

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, December 10, 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, December 10, 2012 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart E. Siegel called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the December 10, 2012 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Freedland tomorrow (12/11).

Don't forget about the toy drive, which goes through 12/21; drop new, unwrapped toys in the bins behind each gatehouse.

City Hall and the Building Department will be closed from noon on Monday, 12/24/12, through Tuesday, 1/1/13, for the holidays; there will be no inspections during this time period; happy holidays to all and be safe.

The City Council meeting scheduled for 12/24/12 and the Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for 12/25/12 have both been canceled.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland wished a very Happy Anniversary (Wednesday, 12/12) to Mayor Siegel and his wife Peggi.

AUDIENCE

Community Association Board Member Bret Katz announced that the Winter Social would be held at 11:00 a.m. on January 6th. He also would like the Council, when it gets closer to Halloween this year, to look at perhaps closing some of the roads or looking at other ways to provide greater safety for the children who are trick-or-treating in the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – November 26, 2012**
- B. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber 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. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Los Angeles County Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure Proposed by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District**

The City Manager informed the Council of the following:

Los Angeles County recently sent, to all 2.2 million property owners within the L.A. County Flood Control District, notice of a public hearing to be held by the Board of Supervisors in January; the hearing is to consider a Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure to establish an annual clean water fee which would be collected along with property taxes; each notice listed a property and the estimated cost of the annual fee for that property; the fee is calculated by estimating the amount of water runoff based on the amount of impervious area on the property; for a 5,000-10,000 square foot lot with a single family residence, the cost is estimated to be around \$54, with the highest fee for a lot with a single family residence being around \$84; the notice also included a protest form which could be returned if the property owner was opposed to this measure and the implementation of such a fee; if 50% of the property owners return the protest form, which is very unlikely, the measure would be dead; otherwise, the Board of Supervisors, at the public hearing, can call for an election, with one vote per property; 40% of the money collected would go to cities, 50% to Watershed Area Groups (WAGs), and 10% to the County for administration; it is estimated that Hidden Hills would receive about \$25,000 from this measure if it were to pass; however, the fee the City would have to pay based on the properties the City owns is around \$9500; some of those fees appear to be way higher than they should be, and could be appealed if the measure passes.

After a short discussion regarding the measure, what the fees could be used for by each City, whether or not any of the protest forms should be returned by the City, etc., no action was taken.

B. City Clerk Certification that There Are Not More Candidates than Offices to be Elected for the General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The City Manager provided the following staff report:

A general municipal election was scheduled for March 5, 2013 to fill two seats on the Council, those seats being currently held by Mayor Pro Tem Freedland and Council Member Cohen; the filing period for the election closed this past Friday (12/7/12) at 5:00 p.m., with only the two incumbents filing papers; the Council thus has three choices as follows: 1) appoint those who have been nominated, which would be the two incumbents who have successfully and properly filed their papers, 2) appoint any eligible voter if no one has been nominated, or 3) hold the election, which would cost the City an estimated \$10,000 - \$12,000; a notice of these facts will be published and posted on December 12, 2012; after the fifth day following the date of publication but before December 20, 2012, the City Council must meet to either make the appointments or direct that an election be held; therefore staff would recommend that this meeting tonight be adjourned to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/18/12, to allow the Council to adopt the appropriate resolution to cancel the election and appoint the two incumbents.

As there were no questions, the Council directed staff to prepare the necessary resolution to cancel the 3/5/13 general municipal election, and to present that resolution for consideration at an adjourned regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/18/12.

C. 2012 Fiesta – Final Report

The City Manager reported that three expense items had not been submitted for reimbursement, and most likely would not be submitted, so the report is as accurate as possible, showing both income and expenses being a bit more than budgeted. The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved, at 7:47 p.m., to adjourn the regular meeting of December 10, 2012 to Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk