

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, July 23, 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, July 23, 2012 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart E. Siegel called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Stuart E. Siegel
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the July 23, 2012 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Put on your calendar the grand opening party for the Saddle Creek park/arena on Sunday, August 12th, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; call the Community Association for details.

Don't forget the Thursday night BBQs at the Community Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.; there are a lot of kids, it is a lot of fun, and there is always good food.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The following report was presented by Lt. Bob Wiard:

Crime is down in the City; for the month of June there was one burglary from a garage; there were no collisions; 105 citations were issued, with 77 of those being hazardous and 15 parking; the Motors issued 81 of those citations; no dangerous drivers were reported to the STTOP program this month.

Council Member Cohen asked why the amount of citations issued was higher than normal. Lt. Wiard explained that throughout the year, there is an ebb and flow of service, and they have been more proactive and providing extra patrols for contract compliance.

B. Consideration of Issuance of Proclamation for National Night Out 2012

Mayor Siegel, whereas the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) was sponsoring a unique, nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program, proclaimed Tuesday, August 7, 2012 as National Night Out in the City. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Siegel presented a proclamation to Lt. Bob Wiard so stating that fact.

In response to Mayor Siegel, Lt. Wiard explained that this was a program started in Texas in the early 1980s to organize and bring communities together to promote cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. He thanked the City of Hidden Hills for its support of this program, in which approximately 16,000 communities across the United States participate.

C. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - June

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan provided the following report:

During the month of June there were 15 rescues, with 6 of them being medical, 7 for snakes, and 2 false alarms; 4 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections were completed, with no plans checked; this is the first month for the reporting of brush clearance; there are 583 parcels in the City which need to be inspected, with 477 of them being inspected as of 6/30/12; probably all of the parcels have been inspected by now, but those will show up on the next month's report; of the 477 already inspected, 11 (only 2%) were found to be non-compliant; since they have 30 days to bring the properties into compliance, none of those 11 have yet been referred for further enforcement.

D. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Agreement with All City Management Services for Crossing Guards at Round Meadow School for the 2012-2013 School Year

The City Manager provided the following information:

Every year about this time All City Management Services provides an amendment to the existing agreement the company has with the City to provide crossing guard services at Round Meadow Elementary School; the amendment extends the contract for another year; they provide three crossing guards for a total of 10.5 hours per day for approximately 180 days in the school year; this year they are asking for a 2% increase in the cost, which would raise the hourly rate from \$15.42 to \$15.72; this company has not raised its hourly rate for many, many years.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Amendment to Agreement between All City Management Services, Inc. and the City of Hidden Hills for Providing School Crossing Guard Services at a cost of not to exceed \$29,711.00 for approximately 1890 hours of

service (3.5 hours per day for each of the three guards for 180 school days in the year at \$15.72 per hour per guard).

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Approval of 2012 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Self-Certification Resolution and Adoption of Local Development Report

Mayor Siegel opened the public hearing, and hearing no comments, closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 844 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – June 25, 2012**
- B. City Council Minutes – July 9, 2012**
- C. Demand List**

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 Mayor Siegel abstaining on this item, as he was not in attendance at the meeting), B, and C of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 7/17/12 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

The following report was provided by Community Association Board Member Bret Katz:

The primary discussion centered around the opening party for the Saddle Creek park/arena on August 12th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; it should be a great party and they are hoping for a large turnout; an RSVP and \$5 charge per person are required; there will

be a DJ and emcee, line dancing, a trick roper, food, beer, etc.; no decision has yet been made, but the Board will be selecting a different tree species when it is necessary to replace any of the pepper trees in the parkways; the Board approved the installation of an emergency telephone at the Saddle Creek arena, which he believes will be like the one at the Spring Valley arena which has a blue flashing light and automatically dials 911.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Designating Officials Authorized to File Application to the State of California Emergency Management Agency to Obtain Financial Assistance Relating to Disasters

The City Manager informed the Council of the following:

For an emergency or disaster, a City can apply to FEMA and the state for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred during the emergency or disaster; it is not a requirement to have such a resolution on file, as a resolution can be approved by the Council for a specific disaster when it occurs; however, having one on file which is not disaster specific and is kept by Cal EMA for a period of three years, means there is one less thing the City has to worry about if a disaster does occur; if there is no disaster during that three year period, the City can just adopt a new resolution for another three years; the resolution designates by title the City Manager, the City Engineer, and the Deputy City Clerk as authorized agents to file an application to obtain certain federal and/or state financial assistance.

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

Public Safety personnel would be busy in the EOC; it would be easier for staff to actually file any paperwork; none would be filed without the assistance from and direction of the Emergency Services Director; all of the other cities in Area B are designating staff as the authorized agents; the money is not requested immediately, as there would not be an accounting of the expenses until later; during a previous earthquake disaster in Hidden Hills, when the City Manager and Deputy City Clerk were unable to be in the office, the City Engineer, Building Official, and Building Inspector were able to come in to assist.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 845 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THOSE OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO FILE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO OBTAIN CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - June

The report was received and filed.

C. Discussion Regarding 2012 Fiesta Parade

Mayor Siegel stated that both the City and Community Association were suffering from the same problem of not being able to find many volunteers for different events, as those that have continued to help over the years are getting a bit “burned out”. In relation to the Fiesta, there is an overall chairman, but no parade chairman. Mayor Siegel pointed out that the purpose of having this item on the agenda was not to vote on whether or not to cancel the parade, but to discuss how to encourage and obtain volunteers to conduct the parade. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, whose wife has been one of the parade chairmen for numerous years, added that none of the Council Members wanted to cancel the parade, but reminded everyone that it could not be done without volunteers.

Residents Eugene Wolver and Paul Bryson both addressed the Council, expressing their relief that the Council’s intent was not to cancel the parade, as it is a tradition loved by the residents. When asked by the Council, they both agreed to volunteer their time to help with the parade, as did several other residents in attendance (Mr. Wolver’s wife Anita Wolver, Sandy Kaye, and Mary Barnhill). Resident Bret Katz, who has helped in the past with the parade, offered his incite into some of the tasks involved in conducting the parade. The City Manager pointed out that much of the work in relation to the parade is always done by Deana Graybill, the Deputy City Clerk, and that she would be able to provide great assistance to those helping with the parade.

Mr. Wolver then volunteered to serve as the parade chairman if no one else could be found. Staff was directed to send an email notification to the residents asking for additional volunteers. The City Manager stated that she would have Ms. Graybill contact Mr. Wolver to schedule a meeting during which she would let him know what would be required of him as the chairman and what items the staff would handle. The Council thanked all those who were in attendance and volunteered to help with the parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of July 23, 2012 at 8:20 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk