

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, October 14, 2013

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 14, 2013 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 Council Member Jim Cohen Council Member Stuart E. Siegel Council Member Larry G. Weber
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Marv Landon

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the October 14, 2013 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

Congratulations to Building Inspector Steve O'Hara who got married on 9/27/13.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Bookkeeper Randee Weinberger (10/13) and happy birthday to Building Inspector Steve O'Hara (10/15).

Cert classes continue to be held here at City Hall on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; this is very worthwhile information, and he would recommend taking as many of the classes as possible, even if one cannot take all of them.

Congratulations to Ron Gonen and his wife Ashley on the birth of their daughter Naveh on 10/9.

The kids Halloween party will be held at the Community Center from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10/27; call the Community Association for details.

The Water District is asking its customers to practice conservation measures to prepare for continuing dry conditions.

Council Member Weber shared information with the Council that he received from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District on a recent tour of the Malibu Creek Watershed, a tour which he would highly recommend.

Council Member Siegel thanked Bret Katz and the Community Association/Parks & Recreation Commission for a very successful and enjoyable wine and cheese party this past Sunday evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued from 9/9/13)

Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance Adopting New Building Height Standards and Allowable Second Floor Limitations - Second Reading

Mayor Freedland asked if anyone wished to speak during the continued public hearing. As there were no comments, Mayor Freedland closed the hearing, reminding everyone that this ordinance was introduced to align the City's regulations with those recently adopted by the Community Association. Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 345 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING THE ZONING CODE REGARDING SECOND STORIES AND BUILDING HEIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN THE CITY AND AMENDING THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - September 9, 2013**
- B. City Council Minutes - September 23, 2013**
- C. Demand List**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from the 9/17/13 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Community Association Board Member and City liaison Bret Katz presented the following report:

the Board discussed numerous matters, including the following: resident Joe Bellissimo informed the Board of a social website he started regarding Hidden Hills events; the senior event budget was increased; staff will be working with Mike Zacha for recommendations to improve the trail conditions in relation to the use of wood chips; a community vote will be needed to change the current term limits so Board members can serve more than two terms; the assessment rate will stay at \$0.27, especially with the value of the community increasing; the kids Halloween party will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10/27; there will also be a Dia de los Muertos party, for adults only, at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, 11/2; in executive session, a sub-committee was formed (including him, Kim Long, and Rob Raznick) to review employee salaries and benefits.

B. Report from the 9/17/13 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel informed the Council of the following:

one of the items discussed at the COG meeting was a Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which involves diversion of water from the Delta using tunnels, and rebuilding of the levies; however, he does not have enough information at this time, and would ask that the Council continue the next scheduled item on the agenda to a future meeting to allow more time to obtain additional information; the COG also discussed Measure R projects, some of which involve improvements to overpasses in the area cities; he has been fighting for an overpass from near the Mountain View Estates entrance across the freeway to the other side, which would be so important in case of a disaster resulting in the closure of the freeway, leaving Mureau Road as the only access to the north; however, that area is in the County, an overpass would be very expensive, there is no will to widen Mureau Road, and no one else has shown any interest in such a project at this time; in spite of all this, it is still listed as a line item for future Measure R projects.

C. Consideration of a Proposed Resolution to Support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Based on the above comments by Council Member Siegel, the Council chose to continue this item to a future meeting to obtain more information.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of a Request from State Senator Fran Pavley's District Representative Louise Rishoff for a \$1500 Donation for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Acquisition of Ahmanson Ranch

District Representative Louise Rishoff addressed the Council, stating the following:

She is here both as a representative of Senator Pavley, and as a member of the organizing committee for the 10th anniversary celebration; Ahmanson Ranch is especially noteworthy to Hidden Hills, since it is in the City's back yard; she looked back at what this would have been if developed by Washington Mutual; there would have been 3050 homes, 400,000 square feet of commercial and residential development, and two PGA golf courses, all of which would have generated 45,000 vehicle trips per day on the 101 freeway at the front door of Hidden Hills; to fund the celebration, they decided to approach all five area cities and both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, asking them to be equal sponsors; a simple budget has been prepared, which the Council Members have before them.

In response to Council Member Cohen, Ms. Rishoff explained the following:

the event will be publicized, and members of the public in general are all invited; there will be a one hour VIP reception held in the ranch house before the public program begins; both Governor Brown and former Governor Davis have been invited, and Rob Reiner, who served as the MC at the dedication, has tentatively agreed to MC this event; they will exhibit lots of memorabilia, and will have video tapes of the original hearings showing on continuous loops; it should be a really nice event.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to authorize the expenditure of \$1500 to help cover the costs of a 10th anniversary celebration of the acquisition of the Ahmanson Ranch, as requested by State Senator Fran Pavley's District Representative Louise Rishoff, who is serving on the organizing committee for the event. Council Member Siegel added that bicyclists and hikers, he himself included, all enjoy the Ranch.

B. Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance Regarding Weapons - Second Reading

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 346 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS REGARDING WEAPONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 4 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

C. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - August

The report was received and filed.

D. Selection of 2014 Fiesta Dates

The City Manager informed the Council that the same ride company that was used this year has confirmed that they are available next year on September 20th to provide rides and games for the 2014 Fiesta. As that date would not interfere with any of the holidays at that time of the year, the Council Members approved the date of 9/20/14 for next year's Fiesta.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of October 14, 2013 at 7:53 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk