

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 25, 2012

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 25, 2012 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem 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 Pro Tem Steve Freedland
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Marv Landon
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff: City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

Absent: Mayor Stuart E. Siegel

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 25, 2012 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland made the following announcements:

Congratulations to the Community Association, the Parks & Recreation Committee, and Chairman Bret Katz for a very successful kids welcome party on June 16th, which kicked off the summer program; there are now BBQs being held every Thursday night at the Community Center; he would encourage everyone to attend.

There will be a bulky item collection/pick-up day on Saturday, June 30th; call your waste hauler directly for details.

City Hall, the Community Center, and Building & Safety will all be closed and there will be no inspections on Wednesday, the 4th of July; have a safe holiday.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Larry Weber on July 5th.

This is his favorite meeting of the year, when the Hidden Hills students are recognized; there will be a short recess after the presentations; thank you to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill, who prepared almost all of the food herself; please stay during the recess and after the meeting to enjoy the refreshments and honor the students.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports – April and May

The following report was provided by Battalion Chief Anthony Williams:

During the month of April the Fire Department responded to 11 calls, including 4 snake calls, 3 emergency rescue, 4 false alarm/good intent, and 0 fires; in May, there was a total of 13 responses, with 5 of those being snake calls, 4 medical emergency, 4 false

alarm/good intent, and again, 0 fires; the Station is continuing its brush inspections; it has been a very dry season, so good brush clearance compliance is needed; be cognizant of your July 4th celebrations, and remember that no fireworks are allowed in the City; during the recess, the local engine company and paramedic squad will be in the parking lot; everyone is invited to look at the equipment, crawl on/in it, and take pictures.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland reminded everyone to watch out for snakes, as they are definitely out at this time of the year.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports – April and May

Lt. Matt Squire presented the following report:

During the month of April, there were no Part I crimes, but one traffic collision involving a DUI driver; the incident began in the City of Los Angeles, after which the driver came in the gate and then tried to exit; he did manage to leave the City, and passed out in his vehicle in the City of Los Angeles, where he was arrested by the LAPD; there were no injuries, and only minor property damage; in April there were 28 citations issued in the City, with 12 of those being hazardous, 7 non-hazardous, and 9 parking; in May, there were no collisions, but one Part I crime, that being a grand theft which the owners believe occurred during two open houses at the residence; 59 citations were issued including 37 hazardous, 13 non-hazardous, and 9 parking citations.

Resident Nancy Porter asked how the DUI driver got into the City, with Lt. Squire stating that he broke through the gate, but between the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department, was quickly apprehended and arrested when the vehicle became disabled after hitting several objects.

Council Member Weber said he overheard a recent conversation regarding a resident taking the law into his own hands to get rid of coyotes, and wondered if the Sheriff's Department had received any calls regarding gunshots in the City. Lt. Squire stated that if there were any gunshots, the Station would usually receive calls, and they did not receive any. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, Lt. Squire explained that it is against the law to discharge a firearm in the City; they always try to reinforce the danger of this, but especially around New Year's Eve, because any bullet that goes up also comes down and ends up somewhere. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland pointed out that the City staff could provide the name and number of a licensed coyote

trapper if anyone was interested. Lt. Squire also suggested residents could call 911 if they were being attacked by coyotes.

PRESENTATIONS

A. City Plaques/Hidden Hills Youth Recognition Program Recipients

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland introduced the following: Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) Superintendent Dr. Donald Zimring; Round Meadow Elementary School Principal Jeremy Resnick; and LVUSD Board Member Jill Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland then made the following comments:

This is a very special community when the Superintendent, Board Members, and a Principal all come out to recognize the students' achievements, and it is much appreciated; all of the students should be very proud of their achievements, and we expect great things from them in the future; many of the students who receive these awards go on to great schools, and for those who are not graduating and going off to college, we hope to see all of them back here next year receiving additional awards; we encourage everyone to keep up the good work; this first award, which results in the presentation of a City plaque, is for the Annual Youth Recognition Program; its purpose is to identify and recognize outstanding youth, either on an individual or organizational basis, encompassing elementary to high school ages; students are nominated based on excellence in one or more categories including academics, music, art, sports, valor, and community service.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland then introduced the one recipient who was in attendance this evening, **Emma Spellman**, and presented her with a City plaque.

B. City Certificates/2012 Student Achievement Recipients

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Freedland presented City certificates to the following students, whose names and accomplishments (as provided by each of their individual schools) were read by Council Member Landon and Mayor Pro Tem Freedland:

From A.E. Wright Middle School:	Andrew Ben-Porat Leanna (Rosie) Goldwasser Trey Spellman Spencer Toeg	Taylor Heller Riley Levaton William Stonich Emma Weinstock
From Agoura High School:	Zachary Levaton	Emma Spellman
From Calabasas High School:	Ashley Ben-Porat Lauren Deitch Maxwell Goldwasser Sophia Skaaden Kyle Wasserman	Cassidy Blumenthal Sydney Epstein Samuel Goldwasser Rebecca Svoboda
From Chaminade School:	Shane Munson	
From Round Meadow Elementary School:	Juliet Costell Dannika Liddell Willoughby Thom	Sam Levy Graydon Simons Ethan Toeg
From Viewpoint School:	Honour Fottrell Nathan Garcia Lyndie Knispel Bianca Richmond	Persia Fardad-Finn Hunter Gissing Shea O'Sullivan Danielle Shulman

At this time (8:03 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Freedland called for a short recess for all those in attendance to enjoy refreshments, congratulate those students being honored, visit with the Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel, and explore the Fire Department vehicles and equipment in the upper parking lot. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland reconvened the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

2012 FIESTA

A. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Outdoor Grill to Provide Saturday Night Dinner and Payment of \$9,841.88 Deposit

As Fiesta Co-Chairman Lisa Moriarity was not yet in attendance, the City Manager informed the Council of the following:

The City does have a proposal from The Outdoor Grill, but Ms. Moriarity was going to speak to them about making some changes; the company was asked to clean up the tables and empty trash containers during the dinner this year, which increased the proposed Labor & Equipment cost from last year; however, staff believes the new amount is too high and should be reduced; the proposal also raised the amount charged to the City for each adult and child dinner, which staff would also like to see reduced if possible; staff would therefore recommend that the Council approve a not-to-exceed amount (equal to the current proposal), and approve a deposit of one-half of the final amount of the new proposal, once Ms. Moriarity completes her negotiations.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the expenditure of not-to-exceed \$19,683.75 to The Outdoor Grill for the Saturday night Fiesta dinner, and to approve a deposit payment of one-half of the amount of the final proposal negotiated by Fiesta Co-Chairman Lisa Moriarity (not-to-exceed \$9,841.88), subject to the signing of a City agreement by The Outdoor Grill. Ms. Moriarity joined the meeting at this time.

B. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Party Faces to Provide Face Painting During the Evening Activities

The City Manager reported that this year's proposal was \$100 more than what was paid last year for the face painting, but they did a great job and everyone was very happy with them. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from Party Faces in the amount of \$700 to provide airbrush face and body painting at the Fiesta from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., subject to the signing of a City agreement.

C. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Bernard's Wine Gallery to Provide Wine and Beer During the Evening Activities

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland explained that this proposal contains no dollar amounts, as the City is not charged anything, nor does the City collect anything. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to

approve the proposal from Bernard's Wine Gallery to provide beer and wine on Saturday evening at this year's Fiesta, subject to the signing of a City agreement.

D. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Carnival Midway Attractions to Provide Rides and Games, and Payment of Deposit to Reserve Date of September 22, 2012

Fiesta Co-Chairman Lisa Moriarity presented the following report:

A proposal was received, but she is still not completely sure the rides are those that were promised during an earlier meeting; the rides are being cut from nine to seven this year (the number of rides was increased last year for the special 50th anniversary celebration); she will talk to the company to see exactly which rides are being offered and if those are acceptable; it could cost an additional \$3000 if another large ride were to be added; in order to secure the date, she would ask that the amount shown in this proposal be approved now, along with the deposit, and then she will work with the company to determine the exact rides; she will return to the Council for approval if any additional costs are incurred.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the expenditure of not-to-exceed \$43,000 to Carnival Midway Attractions to provide rides and games for this year's Fiesta, and to approve a deposit of \$12,000 to reserve the date of September 22, 2012, subject to the signing of a City agreement.

E. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Fry Girls Catering Truck for the Community Center Activities and Payment of \$1,000 Deposit

Fiesta Co-Chairman Lisa Moriarity provided the following information and answered questions from the Council as follows:

She has seen the Fry Girls, which is a big pink catering truck; they are well-known and have all the necessary insurance; they will not come to our event unless they are guaranteed \$1000; they sell numerous items, but we would have them provide just three – French fries, mini-donuts, and apple fritters – which could be purchased for \$3.00 each; she thought tickets could be presold, but staff thought residents would not know which items and how many items they might want, and it would be too complicated; so she will

have volunteers sell tickets near the catering truck (with that money to be kept by the City to offset the \$1000 guarantee), and then those tickets can be presented at the truck for how many and whichever items they want; the In 'N' Out truck provides lunch, but they only offer chips (not fries) with the meal; this year, we will probably not have the Dip N' Dots ice cream, so if people wanted fries or something sweet, they could get those from the Fry Girls; there is no way to know how many tickets would be sold, but she believes at least half of the guarantee would be covered – resulting in a cost at the very worst of \$500; the truck would be offering the items for two hours; if the Council is interested, she will obtain a proposal from them.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland suggested the City give this a try, and if it does not work very well, it does not have to be done next year. The rest of the Council agreed. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the expenditure of \$1000 to The Fry Girls Catering Truck to provide several items for a two-hour period during lunch at the Community Center during this year's Fiesta, subject to the signing of a City agreement.

F. Consideration of Approval of Proposals from Sports N' More to Provide Sports, Games, Activities and Lifeguards at the Community Center

The City Manager reported that a proposal had not been received yet, but the total cost should be about the same as last year, which was \$477. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to authorize the expenditure of not-to-exceed \$500 to Sports N' More to provide sports, games, activities and lifeguards at the Community Center for this year's Fiesta, subject to the signing of a City agreement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – June 11, 2012**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – May**
- D. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – May**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Report from 6/19/12 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Community Association Board Member Bret Katz presented the following report:

The Board approved a new theater event, which will be in addition to the existing program; Jaxx Theater Company will provide classes for youngsters between the ages of 4-17, with the Community Association funding 30% of the enrollment costs; two variances were granted, one at 5206 Scott Robertson, and the other at 5840 Highridge; a new flat screen television will be purchased for the recreation room so movies during the BBQs can be shown there rather than in the theater; a budget was approved for a party to celebrate the opening of the new Saddle Creek arena and park, with a tentative date scheduled for 7/22/12; the Board approved the annual crack sealing of all the roads, and the pro-forma budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

- B. Report from 6/19/12 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting**

The following report was provided by the City Manager:

The Board approved the 2012-2013 budget, with the dues for each city to remain at \$20,000; the President of the COG serves for one year, with the meetings held in the city of the President; this past year the meetings have been in Malibu, but will now move to Westlake Village since Mark Rutherford was just elected as the new President; Council Member Siegel was elected to the Vice-President position, which means the meetings will be held here in Hidden Hills the following year.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and Related Resolution

The City Manager reminded the Council that this proposed budget was the same as that presented and discussed at the last meeting. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and to adopt by title only Resolution No. 843 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2012 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, 2012.

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 June 25, 2012 at 8:39 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk