

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 10, 2019

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, June 10, 2019 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Larry G. Weber called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

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

Staff:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 10, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Opening Day/Kids' Welcome Party is this Saturday, 6/11 from 1-4 pm.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Siegel's daughter Jenna on 6/14 and to City Engineer Dirk Lovett on 6/21.

Happy Father's Day on Sunday, 6/16.

1st Thursday Family BBQ is on 6/20 at 5 pm at the Community Center. The theme is Swedish Midsummer Party.

The Council congratulated resident Kate Peris for the planning and coordinating the First Annual Hidden Hills Market Place.

A reminder about the food truck event at the Community Center on Sunday, 6/23.

AUDIENCE

Resident John McGinnis addressed the City Council regarding his concern of gas torches being used in landscape lighting and the possible risk of fire due to either low lying tree branches or branches that would break off in the wind, breaking the torch and starting a fire. He would like the City Council to ask the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide a risk evaluation on these torches, and if they see any risk, that the City Council consider adopting an ordinance outlawing such landscape lighting.

City Manager Kallman reminded the Council that one of the adopted goals is to do a comprehensive review of emergency operations and preparedness, so staff will consult the Fire Department on the items of concern such as the use of gas torches and the possible banning of certain trees that are contribute to fire danger.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member McCorkindale shared that she and City Manager Kallman took a helicopter tour of the affected areas of the Woolsey Fire

Council Member Siegel expressed his continued concern about the very tall mustard weeds on the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (formerly Ahmanson Ranch).

Mayor Pro Tem Katz shared with the Council that he attended the Convening of the Los Angeles County Mayors on May 30, 2019 at Cielito Lindo in South El Monte. Topics of discussion were: creation of green jobs, reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, firefighters and PTSD, and early childhood education.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects, including Round Meadow School traffic mitigation – Final design was completed and forwarded to the School District on 5/15 and the District is in the process of hiring contractors with construction to begin 7/1 and be completed prior to fall semester; the City Hall car charging and bicycle repair stations – all the work has been done; however the charger is defective and staff is waiting for a replacement; 25067 and 25085 Ashley Ridge Road – building permits were issued to each property on 4/18 and 5/14, respectively and construction is underway; Mureau Road Bike Route – construction is scheduled to commence on 6/17 and will take about four months, the City has issued an encroachment permit for signage, with the requirement that all signage and construction in the vicinity of Round Meadow Road be completed prior to the first day of school (8/21); City Perimeter Brush Clearance – the Fire Department has committed to brush clearance within 200' of the City's borders with the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (State Park). The State Park will permit the brush clearance once a survey showing the area that the City proposes for brush clearing, along with all trees within 200' of the City's border. Staff submitted the survey

on May 16, 2019. The State Park has stated that they will now submit this survey to their arborist for review and will have their final brush clearance map ready by the second week in July. Staff also contacted Mountain View Estates and was told that they have already cleared brush within 100' of Hidden Hill, but they will consider additional brush clearance at Hidden Hill's expense. Mr. Lovett also added two more updates: the V-Calm sign will be moved from Round Meadow to Eldorado Meadow on Wednesday and a final tree policy is supposed to be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Council Member Siegel asked Mr. Lovett to highlight all changes and/or updates on future reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – May 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
- B. City Council Minutes - May 27, 2019 Adjourned Regular Meeting
- C. Demand List
- D. Disbursement List – April
- E. Financial/Treasurer's Report – April
- F. Investment Report – April
- G. April 25, 2019 Calabasas Library Commission Meeting – Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report on 5/20/19 Hidden Hills Community Association (HHCA) Board of Directors Meeting

Council Member McCorkindale provided reported that the Board approved an increase in perimeter cameras and will be asking the City for financial assistance to pay for half the costs. City Manager Kallman added that an agreement has been drafted for this and has been forwarded to the HHCA for review and that the City already has these funds included in the budget.

B. Report on 5/21/19 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member and Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Board Member Siegel reported that the main topics were 1) Adoption of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; 2) Homelessness – the City of Malibu is still having a major problem with homelessness. Because of this, the LVMCOG has designated its share of \$30,000 to Malibu to supplement two mental health professionals, which Hidden Hills can utilize the services of those two professionals if needed. 3) AB 1788 (Bloom) California Ecosystems Protection act which will ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

C. Review and Discussion of Preliminary Draft City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Approval of Proposed Fiscal Reserve Policy

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

attached for the City Council's review and consideration is the proposed City budget for FY 2019/20; the City Council's Budget Ad-hoc Committee consisting of Council Member Freedland and Council Member McCorkindale met on May 15 to review the draft budget; the budget includes revenues two ways, restricted and general funds, all capital improvement projects, Calabasas and Hidden Hills library agreement; the City continues to remain conservative, which has been beneficial to ensure the continued strength of the City's finance; staff is also presenting for approval a new General Fund Reserve Policy which was a Council goal from 2018; if adopted, the policy will help establish budget and expenditure policies, which will be clear and concise and also show residents the City's expenditure priorities; once the budget is approved at the next City Council meeting, staff will post on the website and have copies available at City Hall.

Council Member Freedland thanked the staff for all their hard work, especially Accounting Specialist Theresa Folk, City Treasurer Mike Blazenski and City Manager Kallman to again present a very detailed and easy to read document. Mayor Pro Katz directed staff to place the budget and the fiscal reserve policy on the next agenda for formal approval.

D. Consideration of Support for California Assembly Bill 1788

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

Assembly Bill 1788 was introduced earlier this year, which would expand current regulations prohibiting the use of pesticides containing one or more anticoagulants to the entire state, including state-owned property, unless it is determined there is a public health or environmental emergency; AB 1788 was passed by the Assembly and is now making its way to the State Senate; Malibu has requested the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG), which consists of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village support this bill; if all the Cities in the LVMCOG do support the bill, the LVMCOG will also send support for the region.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member McCorkindale and unanimously carried, it was resolved that authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City and authorize Council Member Siegel to vote in the affirmative with the LVMCOG.

E. Consideration of Approval of Five-Year City-County Municipal Agreement with Los Angeles County for Animal Care and Control Services

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

this agreement is offered by the County every five years to provide animal care and control services to the City (the current agreement expires 6/30/19), with a separate form being submitted every year by the City which requests specific services for that year.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Five-Year City-County Municipal Services Agreement between the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control and City of Hidden Hills.

F. Consideration of Approval of Proposed Proposition A Assignment Agreement Between the City of Hidden Hills and the City of Pomona Regarding the Sale of Proposition A Funds and Related Resolution -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ASSIGNING TO THE CITY OF POMONA \$120,000 OF ITS AVAILABLE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS

At this time, Council Member Siegel recused himself and left the meeting room, as he owns property in the City of Pomona.

City Engineer Lovett provided the following staff report:

over the last several years the City has accumulated \$120,000 in Prop A funds that it is unable to spend in relation to transportation, as they are very restricted funds; the City of Pomona has offered to purchase the City's Prop A funds at an exchange rate of 70 cents on the dollar, which would result in a payment to Hidden Hills of \$84,000 in taxable bond proceeds that are not at all restricted; each payment will be made in one lump sum; the exchange, which was coordinated by City Engineer Dirk Lovett, has been approved by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

While the Council was very happy with the proposed exchange, it was suggested in the future to poll numerous interested agencies to guarantee the City is getting the most return offered. Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member McCorkindale and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Proposition A Assignment Agreement between the City of Hidden Hills and the City of Pomona and to adopt by title only Resolution No. 940 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ASSIGNING TO THE CITY OF POMONA \$120,000 OF ITS AVAILABLE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS.

G. Discussion and Update Regarding the Utility Undergrounding Project

City Engineer Lovett presented the following report:

on 2/12/18, the City Council discussed the City's undergrounding program including: historic undergrounding projects, funding sources, current budget and estimates. the City Council established an Ad-hoc Committee, consisting of then Mayor Freedland and Council Member Landon, which subsequently evaluated several locations and agreed on the five (5) best candidates areas, which were submitted to the City Council at its meeting on 7/23/18; the City Council directed staff to work with Southern California Edison (SCE) and survey residents regarding their willingness to participate in possible undergrounding of their private services; after staff met with SCE regarding the five potential undergrounding areas, SCE researched all the areas and, felt that all are feasible per preliminary research; the City paid SCE a non-refundable deposit \$25,000 (\$5,000 each

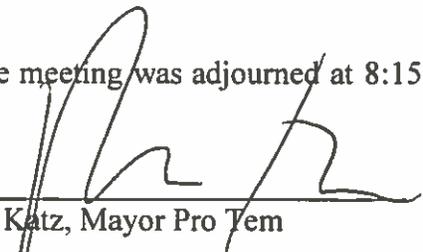
area) to proceed with the design and engineering, which SCE will credit this amount towards the total project invoice amount when the design is complete; a survey and contact information for all residents immediately adjacent to the five areas needed to be submitted to SCE before they could proceed with their design which was to be completed by June 2019; a survey company was hired in February 2018 and took longer than staff expected but is now complete and has been submitted to SCE; all residents immediately adjacent to the five areas were sent letters explaining the proposed project and requesting their input; of the 68 letters sent out, the City has heard from 14. 8 were in support, 5 were neutral or non-committal pending more information, and 1 was opposed participating in any form of funding or easements; on May 29, staff met with a newly assigned SCE planner to check on the status, which in spite of assurances that the preliminary design would be ready in June, a variety of factors will delay the project for several months, which would put the date for the design of all five areas to be completed in January 2020; as previous Council Member Landon was on the Ad-hoc Committee, it would be appropriate for the City Council to assign his replacement.

Council Member Siegel volunteered to replace former Council Member Landon on the Ad-hoc Committee.

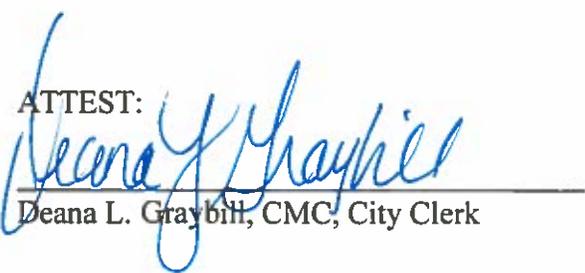
The Council directed staff to stay diligent on this project as it is of highest priority and to also revisit a past proposed undergrounding project on Long Valley Road involving the possible undergrounding of a mother pole as the homeowner involved would like to revisit that project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Bret Katz, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk