

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, October 28, 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, October 28, 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 Attorney Roxanne Diaz
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo
Building Official Greg Robinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the October 28, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Council Member Siegel's wife Peggi on 10/31. Happy Birthday to Council Member Freedland's daughter Kelsey on 11/12.

All Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th due to Veterans' Day.

The City Council meeting scheduled for November 11th has been moved to November 18th.

AUDIENCE

Resident Charlie Caspary addressed the Council to relay his appreciativeness for all the notifications that City staff sends out to keep the residents updated on issues affecting the City.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member McCorkindale stated that she attended the recent League of California Cities conference and social media policy session and had a great time. She also wanted to thank Council Member Siegel's wife Peggi and daughter Jenna for dropping off cases of water and Gatorade to the local fire departments.

Council Member Freedland also attended the League of California Cities conference and also the Woolsey Task Force meeting on Saturday, October 26. At this meeting, the draft After Action Report of the Woolsey Fire was released. The also showed footage of how fast the fire spread and hopefully it will be available online.

City Manager Kallman added that this draft After Action Report will be available for a comment period and then at a meeting in November, the comments will be discussed and possible finalization of the report.

Mayor Pro Tem Katz attended the League of California Cities conference and a session on the Borderline shooting and the processes the City used to communicate to the residents and other

personnel. He met with numerous Council Members and City Managers from other cities, which he found very informative.

Mayor Weber stated that he also attended the conference and attended the session on Borderline and the Woolsey Fire, which was a combined session and he also attended the social media policy session, where he definitely learned a lot.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Kallman presented the following comments:

- 1) Staff was involved in a conference call briefing with others, including fire and sheriff personnel, City Managers and others involved in our region discussing the past fires and the upcoming Extreme Red Flag Warning and Wind Event. More emergency equipment, extra patrols and other resources have been and will be available. Emergency Services Coordinator Mike Woodard has been around the last two weeks, training CERT members and Council Members on using the City emergency vehicle, adding new equipment to the vehicle and patrolling the City. No Parking signs have been placed at the end of Long Valley by the Ahmanson gate to keep the area clear. City Hall will be staffed Tuesday, 10/29 and Wednesday, 10/29 24 hours for precautions. It may be overkill, but we are taking these events very seriously. Halloween will go on as planned unless there is a major event. The City has hired six deputies to monitor activities in the City during Halloween. The Public Safety Power Shut-Off's (PSPS) are in affect and have affected some City staff and unfortunately with no notice. Staff will continue to monitor and keep the City apprised if anything affecting the City happens.
- 2) The City has received the signed agreements with Granicus to provide the City with livestreaming of City Council meetings. This should be functioning after the new year.
- 3) The City Council directed staff to find a consultant to assist with the Fiber to the Home project. The Ad-hoc Committee met with a consulting firm, Magellan, at least two times and agreed that they would be a good fit for the City. Their proposal and agreement will be on the 11/18 City Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Las Virgenes Tap Water, Irrigation and the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes – Triunfo

Michael McNutt, the LVMWD Public Affairs and Communications Manager, presented an informative slideshow on the anticipated Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project, which will provide a local supply of water to our area. As it is now, all drinking water in the region is imported from hundreds of miles away in the Sierra-Nevada mountains, as there is no usable ground water or streams that can sustain local drinking water needs. This Pure Water Project will use surplus recycled water which will be processed through a local water treatment facility and store the water in the Las Virgenes Reservoir for future use. When the water is ready for use, it will be again filtered and treated before being distributed to customers (potable reuse). The Pure Water Project will create a more affordable and reliable local water supply and reduce the uncertainty of water supply associated with importing water due to climate change, natural disasters such as earthquakes, and long-term drought conditions.

B. Charter/Spectrum Update on Service in Hidden Hills

Due to the recent fires, this item will be presented at the November 18, 2019 City Council meeting.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – September

Deputy Mike Raney presented the following report:

during the month of September there was no Part I crimes. There were four trespassing calls, with one being detained, cited and escorted off the property. There were two noteworthy incidents: 1) a resident was arrested on a warrant for driving on a suspended license in the 24600 block of John Colter, and 2) a West Hills resident was arrested on a bench warrant in the area of Lasher Road and Long Valley Road.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports – August and September

These reports were received and filed.

C. City Engineer Report

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects:

- 1) Overhead Powerlines Undergrounding – After receiving generally positive feedback from all involved, with a few requested revisions, SCE has prepared a final draft of the plans for area 1, which will be circulated to other utilities utilizing the poles for their design work.
- 2) 5241 Twin Oaks Road – A permit was issued for a new residence on October 1. Framing is mostly complete. The last inspection was June 6. Work has been suspended since July due to financial issues. This permit will be subject to lapse six months with no building activity.
- 3) V-Calm signs – staff has been in contact with Charter/Spectrum regarding the possibility of installing direct cable to the signs, in lieu of antennas.
- 4) Mureau Road Bike Route – All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of this week. Staff will evaluate the condition of the landscaping and irrigation for repairs and/or upgrades.
- 5) City Perimeter Brush Clearance – the Fire Department commenced clearing last month. Due to weather and call outs to local fire, clearing crews have yet to complete its work. It is hoped that all brush clearing work will be completed over the next couple weeks.

Council Member Siegel inquired as to where the brush has been cleared. City Engineer Lovett was not exactly sure, but would provide that information once obtained.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – September 23, 2019**
- B. City Council Minutes – October 14, 2019**
- C. Demand List**
- D. Disbursement List – September**
- E. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – September**
- F. Investment Report – September**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, B, C, D, E, and F of the consent calendar as submitted. Council Member Freedland recused himself from item A as he was not in attendance at the September 23, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on the 9/17/19 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

HHCA Board Member Debra Spellman presented the following report:

the following items were discussed: parks and recreation budget was approved, including a second Drag Queen Bingo event; the Board approved a lot line adjustment; new transponder readers were installed at the Long Valley and Round Meadow gates; and a discussion of the use of leaf blowers on the parkways will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

B. Report on the 10/15/19 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel presented the following report:

The main item of concern which was discussed was Sober Living Facilities. These facilities are treated as residences rather than treatment facilities, so state laws and licensing requirements do not apply to sober living facilities. No state agency formally regulates them, as they are protected under state and federal law as residences of people with disabilities. Also discussed was the 2020 Census and that they cannot be restricted from entering any community to obtain census information.

City Manager Kallman added that the Census is very important to a Community like Hidden Hills. Amounts of restricted funds that the City receives, are based on population counts.

C. Consideration of Approval Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Nutrients Special Study in the Malibu Creek Watershed (MCW) Management Area

Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo presented the following report:

In November, 2012, the Regional Board adopted the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Permit) for the County, the County Flood Control District and 84 incorporated cities within Los Angeles County, which it became effective December, 2012; permittees had the option to develop an Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP) for the MCW to comply with permit requirements and in April, 2016, the MCW EWMP was approved by the Regional Board, and a required CIMP be prepared, which it was and conditionally approved January, 2016; the MCW Group consists of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village, the County of Los Angeles, and County of Los Angeles Flood Control District; in July

2016, the MCW Group entered into an MOU which defines operation and cost sharing for the implementation of the EWMP and CIMP and it was set to expire on June 30, 2019, which would make way for a new MOU over a four-year term and to include a nutrients special study; the CIMP cost-share, would result in a 0.3% allocation of cost to the City of Hidden Hills, along with a flat fee of \$100,000 per member agency for the Nutrients Special Study; the total implementation cost to the City will be approximately \$118,266.66 spread over the four-year term of the agreement; no budget adjustment is necessary.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Nutrients Special Study in the Malibu Creek Watershed (MCW) Management Area and Provide the City Attorney and City Manager with Authority to make any revisions needed.

D. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance Regarding Adoption of Revised Building Codes – First Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING BY REFERENCE PART 2 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; PART 2.5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; PART 3 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; PART 4 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; PART 5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; PART 11 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

Building Official Greg Robinson presented the following report:

every three years the California Building Standards Commission updates their standards to reflect changes in the new building codes; the City has adopted the codes in the past with amendments in relation to pool safety fencing, roofing material, and grading; staff is

proposing that these amendments continue along with one additional amendment in relation to grading bonds; staff would recommend that the Council introduce and give first reading by title only to the proposed ordinance, with the amendment, and direct staff to schedule a public hearing.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to introduce and give first reading by title only to an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING BY REFERENCE PART 2 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; PART 2.5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; PART 3 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; PART 4 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; PART 5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; PART 11 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE and authorized the City Clerk to set a public hearing for second reading on Monday, November 18, 2019.

E. Consideration of Reappointment of Britt Aaronson as the City of Hidden Hills Ex-Officio Member of the Calabasas Library Commission

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

in November, 2012, the City passed Resolution #852 withdrawing from the County of Los Angeles Public Library System; in July, 2013, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Calabasas to provide library services to the residents of Hidden Hills; allowing Hidden Hills residents to utilize Calabasas Library services as if they were a resident of Calabasas; on July 1, 2018, the MOU was extended for an additional five-year term and under the terms of the MOU, a representative from the City is entitled to serve as an Ex-Officio Member of the Calabasas Library Commission;

Britt Aaronson has served as the City's representative since 2013 and has expressed interest in continuing in her role as the City representative to the Calabasas Library Commission.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to reappoint Britt Aaronson as the City of Hidden Hills Ex-Officio Member of the Calabasas Library Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and Discussion of Informal Speed Study on Eldorado Meadow Road

City Engineer Lovett presented the following report:

the City Council, at their September 23 meeting, directed staff to perform an informal speed study on Eldorado Meadow Road to determine if there is a speeding problem or a stop sign on John Muir Road; state law requires speed surveys to be done every 5-10 years depending on changes in condition; the last formal speed survey done in Hidden Hills was 2013; staff utilized many tools to study and compare speeds of vehicles, including Deputy Raner with a radar gun; after review of the data, the traffic speeds in the City of Hidden Hills are in the 85% of vehicles traveling at a safe speed (which is the requirement of the California Vehicle Code).

After much discussion, the Council decided to have Deputy Raner concentrate on areas of the City where speed appears to be a problem and directed staff to continue with the original goal which was to hard wire and add radio antenna upgrades of the existing V-Calm signs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk