

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 13, 2006

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 13, 2006 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ronald Berg called the meeting to order and presided thereover after asking his daughter Macy Berg to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Ronald S. Berg
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen
Council Member Monty E. Fisher
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

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 March 13, 2006 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Berg made the following announcements:

At the next City Council meeting on Monday, 3/27/06, the Council will reorganize, selecting a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; he invited everyone to join the Council for refreshments after the meeting.

Congratulations to Jenna Siegel, the daughter of Council Member Stuart Siegel and his wife Peggi, who got married this past weekend.

AUDIENCE

Macy Berg made the following announcement:

She has organized a fashion show and tea as a fundraiser to benefit the victims of genocide in the Western Sudan region – Darfur; all of the money from the event will go to a Darfur fund through Jewish World Watch; people are being pushed out of this region into Chad and are being killed or are suffering from very inhumane acts such as rape; if anyone wishes to attend, contact her or Temple Judea; the event will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26th, at Temple Judea/Tarzana Campus.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of New Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team (NEAT) Member

Mayor Berg announced that resident Cheryl Morris had recently completed CERT training to become a NEAT member. The City Manager administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Morris, who was then presented with a Certificate of Completion by Mayor Berg. She also received a NEAT backpack from Emergency Services Director Jim Doran.

Council Member Siegel asked if anything had been done to correct the communication problem experienced during the Topanga fire, when Ms. Morris, who was coordinating the animal evacuation efforts, and others who were evacuating their animals, were all outside and could not communicate with each other. He pointed out that this situation was made worse because cell phones do not work well within Hidden Hills. Council Member Freedland thought the City had extra radios that could be used. Mr. Doran and Ms. Morris agreed and explained the following:

Ms. Morris will be moved inside the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), as part of the Operations section; there are certified people on the Equestrian Services Committee (ESC), some who will be able to work phones and radios at City Hall, while others can work out in the field; those in the field will be given City radios to improve communication; the City now has additional private numbers to more quickly contact Animal Control/Equine Response Team; evacuations will be started much earlier, rather than waiting until the last minute; the City Manager has scheduled a meeting for emergency personnel (from Animal Control, Hidden Hills, and Agoura Hills) at Pierce College to tour the facilities used during an evacuation, and to also discuss evacuation procedures and how we can all coordinate better during an emergency.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – February 27, 2006**
- B. Demand List**

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 and B of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Status of Waste Hauler/Hidden Hills Franchise Agreements**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following staff report:

At the 11/14/05 City Council meeting, staff was directed to amend the existing obsolete solid waste agreement and to solicit proposals from qualified waste haulers; staff has provided both the revised proposed agreement and request for proposal (RFP); no action is required by the Council, but any comments or suggested changes are welcome and can easily be incorporated into the drafts; the City currently has agreements with two waste haulers, Consolidated Disposal Service (Atlas) and GI Industries (Waste Management) that will expire at the end of September, 2006; staff has incorporated the following fifteen major changes into the new draft agreement – 1) the City may impose fines or liquidated damages to hauler(s) for co-mingling trash with other material, 2) the Contractor shall provide solid waste and recycling containers for City and Community Association use, as identified by the City, for collection free of charge, 3) debris collected in roll-off bins must be disposed of at a recycling facility permitted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, with construction debris to be at least 50% recycled, 4) solid waste and recycling containers must have visible and legible signs/decals in both English and Spanish, 5) in the event of a missed collection, the hauler will be required to pick up

missed items within 24 hours of being notified, or the hauler will be subject to a fine or liquidated damages, at the discretion of the City Engineer, 6) hauler must provide additional containers for City functions at no cost to the City at least four times per year, 7) hauler must provide outreach materials (in both English and Spanish) targeting residents and their household staffs, City staff, and Community Association staff, with the outreach materials including a training component and/or presentation to the City and Community Association staff annually, 8) the hauler must ensure compliance with AB939, or either fines or liquidated damages may be imposed, 9) the hauler shall divert manure to a composting facility, 10) City shall approve all collection rates and Contractor shall provide written notification to the City requesting rate adjustments and the reason for the adjustment, 11) a surcharge of \$1.00 per month per customer shall be paid to the City, 12) Contractor will submit monthly (rather than quarterly) report of accounts, diversion, complaints, missed collections, etc., 13) containers shall not be stored on Round Meadow, Long Valley, Jed Smith, and Spring Valley for more than two consecutive hours, nor more than four consecutive hours on other streets, 14) collection hours will be limited from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 15) special bulky item collections shall include E-waste; bids will be solicited shortly, with staff to provide a report on those bids to the Council in August for award of the contract, with the new contract period beginning October 1, 2006.

Council Member Siegel had several questions on what all was included in E-waste, and whether or not it might be more helpful to residents to provide collection events within the City (for example, at the Round Meadow parking lot) for things like batteries, paint, used oil, etc., so the residents would not have to drive to other more distant locations. Mike Smith from Waste Management explained that E-waste did include television sets, computers and monitors, etc., and that it might be possible to provide drop-off locations with limited material being accepted, if that is what the City wanted to do, although there are numerous events held throughout the year in this area. Mr. Lovett added that the County has an extensive hazardous waste collection program, and that there are often collections in Calabasas and Malibu.

Council Member Freedland expressed some concerns with having hazardous waste collected in the City (as you never quite know what people might bring), and thought it was best done in locations that were more suited to these events, such as the Calabasas landfill, which offers hazardous waste collections probably four times a year (where those collecting the waste actually

wear protective suits). He suggested that all the events held in this area be promoted and advertised more heavily by staff, so the residents would know when opportunities were presented to dispose of hazardous waste.

In response to Mayor Berg, the City Manager stated that the City does require the haulers to conduct a bulky item pick-up once a year, and that this event could also include E-waste. She also pointed out that certain hazardous waste events, if conducted within the City, would most likely require permits and the proper equipment for the collection and disposal of materials.

Mayor Berg introduced Marilyn Gallagher and Michael Smith from Waste Management/GI Industries, and also James Castro from Consolidated Disposal Service (Atlas), all of whom were in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Berg then invited them to address the Council.

Mr. Smith stated the following:

He is the Market Area Manager for GI Industries, with the office being in Simi Valley; he has been with the company for 30 years; they have a lot of experience in this area with all waste streams; they also own the Simi Valley landfill, which is permitted for 25 years; they are working on an expansion to provide 50 years of life for the landfill; what many people do not know is that there are two 16-cylinder generators at the landfill, powered by methane gas, that produce enough electricity to power 2500 homes in Simi Valley; so they are taking waste and using green energy to give back to the community through this program that they have with SCE; they have been servicing this area for seven years, when they purchased Hillside; this was done about the same time that original owner Charley Caspary sold Atlas, which is now Consolidated Disposal Service, represented this evening by James Castro; they service many areas, picking up about 100,000 customers a week; of all the service areas, this is one of the most unique; however, they have very little trouble, but if mistakes are made, they try to rectify them quickly; they enjoy working with the City staff; they service a little over 500 homes in Hidden Hills, and feel that they have met any demands placed on them, whether recycling, time change, etc.; the City may go out to bid, but both companies have been here a long time and know what it takes to provide service here; it does require special handling, which they are proud to do; they were recently awarded the CSD in Bell Canyon, and that did go out for competitive bids; they ended up with prices there that are considerably more, service for

service, than residents here pay; they are proud to be a community partner, and do have the City's best interest at heart; there is nothing on the list of proposed changes to the agreement that they cannot provide or work on with the City – the changes are within their reach to accommodate.

Mr. Castro then addressed the Council:

He is fairly new to the company, and to this area, transferring from another location; this is definitely a unique situation here; there has been some talk about his company consolidating different locations; they are talking with Waste Management and working out details; but going forward, they are happy to please the community; they have made some strides in the last few months to improve their diversion; they are looking forward to working with everyone; they do provide general roll off, commercial, and residential in various areas in the West Valley, San Fernando Valley, and Santa Clarita Valley.

Council Member Siegel asked for additional information regarding Mr. Castro's comments on consolidating. Mr. Castro replied that the City's Environmental Coordinator Vanessa Tubaces had asked him if Consolidated was considering trading or selling this portion of their business, and his response to that question is that there are always talks, but nothing has been agreed to in writing.

Mr. Smith added the following comments:

There has been quite a bit of discussion regarding this lately; they cannot disclose that much information at this time, as no documents have been signed; they are working toward closure of an agreement with Consolidated by the end of this month, but they are not there yet; nothing is taken for granted, and since these matters are governed by the bodies they serve, when the documents have been completed, they will be requesting the City's permission for this transaction to allow a transfer.

B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - January

The report was 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 March 13, 2006 at 7:58 p.m.

Ronald S. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk