

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 8, 2010

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 8, 2010 at the hour of 7:31 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 Council Member Jim Cohen Council Member Larry Goldberg Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett Building Official Greg Robinson City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Larry Weber

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Goldberg and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 8, 2010 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, so don't forget to turn all of your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening; this is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Cohen's son Brian (3/10).

The City Council will be conducting its annual reorganization at the next meeting (3/22).

The City is currently working on its application to Google requesting to become a test site for a new high speed broadband service; the Council would like to encourage residents to complete an individual application online to show that the City has a lot of support from the community.

Council Member Cohen reminded everyone that the Every 15 Minute Program was being presented at Calabasas High School on 3/22-23/10, and he would recommend attendance for Council Members and anyone else who has not experienced this program, which is very worthwhile.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PRESENTATION

Introduction of New Lost Hills Sheriff Station Captain Joe Stephen

Mayor Freedland introduced and welcomed, on behalf of the Council, the new Captain of the Lost Hills Station, Captain Joe Stephen, who addressed the Council as follows:

He is really delighted to be here; working in this community has been an easy transition for him, as the community has welcomed him with open arms; he has been with the Department for twenty-five years, starting out in the County Jail in 1985; he then went to patrol in the Marina del Rey area, worked at the Century and Compton Stations after being promoted to Sergeant in 2000, and then spent 1½ years at the Malibu/Lost Hills Station after promoting to Lieutenant in 2005; at that time he served as the Lieutenant liaison for Westlake Village; he then worked recruitment for one year, at the Community College Bureau for one year, and most recently served as the Executive Aide in the office of Undersheriff Larry Waldie, the second in command; on December 18, 2009 he was promoted to Captain.

Mayor Freedland commented on the great relationship that this City has with the Sheriff's Department, and suggested that Captain Stephen contact the Council and/or staff if there is anything he ever needs, as the City is always ready to help.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – February 22, 2010**
- B. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A (with Council Member Goldberg abstaining on Item 11A of the minutes, for which he had to recuse himself) and B of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Consideration of Approval of an Ordinance Readopting the City of Hidden Hills Zoning Map – Second Reading**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett informed the Council Members that the final map was displayed on the wall, with copies in their packets, and that the typographical errors had been corrected since the last meeting when the ordinance was introduced and given first reading. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 330 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS READOPTING

THE ZONING MAP AND AMENDING ARTICLE B OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. Round Meadow/Long Valley Road Utility Undergrounding Project - Update

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following staff report:

Staff is still working with two of the utilities on revised plans and easements; there were revisions requested by one of the residents in the area, and mistakes were found by the contractor during the walk-through; hopefully within the next two months we will have those revised plans and the easement documents; staff is continually pushing Southern California Edison to move forward, as this is a high priority for the City.

C. Building and Safety Cost Tracking

The following staff report was provided by Building Official Greg Robinson:

Based on plan check and permit revenues received through January, 2010, the funds balance is estimated at \$98,893.90, up from the \$54,603.59 from last July; this is due to increased building activity in recent months; he would recommend that the funds balance be increased to the \$98,893.90, and that staff be directed to recalculate this amount in six months.

In response to Mayor Freedland and Council Member Siegel, Building Official Robinson stated that the building activity has definitely increased, a bit unique in this economy, with permits being issued for both some new homes and some major renovations.

Council Member Cohen asked how this fund balance affected the financial statement and revenues. The City Manager explained the following:

This funds balance is just a set-aside on the financial statement that shows how much the City would have to spend to final the outstanding permits that have already been issued, with fees collected at the time of issuance; it involves general fund money that is just earmarked for this purpose so it does not get spent on something else; it does not affect the income or revenues at all.

Mayor Freedland, with agreement from the rest of the Council Members, directed staff to revise the Building and Safety Department funds balance (estimated costs to complete the current workload) to \$98,893.90, and to recalculate this funds balance in approximately six months.

D. 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 Goldberg and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 8, 2010 at 7:43 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk