

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, November 14, 2005

***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, November 14, 2005 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ronald Berg called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council:	Mayor Ronald S. Berg Council Member Monty E. Fisher Council Member Steve Freedland Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia Solid Waste Coordinator Vanessa Tubaces
Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen.

### **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 November 14, 2005 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Berg made the following announcements:

City Hall, Building and Safety, and the Community Center will all be closed and there will be no inspections on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Community Association's annual meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night (Tuesday, 11/15), but as of this afternoon, only 125 proxies had been returned; 325 proxies are needed by noon on 11/15/05, or the annual meeting will have to be rescheduled for a future date; please submit your proxies.

### **AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **Coyote Trapping Program – Report**

Trapper Jimmy Rizzo presented the following report:

The Council has the written report, which lists the number of coyotes and areas where they were trapped; they did take seven coyotes, which they feel was a successful trapping program; there are still quite a few coyotes in the area, as this area is conducive to coyotes, but they feel they got the majority of the aggressive ones; the City does have a six month guarantee; if there are any coyote attacks on animals or there are coyotes showing aggressive behavior, he will return to the City for additional trapping.

In response to Mayor Berg, the City Manager stated that staff had not received any coyote complaints in the last several weeks, although she was aware that a complaint was made to Council Member Fisher by a resident who continues to hear the coyotes at night.

Council Member Siegel asked if the recent fire on Ahmanson, which burned so many acres of that property, would have any impact on the coyotes in Hidden Hills. Mr. Rizzo responded as follows:

That is not usually a problem, although you do get replacement; if this whole area went back to its natural state, it would only support one to two coyotes per square mile; the reason this City has such a high population of coyotes is because people move in and bring everything the coyotes need – pets, pet food, water, and fruit; coyotes can sustain off of fruit alone; so you have resident packs living off of the community, in which you might find ten to thirty coyotes per square mile, as they breed whatever the environment will hold; coyotes only live in dens when whelping pups, and this is not the time of the year for that; right now the coyotes are breaking up family groups and looking for mates until February; then in early summer (May and June), you see the offspring; if any coyotes were living on Ahmanson, most of them got out.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – October 24, 2005**
- B. Demand List**

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

#### **MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

##### **Report from the 11/4/05 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting/Subregional Briefing**

The report was received and filed, with Council Member Siegel adding that the meeting always provides a good opportunity for all the cities and their Federal, State, and County representatives to get together and share information.

#### **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- A. Lasher Development - Update**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following update:

Staff is reviewing and working with the consultant on the final details of the letters that will be sent in response to the comments received from public agencies, which with the draft EIR will become the final EIR; the consultant is also completing any revisions to the draft EIR resulting from the comments and response letters; staff is making every effort to schedule the public hearing for the Tentative Map and the EIR for the next agenda on 11/28/05, but it is more likely the public hearing will occur on 12/12/05.

Mayor Berg wanted to assure that the public hearing would definitely occur no later than 12/12/05, and pointed out that notices of the public hearing would be posted in the usual locations within the City, placed on Cable TV channel 3, and also sent via the City's email/fax notification system. He added that anyone who wished to comment on the project was invited to attend the public hearing, which is open to everyone.

**B. 2006 Fiesta**

Mayor Berg informed everyone that James Event Productions (the company that provides the rides and games for the Fiesta) was not available for the October 7, 2006 date, which was selected at the last Council meeting; however, this year's co-chairmen and staff are recommending that the Council approve a new date of October 14, 2006 (which does not conflict with any of the holidays at that time of the year), and also approve a \$10,000 deposit to James Event Productions to reserve that date.

Council Member Siegel suggested that before the date was finalized, staff contact the area schools to make sure there were no major scheduling conflicts. The City Manager stated that would be done, but even if there was a conflict, there really was not much opportunity to change the 10/14/06 date – earlier would conflict with the holidays, and a later date puts the event too far into the rainy season.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 to

James Event Productions as a deposit to reserve the October 14, 2006 date for the Fiesta, with the deposit being refundable up until June 1, 2006.

**C. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance Regarding Tree Removal Regulations – Second Reading**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 319 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING THE CITY'S REGULATIONS REGARDING TREES AND LIMITING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY'S TREE REMOVAL REGULATIONS TO THE COMMERCIAL ZONE.

**D. Status of Waste Hauler/Hidden Hills Franchise Agreements**

Solid Waste Coordinator Vanessa Tubaces provided the following report:

Hidden Hills currently contracts with two franchise waste haulers – Consolidated Services (Atlas) and Waste Management (GI Industries) – for all residential refuse and recycling services; the agreement with each of the haulers is due to expire September 30, 2006; the City's diversion rate has been consistently lower than the 50% mandated by the State; staff believes the two major factors are 1) the lack of initiative by the haulers to improve services and 2) the fact that the agreements are outdated and lack the provisions to implement a more effective program; on 6/29/05 staff met to discuss the agreements and hauler issues, determining that it would be in the City's best interest to seek competitive bids and amend the agreements, including additional elements as stated in her memo dated 11/9/05 included in the Council packets.

Mayor Berg asked if the current haulers would be notified by December of the City's intention to both solicit bids from qualified haulers and offer revised agreements. Ms. Tubaces said they would be notified, and that both were expected to submit proposals to continue servicing the City.

Council Member Siegel suggested that any haulers submitting proposals be directed, as a top priority, to confirm their ability to recycle manure, which should help increase the City's diversion rate. The City Manager pointed out that staff was in the process of placing one of the haulers on notice for breach of the current agreement, as that hauler has not been recycling manure, and that was another reason for the staff wanting to solicit bids.

Mayor Berg wanted to assure that there would be more than one hauler servicing the City so the residents would always have a choice. City Engineer Dirk Lovett agreed, but also wanted the Council to be aware that there are not many haulers that conduct business in this area, and that even though one other company (besides the two current haulers) has expressed an interest, there is no guarantee that additional proposals will be submitted. The Council agreed with staff's recommendation to solicit bids from any interested qualified waste haulers and to update and amend the agreement that would be offered to any accepted haulers.

**E. Charles Abbott Monthly Reports – July, August, September**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett reported that the costs were on budget. The reports were received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of November 14, 2005 at 7:40 p.m.

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Ronald S. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk