

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, July 9, 2018

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 9, 2018 at the hour of 6:30 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
Mayor Pro Tem Marv Landon
Council Member Bret Katz
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the July 9, 2018 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made by the City Council:

Happy Birthday to Mayor Freedland's son Kurtis on July 12 and City Clerk Deana Graybill on July 19.

Don't miss the "Mad Science" Thursday night BBQ on July 12 at the Community Center. Purchase tickets in advance at the Community Center.

The summer beach bus to Zuma Beach is underway. The bus picks up at Round Meadow at 10:20 and 1:20 and returns at 3:05, 5:15, and 7:00. The bus costs \$2 each way.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Variance No. V-384
24922 Jim Bridger Road
New Bay Window**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

this application is for a variance which proposes a new bay window that would encroach eleven feet one inch (11'1") into the required fifty-foot (50') front yard setback (two feet further into the setback than the approved building); the Hidden Hills Municipal Code section 5-2C-4A prohibits construction of structures within the 50' front yard setback in the RA-S zone; public hearing notices were sent to all those property owners within 500' of the subject property and posted in the usual locations; no comments have been received; a variance was approved for this property in 2015 to allow encroachment into the front yard setback because of the physical restrictions on the lot due to shape and topography; the Council is required to make four required findings in order to approve a variance; it is staff's opinion that only two of the four findings can be made and is therefore recommending denial of the variance.

At this point, Mayor Freedland opened the public hearing. In response to questions from Mayor Freedland, Mrs. Toffan (who is the property owner) stated the following:

the reason for the bay window is to provide more room in the home office for medical accessibility and equipment, along with aesthetics; to make her husband more comfortable and enrich his life while his health continues to decline.

Mayor Freedland asked which Council Members had visited the site besides himself – Council Members Siegel and Weber reported they had been to the site.

Mayor Freedland then closed the hearing. Mayor Freedland, along with Council Member Siegel and the rest of the City Council stated that while they sympathize with her situation, the law has to be followed and since two of the four findings cannot be made, the variance has to be denied.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to deny Variance No. V-384 and to adopt by title only Resolution No. 924 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY DENYING A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE NO. V-384 FOR A NEW BAY WINDOW WITHIN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK LOCATED AT 24922 JIM BRIDGER ROAD.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – June 25, 2018
- B. Demand List
- C. Consideration of Approval of Proposed Resolution Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING AN UPDATED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND REVISED SECTIONS 8.1 AND 9(E) TO REFLECT UPDATED AMOUNTS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 896

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Landon recused himself from item A as he was not in attendance at the June 25, 2018 meeting.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Review of Coyote Sighting Log

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

due to the City receiving numerous complaints about coyote sightings in May, the Council at its June 11 meeting; directed staff to send out notifications through the all the proper channels and begin logging complaints from residents of coyote sightings and aggressive behavior; 30 days of data has been collected and presented in the attached document, along with a map showing all the locations reported; most incidences reported are sightings, with a few reports of small animals (chickens, a duck and a cat) being taken or killed.

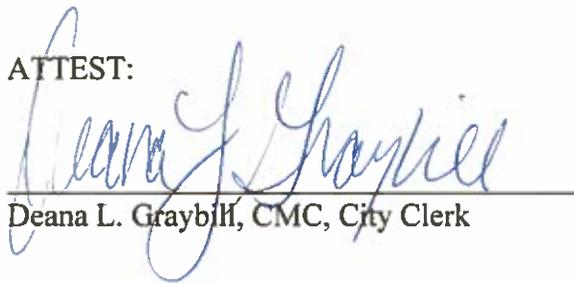
Mayor Freedland wanted to remind residents that they can individually or as a group hire a trapper to place traps on their private property at any time and that the coyotes are euthanized as they cannot be relocated.

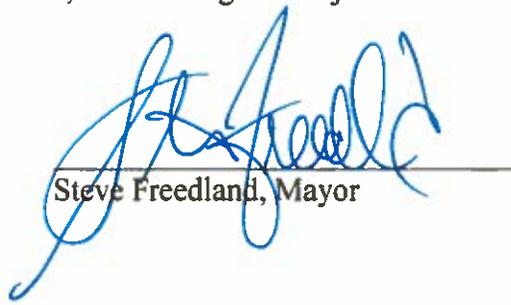
After much discussion, the City Council directed staff to continue to collect any reports of coyote sightings, but more importantly, aggressive coyote behavior. They also directed staff to contact Animal Pest Management, the company who provided past coyote trapping services to the City and individual residents, and ask that they attend an upcoming City Council meeting so that the City Council, staff and residents can receive more education about coyotes and their behaviors and to see if a trapping program is warranted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk


Steve Freedland, Mayor