

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, February 27, 2006

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, February 27, 2006 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ronald Berg called the meeting to order and presided thereover after asking Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Ronald S. Berg
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen
Council Member Monty E. Fisher
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the February 27, 2006 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Berg made the following announcement:

The City has emergency supplies on display at City Hall; orders for these supplies are still being taken, but only through the next week or two; if there are any questions, call Deana.

AUDIENCE

Resident Mike Ashley addressed the Council as follows:

Last Friday, Pacific Coast Engineering submitted a tentative map #063567 to the City Engineer; the map proposes to annex 7 ½ acres to the City; it will bring in a total of three new lots; the map consists of eight lots, five of which are presently in the City, and four of five presently in the Community Association; he will be sending out more information to the surrounding residents, and will be submitting maps and other materials to both the City and Association; his phone number is in the Hidden Hills directory, and he is available to discuss the project with anyone at their convenience.

Mayor Berg reported that he along with Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, City Engineer Dirk Lovett, and City Manager Cherie Paglia all met recently with Mr. Ashley and his representatives, at his request, to review what he would be submitting to the City. Mayor Berg added that the City would diligently follow its usual process, as was done with the Hidden Ridge project, with the one main difference being that a portion of Mr. Ashley's property is not currently in the City.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of New Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team (NEAT) Members

Los Angeles County Fire Department Community Services Representative Maria Grycan presented a Certificate of Completion to Hidden Hills resident Peter Adee, who recently completed his CERT training to become the latest NEAT member. The City Manager administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Adee, who was then presented with a NEAT backpack by Mayor Berg. Resident Cheryl Morris was not in attendance, and will receive her certificate at a future meeting.

Mr. Adee complimented Ms. Grycan and the other Fire Department personnel for the awesome training classes that were presented here in Hidden Hills. Council Member Siegel and the rest of the Council thanked Mr. Adee for his interest and willingness to serve the City in this capacity.

B. Consideration of Approval of Community Assistance Grant Application from Golden Performing Arts Production

As it was determined that this application was not eligible for a community assistance grant, it was withdrawn.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – January

The following report was provided by Community Services Representative Maria Grycan:

During the month of January there were no fires, but eight response calls; five of these were emergency medical, one was a false alarm, one was a hazardous condition resulting in no fire (an electrical wiring problem), and one was assistance given to a fallen horse; there were 75 station inspections, and even though the report states 0 hydrant inspections, this is most likely not accurate and she will make sure it gets corrected; by the end of February, all of the hydrants will have been tested in the City; one blood pressure check was provided for a Hidden Hills resident at Station 68; also provided were two Rescue Youth Program activities, fire station tours for 17 people, one pre-plan walk-through, command post agency representative training for City employees, and search and rescue training for LVUSD administrators and teachers.

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

Captain Tom Martin presented the following report:

There were three crimes during the month of January; the first was a theft from an unlocked vehicle in the 5800 block of Hilltop; a purse and GPS were stolen; the second was a theft in the 25000 block of Walker at a home under construction; the stolen equipment was locked up and there was no sign of forced entry, which would suggest one of the construction company workers; the third theft was also in the 5800 block of Hilltop, where one of the red/white address signs was taken, possibly as a souvenir; there were four false alarms, along with two traffic accidents, one at the Round Meadow gate and the other involving a trash truck that backed into an automobile.

Mayor Berg gave Captain Martin two certificates of recognition to be presented on behalf of the Council to Sergeant Ronald Gomez (25 years of service) and Sergeant Mark Hoefler (31 years of service) in honor of their retirement.

C. Consideration of Issuance of Proclamation for Safe Communities Month March 1 – 31, 2006

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to issue a proclamation declaring March 1-31, 2006 as Safe Communities Month in the City of Hidden Hills. The proclamation was presented by Mayor Berg to Captain Tom Martin.

D. Consideration of Approval of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Service Agreement for the Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) Program for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Service Agreement for fiscal year 2005-2006 between the L.A. County Sheriff's Department and the City of Hidden Hills for services to be provided by the Sheriff's Department's Success Through Awareness & Resistance (STAR) Unit to eight 4th and 5th grade classes for ten months at Round Meadow School at a cost of \$10,570.91.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – February 13, 2006**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – January**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – January**

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

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 2/21/06 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Mayor Berg announced that the Association Board of Directors approved the Hidden Ridge project, which the City recently approved. The City Manager reported the following from the Association meeting: a new gate guard company is scheduled to begin on 3/20/06; the keeping of pot-bellied pigs within the City was discussed, with a public hearing to be held on 3/21/06; a new Assistant Manager for the Association started working last week.

B. Review of Gate Access Handout Sheet

The City Manager reminded the Council that a handout sheet regarding the use of all three gates for access by contractors and construction vehicles was drafted at the direction of the Council, and that at the suggestion of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, a new draft has been prepared adding construction hours. Council Member Freedland thought the handout should be printed in Spanish on the back side. All of the other Council Members agreed that was an excellent idea, and directed staff to prepare the handout in that manner, using the newest draft.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

City Manager Report Regarding Adoption of Tree Regulations by Hidden Hills Community Association

The following report was provided by City Manager Cherie Paglia:

On 11/14/05, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 319 which stated, in effect, that the City would no longer regulate the trimming and removal of trees in the City (except within the CR zone); the provisions of that ordinance were to become effective only upon written notification from the City Manager that the Community Association had adopted tree regulations; the report in the City Council packets is the written notification that the Association Board of Directors has approved an amendment to the Architectural Standards governing the preservation of trees; these tree regulations became effective immediately; Ordinance No. 319 also stated that bonds or other forms of surety that were being held by the City to guarantee the survival of replacement trees would be released or returned, again once the written notice was provided to the City Council.

Council Member Siegel asked how the release or return of those bonds would be handled, and when. The City Manager stated that the banks holding the three Certificates of Deposit in the City's name would receive a letter releasing the City's interest in those CD's, and that the others who had paid the City by either cash or check would receive a City check in the same amount deposited. She added that the letters and checks would be written on Tuesday, 2/28/06.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of February 27, 2006 at 7:48 p.m.

Ronald S. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk