

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, April 27, 2009

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 27, 2009 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 Larry Weber
Council Member Monty E. Fisher
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the April 27, 2009 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

He would like to wish a very speedy recovery to Emergency Services Director Jim Doran, who had a triple bypass last Thursday; from all accounts he is doing quite well, and we would like to see him back real soon.

A happy 24th anniversary to Mayor Pro Tem Larry Weber and his wife Nanette on May 3rd.

Just a reminder that Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10th.

On Monday, May 11th, postage will increase from 42 cents to 44 cents.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - March

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan provided the following report:

During the month of March there were a total of 12 calls, including 6 false alarm/good intent, 3 medical, 1 public assist (invalid), 1 public service (with no details available), and 1 hazardous condition with no fire (arcing wires shorted electrical equipment); 1 station inspection occurred, along with 4 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections; all fire hydrant inspections have been completed; no plans were checked; in addition a Station tour was provided for twelve people, and CERT training was completed with a final drill at the Hidden Hills City Hall with those from both the Hidden Hills and Agoura Hills CERT classes participating; as a reminder, the brush clearance deadline for improved properties is May 1st, with inspections to start around the middle or end of May.

In response to Mayor Freedland, Ms. Grycan said the Department is starting to get more calls about rattlesnakes, as they are looking for water.

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

The following report was presented by the City's liaison Lt. John Benedict:

There was one grand theft during the month of March in the 24400 block of Little Hollow, with an Ipod and two faucets taken from the location; even though the number of crimes is very low in this City, it is still very significant that the first quarter has shown a 63% reduction in crime; five false alarms occurred during the month; in relation to traffic, there were no collisions, but 42 citations were issued; 34 of those were hazardous, 4 non-hazardous, and 4 parking; one dangerous driver in Hidden Hills was reported to STTOP, while another Hidden Hills resident was reported for a violation in Calabasas; both drivers were contacted and warned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – April 13, 2009**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – March**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – March**
- E. Annual Financial Report of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Fund for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 4/21/09 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

City liaison and Community Association Board President Ron Wolfe reported a fairly quiet meeting at which the Board approved budgets for the adult welcome party, the children's welcome party, the crack sealing of Association roads, and the annual parkway weed killing.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Charles Abbott Monthly Report – March

The report was received and filed.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

- A. Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c):
Number of Potential Cases: 1**

- B. Anticipated Litigation:
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
Number of Potential Cases: 1
The City has received a claim from the County of Los Angeles regarding the discharge of stormwater and non-stormwater in the Los Angeles basin. A copy of that claim is available for public inspection at City Hall.**

At this time, City Attorney Roxanne Diaz joined the meeting, while Assistant City Attorney Steve Orr joined the meeting by telephone. Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 7:39 p.m., at which time Mayor Freedland announced that the Council in closed session would be discussing the items listed above.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 8:12 p.m., at which time City Attorney Roxanne Diaz announced that the Council in closed session discussed the items listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of April 27, 2009 at 8:13 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk