

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, February 25, 2008

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 25, 2008 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart 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 Monty E. Fisher
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Steve Freedland

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

Absent: Council Member Larry G. Weber

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the February 25, 2008 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcement:

Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th, at which time everyone should turn their clocks ahead one hour, and also remember to check all smoke detectors.

AUDIENCE

Dr. Donald Zimring, Superintendent of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, alerted the Council and residents to the state budget crisis (an estimated \$16 billion shortfall), and asked them to contact and hold the Governor and the legislature responsible for the proposed reduction in funding to education. As the District receives 85% of its funding from the state, the Governor's proposed budget would result in a \$6.8 million loss for the District; he would appreciate if the Council, at its next meeting, would consider the adoption of a resolution opposing the state's cuts to public education, and urging the state to find new revenue sources to protect local schools.

PRESENTATION

To Assistant Fire Chief Reginald C. Lee in Honor of His Retirement

Mayor Siegel stated that it has been a pleasure over the last five years to have Assistant Fire Chief Reggie Lee, who has always been available and active on the front line, take care of Hidden Hills, and he will be missed. Mayor Siegel then presented Chief Lee with a City plaque, and a special cigar for the humidor that he recently received from the City of Agoura Hills.

Assistant Chief Lee thanked the City Council Members, whom he said treated him well, were very forthcoming, and very easy and comfortable to work with – and that he always tried to do his best to protect the City and its residents. The Council and staff wished him well in his retirement.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - January

Assistant Fire Chief Reggie Lee presented the following report:

During the month of January, there were 4 rescue/EMS calls, 5 false alarm/good intent calls, 2 public assists, and 2 fires; both fires were related to dryers, which usually occur when people do not clean out the lint traps; both fires together resulted in a \$1000 property loss, and \$2000 content loss.

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

Lt. John Benedict reported the following:

In January, there was 1 burglary from a storage shed on Walker Road; the clasp was broken and construction tools taken; there was 1 burglary from a locked vehicle on Long Valley; a purse was stolen after the rear passenger window was broken; a series of 5 thefts occurred from unlocked vehicles on Paradise Valley, Long Valley, and Twin Oaks; the suspects took mostly navigation systems, IPODs, and laptops, all of which can be easily put in backpacks and pockets; near the end of the month, two Fresno residents were arrested by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department for numerous burglaries in and around Hidden Hills and Calabasas; some of the stolen items were recovered; related to traffic, there were no collisions in the City, but 17 hazardous citations were issued, most for signs, signals, and seat belts; the STTOP Deputy contacted and counseled a Malibu resident who was reported speeding on Round Meadow and running a stop sign.

Council Member Freedland asked how the suspects from Fresno entered the City, with Mayor Pro Tem Fisher wondering if the burglaries occurred on a weekend or during the week. Lt. Benedict explained that the two men arrested were parolees and career criminals who were well versed in the system and really did not provide much information when arrested; however, it was thought they may have entered the City on bicycles sometime between 1/15-17 (weekdays). Council Member Freedland suggested to Board Member Ron Wolfe (who was in attendance)

that the gate guards be told to challenge anyone trying to enter the City on a bicycle rather than just letting them ride through.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – February 11, 2008**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – January**
- D. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – January**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A (with Mayor Pro Tem Fisher 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 the 2/19/08 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting**

Mayor Siegel informed the Council of the following:

The COG’s MTA representative for the San Fernando Valley Sector was in attendance; the COG is still trying to get something done with the 101 freeway (extra lane, restriping, etc.), but the prospect of something happening is not good; John Mundy, the General Manager for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District was also in attendance; it appears at this time that they will not have to resort to water rationing.

- B. Report from the 2/19/08 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

City liaison and Association Board Member Ron Wolfe provided the following report:

They had a very successful Valentine Musicale; there is an opening on the Architectural Committee; five residents have thus far expressed an interest in serving on the Committee; interviews will be conducted shortly; the Board approved \$50,000 for a permanent solution to the water runoff near old Eldorado Meadow Road; grass will be planted, berms will be installed, and a large catch basin will be added, all to help slow the water runoff from three different trails that come together like a funnel in that area; a rule change was requested by the Equestrian Services Committee and approved; visitors

horseback riding in the City will be required to register at the Community Center, sign a release, and wear a medallion to identify them as visitors; a request for filming at the home of one of the residents was approved, to take place during March.

Mayor Siegel pointed out that the City was planning on reviewing its current filming ordinance, which does not have to be exactly the same as the Association filming regulations, but in order not to cause confusion, the City's regulations should not be less restrictive. Mr. Wolfe stated that the Board was looking at the possibility of changing the fee structure, which had been in place for probably fifteen years, and also reviewing some of the restrictions such as filming on Sundays, start and finish times, etc. The City Manager will place this item on a Council agenda in the near future, once the Association completes its review.

Mayor Siegel stated that he previously sent a memo to HHCA Board President Michael Silberman regarding the use of the equestrian facilities and other public areas, as some of those uses may be in direct violation of the lease with the City. Mr. Wolfe said that memo had not been shared with the Board, but he would remind Mr. Silberman that Mayor Siegel was expecting an official response.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City Requirements for Repair/Replacement of Wood Shake Roofs – Second Reading

The City Manager stated the following:

At the last meeting, the Council gave first reading to this ordinance which makes the repair of wood shake roofs more restrictive in an attempt to eliminate wood shake roofs and the danger they present to residents of the City; an appeal process has been added to the ordinance as #3 under EXCEPTIONS; at the next Council meeting, at a scheduled public hearing, a fee resolution will be considered to cover that appeal process.

Council Member Cohen pointed out that the new wording for the appeal process placed an upper limit of 500 square feet on the size of the roof repair that could be appealed due to hardship. He felt there should be no limit, and that any repairs over 50 square feet could be appealed if the

owner felt the need. The rest of the Council Members agreed, removing “to an area up to but not exceeding 500 square feet” from the last sentence of section 5-5G-3:3. Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only, as amended, Ordinance No. 324 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS REGARDING ROOF COVERING REQUIREMENTS, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5G OF TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - January

The report was received and filed.

C. Vesting Tentative Map 63567 (Ashley) - Update

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following report:

Staff received the EIR consultant’s first draft of the final EIR; that means that the responses have been prepared to all of the comments received during the 45 day review period; the City staff is now reviewing those responses and the draft of the final EIR; staff may have additional comments and/or corrections that would be given to the consultant; this back and forth process will continue until the City staff is satisfied with the final EIR, which will then be presented to the Council for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of February 25, 2008 at 7:57 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk

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