

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, October 25, 2010

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, October 25, 2010 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 Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Larry Goldberg

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the October 25, 2010 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

Congratulations to the Association Parks and Recreation Committee on a very successful Halloween party this past Sunday.

Please be reminded to have a fun but safe Halloween night this coming Sunday (10/31); golf carts are not allowed on the streets unless they are street legal and registered with the DMV (with license plates).

Happy Birthday to Council Member Siegel's wife Peggi on October 31 (Halloween).

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd; City Hall is the only polling/voting place in the City.

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, 11/7; don't forget to turn all clocks back one hour and to change batteries in any smoke detectors.

If anyone is here to speak on Ashley Construction/Bridle Trail issues – you can do so under Item 8A, the report from the Association Board meeting.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The following report was provided by Lt. John Benedict:

During the month of September, there were three incidents, including one battery and two thefts; one theft occurred on Robert Guy Road, during which a laptop was taken from the master bedroom; the other theft occurred on Penland, with a wrist watch being taken;

they are looking at service vendors in both cases; also during the month, there were three false alarms, and one collision, which involved a Sheriff vehicle hitting a mailbox; 45 citations were issued, with 35 of those being hazardous, 9 non-hazardous, and one parking; no drivers were reported to the STTOP program.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cohen who had questions regarding arrests for prior incidents, Lt. Benedict stated the following:

There were six burglaries during this year, with one in January and the rest in July, all cleared by detectives; three adult suspects were arrested, two from West Hills and one from Calabasas; they were entering the City and stealing safes and jewelry, some of which was recovered; however, most was taken to the jewelry mart and melted down; multiple counts of burglary were filed on each, and they are about to go to trial; all the cases have been solved.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - September

Battalion Chief Bob Haskell presented the following report:

During September, there were four medical calls, no fires, three false alarms, and two Fire Prevention Bureau inspections; in relation to brush inspections, 570 parcels were inspected, of which 46 were written up; of those 46 written up, 41 have been cleared and are in compliance, while 5 have been turned over to the Brush Clearance Unit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – September 13, 2010**
- B. City Council Minutes – September 27, 2010**
- C. City Council Minutes – October 11, 2010**
- D. Demand List**
- E. Disbursement List – September**
- F. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – September**

A MOTION was made by Council Member Freedland and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Wes Myers of ACI addressed the Council Members, asking that they not approve the 9/13/10 minutes at this time, as he felt they were not accurately portrayed. Mr. Myers submitted a letter with a detailed list of all his suggested corrections. After a short discussion, Council Member Freedland stated that his MOTION stood;

however, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen withdrew his second to the MOTION. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote (4-0), it was resolved to table item A of the consent calendar, and to approve items B, C, D, E, and F of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 10/19/10 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Association Board President Ron Wolfe provided the following information:

They had a very successful meeting, with the biggest agenda item being ACI/Bridle Trail issues; two items were tabled, those being proposed changes to the Architectural Standards and to the Party Rules; these changes were listed in the Round-Up, and they would welcome any comments from the community at the next Board meeting; and for the first time in a very long time, four Board Members were running unopposed, and were thus elected.

Bridle Trail resident Britt Aaronson addressed the Council, stating the following:

It was a great meeting and turnout, with the Board being very receptive to the residents' comments; she and her husband do not have a problem with the development on the County property, even though it is in the City's Sphere of Influence; she believes policies are being broken, and the Board is doing what it can in its limited sphere; she also feels an unfair building process is going on, and people are asking the City to take this into consideration with the City process; she believes the current plan is being created to push and it is disingenuous to proceed with that plan when ACI has an application with the City that has been tabled; they have tried to meet and go through the process; just because work is being done that's legal does not show progress and good faith; she would like to see a good faith effort to make the community good, respecting the trails, roads, etc.; she would like this to be taken into consideration when the Council is ready for the tabled plan to be approved.

Ms. Aaronson then submitted a letter to the City Manager.

B. Report from 10/19/10 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

The City Manager provided the following report:

The COG ratified a contract to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan; this plan was originally done about five years ago for the COG, with each City's needs being addressed individually in the document; the cost is not-to-exceed \$70,000, with most of that cost to be covered by a grant and the remainder by the cities (through COG dues); the same company that prepared the original document is doing the update, which should make it somewhat easier, as that company is already familiar with the cities; the COG approved a request to support SCAG's Business Friendly Principles, but tabled (until all five cities are represented at the meeting) a request to support the L.A. County Economic Development Corporation's Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Proposed Resolution Regarding the City's March 8, 2011 Regular Municipal Election

The City Manager informed everyone that three seats were up for reelection, each for a four-year term, in the upcoming municipal election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, with the filing period running from Monday, November 15, 2010 through Friday, December 10, 2010; interested residents can make an appointment with Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill to obtain all the proper filing papers and instructions. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 834 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF.

B. Round Meadow/Long Valley Road Utility Undergrounding Project - Update

City Engineer Dirk Lovett informed the Council that the plan is to still finish in January; a couple of new poles have been installed (these are not additional poles, but are replacing old poles that were scheduled to remain), and the utilities are gathering their supplies to complete their work.

C. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - September

The report was received and filed.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

**Property: 5208 Saddle Creek Road
APN 2049-16-900, APN 2049-16-901
City Negotiators: City Attorney
Negotiating Party: Hidden Hills Community Association
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 7:53 p.m., at which time the City Manager announced that the Council in closed session would be discussing the item listed above. As it took some time to clear the Council Chambers, the Council began the closed session at 8:15 p.m., at which time City Attorney Roxanne Diaz joined the meeting by telephone.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 8:35 p.m., at which time City Attorney Diaz announced 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 Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of October 25, 2010 at 8:36 p.m.

Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk