

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, February 10, 2020

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 10, 2020 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bret Katz called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Bret Katz
Mayor Pro Tem Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Laura McCorkindale
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Attorney Roxanne Diaz
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
Emergency Coordinator Michael Woodard
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill
Accounting Specialist Theresa Folk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the February 10, 2020 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

LACDMH MET Clinician Daniel Moody and LASD MET Deputy Rodrigo Ortiz introduced themselves and informed the Council that LASD MET Sergeant Brandon Barclay was on his way and may be a little late to the meeting. Mr. Moody provided the following information:

the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Mental Evaluation Team (LASD), in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), provides crisis assessment, intervention and targeted case management services to diffuse potentially violent situations, prepare appropriate documentation to assist in the placement of persons with mental illness in acute inpatient psychiatric facilities, and/or to link these individuals to outpatient mental health services or appropriate community resources. Each team consists of a deputy sheriff and a DMH licensed mental health clinician who is designated to initiate involuntary acute psychiatric hospitalization. The MET provides mental health support, field crisis intervention, and appropriate psychiatric placement in situations involving patrol deputy contacts with citizens suffering from mental illness. Key goals of this co-response model is to reduce use of force incidents, reduce hospitalizations, and avoid unnecessary incarcerations of severely mentally ill citizens. LASD MET also performs 800 hours in-service training for de-escalation, crisis negotiations during major incidents, averting use of force and reducing incarceration of mentally ill patients. MET clinicians educate families about the least restrictive options to mental health crisis interventions. There is only one unit at the Lost Hills station for a substantial area, with 36 units in Los Angeles County.

The City Council thanked them for their time and expressed their gratitude for the job they do.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Demand List

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion of Proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Auditing Services

Accounting Specialist Theresa Folk presented the following report:

the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices recommend that local governmental entities obtain independent audits of their financial statements and also recommends Governmental entities undertake a full-scale competitive process for the selection of independent auditors to enter into multiyear agreements of at least five years in duration; Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLC (LSL) has served as the City's independent auditors for the past 30 plus years and staff believes that it is a prudent policy to periodically seek and evaluate proposals for independent professional auditing services from other independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firms to ensure the quality, objectivity, and favorable pricing of audits; a draft RFP will be distributed to multiple qualifying auditing firms, with staff reviewing each proposal and selecting several firms for a follow-up interview; an agreement with the selected firm will be presented to the City Council for review and approval.

The City Council authorized staff to the issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Auditing Services, and once issued, the RFP will be used to solicit bids from qualified independent public accounting firms.

B. Discussion of Purchase of an Electric All-Terrain Vehicle

Emergency Services Coordinator Michael Woodard presented the following report:

at their meeting on August 12, 2019, the City Council discussed a proposed purchase of an electric four wheel drive all-terrain vehicle after first being recommended by Chief Mike Brown of the Fire Department; the vehicle could be used in a variety of ways, including providing access to public safety personnel to hard to reach trail sections within the City, a supplemental vehicle for use by staff and/or CERT team members in a large scale disaster, among many other uses; it is anticipated that external equipment such as radios, first aid, and water pump would be added to the vehicle in the future; partial funding could be provided by the MSRC grant (\$50,000) the City received in 2017, which will expire in May, 2020; the City Council directed staff to research potential vehicles; after careful research of three possible vehicles, staff is recommending the Polaris; staff has sought proposals or bids from two Polaris dealers, one HISUN dealer, one Textron dealer and a Toyota dealer, and staff has determined the Polaris best fits the City's needs; the total cost to purchase the Polaris Ranger would be \$13,915, of that amount, \$6,700 would be provided by the MSRC grant, with the balance of \$7,215 would be provided by General Funds.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member McCorkindale and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the total cost to purchase the

Polaris Ranger in the amount of \$13,915, of that amount, \$6,700 would be provided by the MSRC grant, with the balance of \$7,215 would be provided by General Funds.

C. Consideration of a Resolution Prohibiting the Stopping, Parking and Standing of Vehicles at the Fire Access Gate at the West End of Long Valley Road, Authorizing the Towing of Vehicles and Establishing the Parking Fine

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS PROHIBITING THE STOPPING, PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES AT THE WEST END OF LONG VALLEY ROAD AT THE FIRE ACCESS GATE, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL THEREOF AND ADOPTING THE FINE SCHEDULE FOR SAID VIOLATION

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

during the recent fires, there were some concerns of vehicles parking and blocking access to the State Park at the west end of Long Valley Road; the gate is normally locked to vehicles but can be opened for fires or other emergencies.; staff has researched requirements to install "No Parking/Tow Away" Signs, and a resolution or ordinance must be adopted in order to restrict or prohibit parking including the stopping or standing of vehicles, and staff is proposing the adoption of a no stopping, parking or standing restriction of any vehicle at any time at the west end of Long Valley Road at the fire access gate; to tow any vehicles that violate this restriction, a resolution or ordinance also needs to be adopted, citing the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22651(n); the proposed Resolution also establishes the parking fine for violating the restriction.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried adopt Resolution No. 949 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS PROHIBITING THE STOPPING, PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES AT THE WEST END OF LONG VALLEY ROAD AT THE FIRE ACCESS GATE, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL THEREOF AND ADOPTING THE FINE SCHEDULE FOR SAID VIOLATION.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of V-Calm Sign Upgrades

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

at the August 26, 2019 meeting, the Council directed staff to proceed with the direct power and antenna equipment upgrades to the two existing signs, but to wait on purchasing the two new signs until such time as the operation of the upgrades could be evaluated; staff worked on the direct power and antenna upgrades, and SCE has prepared their plans for meters at each of the sign locations; it has been determined that the best location for the main antenna is at the City's antenna site at the end of Bonneville Road; however, as this location may be objectionable to adjacent residents, staff felt that other options should be evaluated; staff received a quote from Charter Communications to provide a phone line to each of the four (4) locations that the V-Calm signs are currently being rotated; staff is seeking a third option to provide communication to the V-Calm signs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Bret Katz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk