

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 9, 2009

***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 9, 2009 at the hour of 7:30 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 Larry Weber  
Council Member Monty E. Fisher  
Council Member Jim Cohen  
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz  
Building Official Greg Robinson  
City Engineer Dirk Lovett  
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 9, 2009 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Freedland made the following announcement:

The annual spring food drive starts this Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and continues through Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>; call City Hall for more details.

## **AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

## **2009 FIESTA**

### **A. Consideration of Approval of 2009 Fiesta Budget**

Resident Bonnie Frank, Co-chairman of this year's Fiesta, provided the following information:

The other Co-chairman is Susan Sanett, along with assistance from Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill; the proposed budget for the 2009 Fiesta shows an increase over last year's, as a result of a slight increase in the games/rides proposal (package one); the vendor has provided a second package proposal with one less "kiddie" ride, which would bring the cost down to that of last year.

Mayor Freedland asked about the \$0 income last year for wine and beer, and why the expected income from the sale of wristbands was so low in the proposed budget based on the amount sold last year. The City Manager responded as follows:

The food vendor was supposed to provide to the City \$1 per glass of beer and wine sold the night of the Fiesta; unfortunately, that vendor declared bankruptcy right after the Fiesta, resulting in that expected income of \$300 not being paid; regarding the sale of wristbands, staff is never sure how many will be sold the day of the Fiesta, since every dinner ticket comes with a wristband; however, that amount of expected income could probably safely be raised from \$2700 to \$3000.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the budget for the 2009 Fiesta as proposed (showing package one from the games/rides vendor), with the exception of the increase to \$3000 of expected income from the sale of wristbands, resulting in a budget showing expenses of \$82,125, income of \$32,100, and a net loss of \$50,325.

**B. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from In-N-Out Burger to Provide Lunch at the Community Center**

Co-chairman Bonnie Frank and the City Manager reported that this year's proposal was exactly the same as last year's, and that the City would make sure both trucks were used to serve people so the lines would not be as long as last year, when only one of the trucks was serving. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the In-N-Out Burger Mobile Unit Agreement to provide two trucks with two hours of service time each (from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) for the 2009 Fiesta at a minimum cost of \$2700, with a \$500 deposit due by 3/20/09.

**C. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Helm & Sons Amusements to Provide the Games and Rides, and Payment of Deposit to Reserve Date of October 17, 2009**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from Helm & Sons Amusements (package one) to provide the games and rides for the 2009 Fiesta at a cost of \$34,000, with a \$15,000 deposit to be paid after Helm & Sons agrees to and signs the required City agreement.

**D. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from A Rental Connection for Rentals of Tables/Chairs, Electricity/Lights, and Other Miscellaneous Equipment**

In response to Council Member Siegel, the City Manager explained that no other proposals were obtained for this equipment, as this company has been providing for the planning and placement of the equipment for a long time and knows exactly what is needed, how much is needed, and where it is needed to make sure there are no problems during the Fiesta. Council Member Siegel suggested that additional proposals be obtained next year. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from A Rental Connection to provide miscellaneous equipment,

lights, and electricity for the 2009 Fiesta at a cost of \$11,497.73, subject to the signing by A Rental Connection of the required City agreement.

**E. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Katy's Cool Company to Provide Ice Cream Treats**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the proposal from Katy's Cool Company to provide ice cream treats during both the morning and evening festivities for the 2009 Fiesta, at no cost to the City, and with Katy's Cool Company to donate 20% of its gross profits from the day's sales to the City.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – February 23, 2009**
- B. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, 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 STAFF**

- A. Consideration of Approval of Agreement Between the City of Hidden Hills and the City of Agoura Hills to Exchange Economic Stimulus Funds**

The City Manager explained the proposed agreement. After a short discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Agreement Between the City of Hidden Hills and the City of Agoura Hills to Exchange Economic Stimulus Funds, subject to final approval by the City Attorney and approval by the City of Agoura Hills.

**B. Consideration of Approval of Notice of Completion for the City Hall Parking Lot and Spring Valley Road Slurry Seal Project**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following staff report:

Last December the Council awarded a contract to American Asphalt South in the amount of \$29,501 to slurry seal and restripe the City's parking lots and roadway outside the Burbank gate; the work was completed in January; staff was authorized a 10% contingency, which was used along with an additional \$90 due to the amount of cracked and broken asphalt that needed patching; this resulted in a total cost for the project of \$32,543.50; he would recommend that the work be accepted as complete, that the City Clerk record a Notice of Completion, and that the retention be released upon satisfactory clearance of the 35 day lien period.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the City Hall parking lot and Spring Valley Road slurry seal project as complete, authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion, and authorize the release of the 10% retention upon satisfactory clearance of the 35 day lien period.

**C. Consideration of Approval of Increased Mileage Reimbursement Rate**

The City Manager informed the Council that this mileage rate was set every year by the Internal Revenue Service, and that the City had not increased its rate since 2005. She added that the cost to the City for mileage is very low since the only two employees who receive the benefit are the Bookkeeper (for trips to the bank) and the Deputy City Clerk for miscellaneous trips. Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for City employees from the current 40.5 cents per mile to 55 cents per mile, as set by the Internal Revenue Service to be effective January 1, 2009.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Public Employee Negotiator: City Attorney**  
**Unrepresented Employees: City Manager, Deputy City Clerk and Bookkeeper**

**B. Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c):**  
**Number of Potential Cases: 1**

**C. Anticipated Litigation**  
**Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)**  
**Number of Potential Cases: 2**

At this time, Assistant City Attorney Steve Orr (by telephone) joined the meeting. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 7:56 p.m., at which time City Attorney Roxanne Diaz announced that the Council in closed session would be discussing the items listed above.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 9:17 p.m., at which time City Attorney Diaz announced that the Council in closed session discussed the items listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 9, 2009 at 9:18 p.m.

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Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk