

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills 91302
Friday, March 20, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, all members of the Hidden Hills City Council or staff may participate in this meeting via a teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically as indicated further below. If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) please contact Deana Graybill at 818-888-9281 or staff@hiddenhillscity.org

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

An emergency meeting of the City Council of the City of Hidden Hills was duly held via teleconference on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the hour of 3:30 p.m. Mayor Bret Katz called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

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 Clerk Deana L. Graybill
City Engineer Dirk Lovett

At this point, City Attorney Diaz explained that the Brown Act provides for emergency meetings to be held by a legislative body with little or no notice to the public, depending upon the situation. When a majority of the legislative body determines that an emergency situation exists, it may call an emergency meeting.

AUDIENCE

Resident David Lawrence sent emails to City Manager Kallman was read into the record as follows:

although I'm truly puzzled at the City and County's evaluation that residential construction is an "essential" service, that still does not address the State's MANDATE for Social Distancing and health and safety measures that all 40 million California residents, including residential construction workers, have to abide by. As I stated yesterday, the Boreanaz project on our left has been exemplary in following guidelines. Georges project to our left has been violating new mandates on an hourly basis. I believe it's the City's responsibility to make sure that George's crew abides by the new laws. They are Laws now. Or else the City has the right to halt their "essential" work. I'm a high risk individual to this Pandemic and have the right, as we all do, to be extremely concerned about my health...and yours...and the workers next door...and their families...and your families. All of us.

I would appreciate a call or response to this email as early as possible. I know you are all doing your very best in these insane times.

Many thanks, David

Paragraph 13(h) refers to NOTHING about residential construction. It lists electricians, carpenters, etc as being allowed to provide "essential" services. That means if your electricity goes out, an electrician can restore power to your home that you are living in. So you can BE SAFE. There is nothing essential about those same skilled workers providing essential services to an empty and unfinished and uninhabitable construction project. NOTHING. I will not stop pressing this issue until I am satisfied with an appropriate and fair resolution to this issue. D

City Manager Kallman reported that he reached out to the contractor and/or owner to remind them of the social distancing and best practices on job sites. He also sent Deputy Raney to observe the project and inform the workers again that they need to maintain social distancing and best practices on the job site. Finally, staff member Mike Woodard surveyed the City, along with that project to give me an update for which he has not reported back any issues.

Mr. Kallman then read the following email from resident Glen Kulik into the record:

I am a Hidden Hills resident. I understand that you have allowed hundreds of outside construction workers into Hidden Hills this morning, in defiance of the governor's stay at home order, because you are saying that all construction is exempt from the order. Would you please send me the language from the order you are relying on to make that statement? It is my understanding that construction workers who are essential to safety and sanitation of property are permitted. So if you need a plumber or electrician to make a repair that is fine. I also understand that public housing projects are exempt because they contribute to the infrastructure of our society. But would you please tell me what is your authority for saying that construction by real estate speculators in Hidden Hill is essential and is exempt.

On a human level, do you think that the residents of Hidden Hills who are under order to remain at home should be put at risk by your decision to allow hundreds of outsiders into our community every day?

Thank you. Glen Kulik

No other public comments were received by email.

Mr. Kallman asked that City Attorney Diaz discuss how we are interpreting the orders as it relates to construction.

Ms. Diaz stated that at this time things are pretty fluid. We are awaiting more guidelines and clarification from the Office of Emergency Services and until then we are trying to accumulate all information from all entities.

At this time, Mayor Katz asked if anyone from the audience had any comments.

Resident David Lawrence who lives on Penland addressed the Council, reiterating the information from his email read by Mr. Kallman. He also thanked Mr. Kallman, staff and Council for taking this pandemic so seriously.

City Manager Kallman assured the audience that the City is doing everything in its power to disseminate information as we get it to the residents and will continue to do so. As some of you may know the orders that come down are coming down almost hourly and sometimes with updates every twenty minutes. We'd like to take this time to thank residents for their patience. We also want to direct everyone to the City's website and that it is continually updated with valuable information. We have a small staff, with one staff member working from home, but we will continue to assist the residents in any way we can. If a resident needs anything, they are encouraged to contact City Hall.

Council Member Weber then read the paragraph identifying Essential Infrastructure individuals may leave their residences to provide goods or services or perform any work necessary to build operate,

maintain or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing, airport operations food supplies, concessions and construction.

CLOSED SESSION

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Government Code Section 54957)
Consultation with the City Attorney

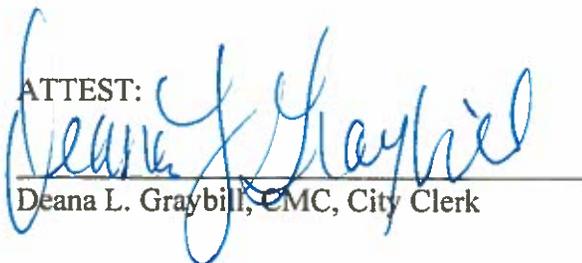
Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried by roll call vote, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 4:05 p.m. to address the items listed above.

The City Council returned from closed session and the City Attorney announced that in closed session the Council discussed the items listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

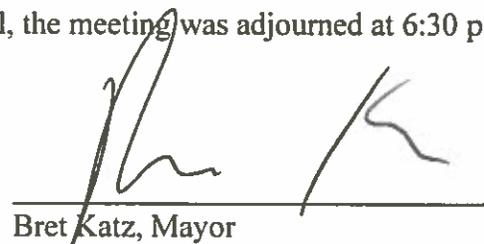
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk



Bret Katz, Mayor