

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 25, 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, March 25, 2019 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 Attorney Roxanne Diaz
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

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 March 25, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Council Member Siegel tonight (3/25).

The Public Safety Commission Meeting scheduled for tomorrow (3/26) has been canceled. The next meeting will be April 30th.

The Oath of Office and Reorganization Ceremony will be Wednesday, 3/27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Small reception following.

Reminder about the Large Animal Evacuation Clinic on Sunday, 3/31 at the Spring Valley Arena at 10:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday to City Attorney Diaz's son Mathew on 4/2.

Council Member Weber reported that he attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's City Council academy on a couple weekends ago, which included an uneventful two and a half hour ride along which toured the Woolsey Fire areas and on last Saturday, he toured the Twin Towers Jail and encouraged those who haven't taken the academy, that they should do so.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

A. To Outgoing Council Member Marv Landon

Presentations were made to Outgoing Council Member Marv Landon by the following:

Mayor Linda Northrup – representing the City of Agoura Hills;

Mayor David Shapiro and Council Member James Bozajian – representing the City of Calabasas;

Board President Linda Menges, Vice President Mathy Wasserman, and Superintendent Dan Stepenosky – representing the Las Virgenes Unified School District;

Charlie Caspary – representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

The above dignitaries, along with residents including Rob and Linda Raznick, spoke very highly of Mr. Landon and expressed their deep appreciation for his volunteerism and exceptional service to the City.

Mayor Freedland presented to Mr. Landon a plaque from the City of Malibu and a scroll would be forthcoming from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office. Mayor Freedland also presented to Mr. Landon, on behalf of the entire Council and staff, an engraved rosewood sounding block and gavel set for appreciation for his eight (8) years on the City Council for which he was instrumental in the City's undergrounding project; CERT, Public Safety, and the Long Valley project.

Mr. Landon expressed his gratitude to the City Council and fellow dignitaries and residents for all their support during his eight-year tenure and he enjoyed serving on the City Council.

B. To Retiring Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Chief John S. Benedict

Unfortunately, Chief Benedict was unable to attend and a City plaque recognizing his service will be presented to him at a different time.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. **Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – February**

Fire Captain Mike Richey presented the following report:

February had thirteen responses (4-medical, 1-electrical fire in a sump pump-smoke damage only, 1-hazardous condition, and 7-good intent calls).

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – February

Deputy Mike Raney presented the following report:

during the month of February there were seven (7) Part I crimes, A residential burglary was reported on in the 24100 block of Hidden Ridge. The master bedroom window was smashed to gain entry. No property was stolen; a residential burglary occurred in the 25100 block of Jim Bridger. Suspect(s) unknown smashed a bedroom window on the first floor, ransacked the master bedroom and exited the residence by smashing a sliding glass door. Jewelry was stolen; an attempted residential burglary occurred in the 6000 block of William Bent Road. One of the victim's was home when she heard a banging noise from the downstairs area. Moments later the alarm system in the residence was activated. Video surveillance showed three unknown suspects entering the victim's backyard. The suspects faces were covered with masks and appeared to be canvassing the home. The suspects fled when the alarm activated. No vehicle was seen; a residential burglary was reported in the 25100 block of Jim Bridger Road. The downstairs master bedroom sliding glass door was smashed to gain entry and ransacked all the bedrooms. It was unknown what was stolen at the time of the report; an attempted residential burglary occurred in the 25200 block of Eldorado Meadow Road. A witness saw three suspects hiding in the bushes in the area. The suspects were described as possibly males who were wearing dark colored clothing and hooded sweatshirts. They fled in a grey 2017 Nissan Rogue which was found abandoned in the Boda Place in Woodland Hills. The vehicle was a rental vehicle; a subject was arrested for conspiracy to commit burglary and trespassing in the 6100 block of Spring Valley Road. The witness, a security guard, saw the subject peeking over two residence fences in the area. The subject attempted to hide but the witness was able to detain the subject for deputies pending a burglary investigation; a theft from an unlocked vehicle was reported in the 24000 block of Long Valley Road. A briefcase, gift cards, and check books were stolen. Video surveillance showed two suspects wearing dark clothing and hooded sweatshirts enter the victim's driveway and one suspect making entry into the victim's unlocked vehicle; a theft of a firearm occurred in the 24000 block of Little Valley Road. The weapon was taken from a night stand. The investigation is on-going; a resident of Los Angeles was arrested for a traffic violation warrant (driving without a valid driver's license) in the area of Jed Smith Road and John Fremont Road.

C. City Engineer Report

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects: 1) the Long Valley Entrance Improvement Project-Measure R – will be addressed later in the meeting. 2) Round Meadow School Traffic Mitigation – The MOU has been signed and a design concept has been

approved. The School District will select a contractor and manage all bidding and construction, which is planning on being completed this summer. 3) City Hall Charging and Bicycle Repair Stations – construction commenced on 2/20/19 and is scheduled to be complete early April. 4) Mureau Road Bike Route – a preconstruction meeting was held in January and at the City of Hidden Hills' request, construction will be done over the Round Meadow School's summer break.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. Demand List
- C. Disbursement List – February
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – February
- E. Investment Report - February

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, B, C, D and E of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 3/19/19 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) Calabasas Mayor David Shapiro is the SCAG representative for the COG. 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) a presentation was given about a bill seeking authorization from the Legislature to allow a sales tax measure to be put on the ballot within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) jurisdiction, to clean the air, protect public health and reach attainment of federal air quality standards. This bill does not create a tax or ballot measure

directly, but allows either SCAQMD Governing Board action or a voter-driven initiative to put this proposal on the ballot.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of the Long Valley Road Entry Design Concept for the Long Valley Road/Valley Circle Boulevard/US-101 On-Ramp Improvements Project

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

to continue improvements on the Long Valley Road on-ramp and at the City of Hidden Hills' entrance, staff reviewed concepts with representatives of the Hidden Hills Community Association, Covered 6, and the owners of the real estate office (Meyerstein Family); staff has developed the conceptual plan with major conceptual design elements including a public parking lot with landscaping, walkways, drainage, etc.; sidewalk along the front of the parking lot, traffic turnarounds, relocation of guardhouse to allow for turnarounds, relocation of gate arms, landscaped median islands, landscaping in front of the Real Estate office, and relocation of parking from in front of the real estate office to the side and it is being submitted for the City Council's input and/or approval; once approved staff will proceed with the final design and cost estimate.

Mayor Freedland pointed out that all City funds to be used in this project are from restricted funds and not the general fund.

Resident Marsha Weidman addressed the Council at this time with concerns of the new traffic turn-arounds and where the gatehouse relocation is being proposed, that construction vehicles will not be able to make a complete turn-around. She also mentioned an agreement with Boething Treeland and the City that was done a long time ago regarding Boething providing a new pedestrian/equestrian lane on the on-ramp. A copy was provided to the City Manager and it will be reviewed and followed up on.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved approve the conceptual designs and bring back to the Council the final design and cost estimates.

B. Recommendation to Opt-Out of the Congestion Management Program and Adoption of Related Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)

City Manager Kerry Kallman presented the following report:

the Congestion Management Program (CMP) is a program mandated in 1990, which increased the state gas tax from 9 to 18 cents for the intention to tie the appropriation of new gas tax revenues to congestion reduction efforts by improving land use/transportation coordination; unfortunately, the program became antiquated and expensive; the program was structured in a way that tended to reward developing cities and penalize built-out cities; in spite of the nature of the Hidden Hills Community, the City is nonetheless required to submit an annual report to the CMP. This report takes significant staff time; the CMP requirement may be opted out if a majority of local jurisdictions representing a majority of the county's population formally adopt resolutions requesting to opt out of the program; staff is recommending approval of the attached resolution to opt out of the Congestion Management Program.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved approve a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) and

C. Consideration of Submittal of the 2018 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

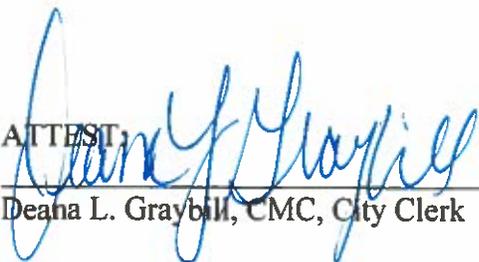
state law requires each city to prepare and file Annual Progress Reports (APRs) with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) describing housing production and the status of Housing Element program implementation and have it reviewed by the City Council at a public meeting and then submit to HCD. Such report has been prepared by John Douglas.

The City Council directed staff to transmit the 2018 Annual Progress Report to HCD.

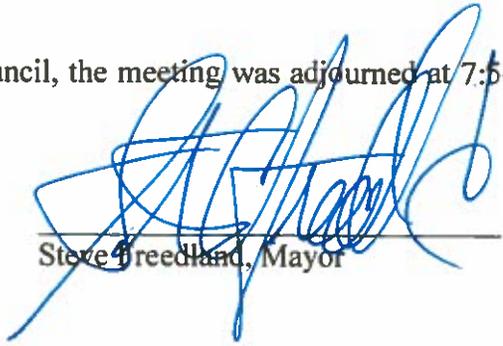
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Freedland, Mayor