landon said they had not. Council Member Weber said he thought the changes and additions would be an improvement to the property, as they would look good and would be even further back from the property line than the existing encroachments. Council Member Landon agreed. Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to make the required finding, approve the minor accommodation and adopt by title only Resolution No. 893 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 24805 JACOB HAMBLIN ROAD.

Council Member Freedland rejoined the meeting at this time.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes - March 28, 2016
- B. Demand List

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

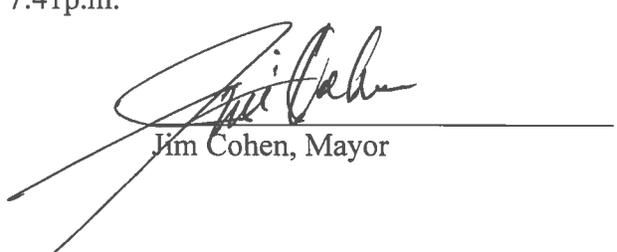
**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**April 4, 2016 Calabasas Library Commission Meeting - Report**

The report was received and filed.

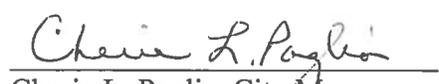
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of April 11, 2016 at 7:41p.m.



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Jim Cohen, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager