

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 24, 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, March 24, 2014 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Steve Freedland called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 24, 2014 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

Happy birthday to the following: Mayor Pro Tem Landon's son Hayden (today); Council Member Siegel's grandson Oliver who turned 4 today; Council Member Siegel tomorrow; and Building Official Greg Robinson on 4/15.

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to next Monday (3/31/14) at 7:30 p.m., at which time the Council will reorganize.

Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill will be celebrating her 24th anniversary with the City on 4/10/14; congratulations and thank you to her.

The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 4/14/14, will be canceled, since Passover begins that day at sundown.

Council Member Siegel asked if anyone attended the recent wine and cheese party, as he was unable to go - Bret Katz responded that it was a nice and very successful event.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - February

The following report was provided by Lieutenant Dave Thompson:

During the month of February there was 1 grand theft involving tools, with the possible suspect being a former employee, a family disturbance resulting in a misdemeanor domestic violence arrest, and 1 DUI arrest after a party; 47 traffic citations were issued,

with 38 of those being hazardous, 6 non-hazardous, 2 for parking, and the 1 DUI; 19 citations were issued for stop sign and signal violations; 38 of the citations were written by the Motors; there were no collisions during the month, and no drivers reported to the STTOP program.

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - February

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan presented the following information:

There were 12 responses during the month of February, including 6 medical, 2 good intent, and 2 fires; one was a cooking fire, and the other not really a fire, but just a scare from a faulty electrical outlet; one equine rescue occurred on Saddle Creek Road, but by the time the Fire Department arrived, bystanders had freed a horse from a galvanized fence, resulting in no injuries to the bystanders or the horse; the Department responded to a downed power line on Lasher; 119 hydrants have been inspected, but she has no way of knowing if those were in Hidden Hills or Calabasas, but by the end of the month, all the City's hydrants will have been inspected; there were 4 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections, and 3 plans checked.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - March 10, 2014**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List - February**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - February**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Report from 3/18/14 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

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

it seems that every four to five years, the gate guard company being used gets bought by another company, although the new company always hires the same guards (from the old

company) that have been working in Hidden Hills; they have had some problems with the current company (some involving insurance coverage), so decided to make a change; a panel interviewed companies looking for the best service at the best cost, and recommended the hiring of GSS, a three-generation family owned company; the Board approved a new contract with GSS for \$828,895, which is \$60,000 more than the current contract; however, there would have also been an increase in cost if the old company's contract had been renewed; he did not know (when asked by Mayor Freedland) if the guards would be paid more; the Welcome Party budget was approved at \$26,153 (for the party on 5/17/14); a lengthy discussion occurred regarding the proposed SCE undergrounding project (at Long Valley/Paradise Valley); different issues were raised, including safety concerns with overhead wires, tree trimming problems, the benefit of removing major poles, and the cluttering of parkways that cause problems for horses; it appears that most of the Board is not in favor of putting any above ground vaults in the parkways; the Association is also in the process of conducting a survey at the Spring Valley arena property; they have found that in one area, about 8' down, there is water running continually; they have installed a chimney rise and are trying to figure out where the water is coming from.

In response to several questions from the Council, the City Manager explained the following:

this area is at the far end of the tennis courts, at the north end of the property, which can be seen from one of the streets in the City of Los Angeles; it has been a wet area for quite some time; the Association staff has informed the City staff that if possible, they would like to harness that water and use it to irrigate the entire property; however, they will be testing the water, as much of the ground water in Hidden Hills (according to the Water District) is not fit even for landscaping; the Association would also like to use part of that area, if at all possible, for the parking of work vehicles.

Council Member Cohen then suggested that perhaps the City and Association should have a joint meeting to discuss the undergrounding project. Mayor Freedland and Council Member Siegel both thought it would be better if they, along with City Engineer Dirk Lovett, attended the next Board meeting to explain in public the City's position, and to provide details and answer all the questions related to the project, which the Council believes is good for the community.

B. Report from 3/18/14 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel, who is the current President of the COG, provided the following report:

A representative gave a presentation on the proposed fare changes being studied by Metro; they want to raise the fares, but those fares only cover about 25% of the actual costs of the programs, since the overall expenses are much greater than the ridership; this presentation was part of their outreach program; another Metro representative presented an overview of the ATP funding for pedestrian walkways and bike lanes; over the next five years, they will be spending \$122 million on bike lanes alone; this funding is geared towards encouraging people to get out of their vehicles and into alternative public transportation; they are hoping that people will ride their bicycles to work, although it appears that many of these bike lanes would be used more for recreational purposes.

C. Consideration of Approval of a Proposed Resolution Regarding Rodenticides

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 868 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS OPPOSING THE PURCHASE AND USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES IN THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 24, 2014, at 7:53 p.m., to Monday, March 31, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the City Council will reorganize.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk