

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 26, 2012

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 26, 2012 at the hour of 7:32 p.m. Mayor Jim Cohen called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:	Mayor Jim Cohen Mayor Pro Tem Stuart E. Siegel Council Member Steve Freedland Council Member Marv Landon Council Member Larry G. Weber
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 26, 2012 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cohen made the following announcements:

Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments, all thanks to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill, who made almost everything herself.

Happy Birthday to City Attorney Roxanne Diaz's son Matthew, who will be eight years old on Monday, April 2nd.

Good Friday will be celebrated Friday, April 6th, with Easter on Sunday, April 8th.

There is still time to sign up for the free CERT classes that are scheduled to begin in Hidden Hills on Thursday, April 12th; call City Hall for more details.

The City Manager pointed out that if more people did not sign up for the CERT classes, which have been advertised a lot (both City and Association newsletters, cable TV, personal calls from the Public Safety Commissioners), the classes will need to be cancelled. As suggested by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, email notifications may be sent out if necessary.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

A. Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Cohen

Presentations were made to outgoing Mayor Jim Cohen by the following:

Max Reyes, Senior Field Representative – representing State Senator Fran Pavley's Office (certificate);

Cindy Iser, Board President/Dr. Donald Zimring, Superintendent/Dan Stepenosky, Superintendent Designee – representing the Las Virgenes Unified School District (certificate);

Charles Caspary, Board Director/Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs & Communication Manager – representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (plaque);

Lt. Matt Squire, City liaison – representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Malibu/Lost Hills Station;

Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative – representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department;

David Shapiro, Council Member – representing the City of Calabasas.

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel read and presented to Mayor Cohen a certificate from State Assembly Member Julia Brownley. Outgoing Mayor Cohen was then presented with a clock by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel on behalf of the entire Council and staff.

B. Remarks by Outgoing Mayor Cohen

Mayor Cohen stated the following:

Even though he is receiving the accolades this evening, it is the whole Council that deserves those accolades; it has been a fast, quiet year in which the Council has dealt with a real estate development, landscaping on both corners of the Round Meadow/Mureau intersection as well as at City Hall, and the installation of a new generator; he feels the City has good relationships with the Community Association, both the Sheriff and Fire Departments, the Las Virgenes Unified School District, and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; the two most important events of the year were the Fiesta celebrating the City's 50th anniversary (led by Lisa Moriarity, Bonnie Frank and Bret Katz), and the recognition of the achievements of the Hidden Hills youth; he would like to thank the staff, who are all very cooperative, and the four Council Members who are dedicated to the residents and to making this a good, safe City; and he'd lastly like to thank everyone for putting up with his sort of weird sense of humor.

C. Remarks by Other Council Members

The four Council Members and the City Manager all thanked Mayor Cohen for a very good year, and his leadership and involvement during the year, in spite of having to deal with some health issues.

D. Selection of Mayor

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Siegel to serve as the next Mayor. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Stuart Siegel as the new Mayor.

E. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to nominate Council Member Freedland to serve as the next Mayor Pro Tem. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Steve Freedland as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

F. Remarks by Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Siegel commented as follows:

He is looking forward to another quiet year; there are some interesting projects coming up; the City is working on a library project with the Las Virgenes Unified School District, which will hopefully be beneficial for the students and the District; he believes in a community of this size, things should run smoothly and quietly.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland added his comments:

He has been on this Council with Mayor Siegel for ten to twelve years; he believes this entire Council works very well together, and is looking forward to another quiet and productive year; even though the Council Members often joke and don't take themselves seriously, they do all take their jobs seriously; it is a pleasure for him to serve with all the other Council Members.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports – January and February

The following report was provided by the City's liaison Lt. Matt Squire:

During the month of February there were no Part I crimes and no noteworthy incidents; 35 traffic citations were issued, with 24 of those being hazardous, 10 non-hazardous, and 1 for parking; the p.m. and early morning crews have been addressing some issues (some partying and drinking, and illegal parking between the hours of 3:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.); there has been a local transient (of whom the Detective Bureau is aware) seen by residents and the Deputies in the City; Deputies are keeping an eye out for him; there have been no related burglaries, but residents should always watch for anything suspicious and call the Station if anything out of the ordinary is noted.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports – January and February

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan presented the following report:

There were no fires in January, although there was a downed power line on Long Valley Road; February was a very quiet month with three medical response calls, three false alarm calls, and again no fires.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – March 12, 2012**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – February**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – February**

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

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Charles Abbott Monthly Report – February

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 26, 2012 at 8:02 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk