

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, May 13, 2013

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, May 13, 2013 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 Marv Landon
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the May 13, 2013 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

Congratulations to the Community Association for a great adult welcome party this past Saturday; it was a lot of fun; a special thanks to Lisa Austin and Debra Spellman for all their work on the event.

Happy birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Landon's wife Jill (5/20).

City Hall, the Community Center, and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, 5/27/13, in honor of Memorial Day; the City Council meeting scheduled for that evening has been cancelled.

Council Member Weber congratulated his daughter and former City videographer Aubrey Weber, who graduated yesterday from Gonzaga University.

The City Manager reminded everyone that staff was always looking for information like this to place in the City's newsletter under the "Share Your Good News" section.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Introduction of New Lost Hills Sheriff Station Captain Patrick Davoren

Mayor Freedland introduced Patrick Davoren, the new Captain at the Lost Hills Sheriff Station, stating that the Council and staff were looking forward to working with him, and that if there was ever anything the City could do to help, Captain Davoren should not hesitate to ask.

B. Presentation to Former Public Safety Commissioner Mark Deitch

Mayor Freedland, on behalf of the City Council, thanked and presented a plaque to his friend and outgoing Public Safety Commissioner Mark Deitch, who has served on the Public Safety Commission for eight years, from 5/1/05 - 4/30/13. Mr. Deitch stated that it was a pleasure

working with the other four Commissioners, that it was great to be able to serve his community, and that he was very thankful for the opportunity.

C. Introduction of New Public Safety Commissioner and Oath of Office to Recently Appointed Public Safety Commissioners

Mayor Freedland introduced resident and the honorable Judge John Doyle, and then announced that the Council had recently reappointed to the Public Safety Commission Jim Doran and Gabe Nussbaum, and had appointed the newest Commissioner Michael Bloom, his friend and neighbor who grew up in Hidden Hills. Mayor Freedland thanked all three of the Commissioners, expressing the Council's appreciation for their willingness to serve.

Judge Doyle administered the oath of office to each of the appointed Commissioners. He praised Mr. Doran for his role in addressing the school traffic at Round Meadow School, as he can attest to how well it works when he drives through there every morning. Mr. Doran said that much of the thanks goes to the Lost Hills Traffic Sergeant Phil Brooks, who has worked on this traffic for years.

Mr. Nussbaum, who has lived in the City for twenty years, stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve his community, and he is glad to be a part of the community and to serve on the Commission. Mr. Bloom expressed his excitement to be a part of Hidden Hills in a more official way, and thanked the Council for this opportunity.

D. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Agreement with All City Management Services for Crossing Guards at Round Meadow School for the 2013-2014 School Year

The City Manager provided the following report:

All City Management provides crossing guard services every year for Round Meadow School; they have provided an amendment to extend their current contract with the City for another year; they are proposing to keep the hourly rate the same at \$15.72/hour; they

provide three crossing guards who each serve 3.5 hours a day for a total of 10.5 hours per day for approximately 180 school days, resulting in an estimated cost of \$29,711.00; staff is recommending approval of the amendment.

In response to Mayor Freedland, Mayor Pro Tem Landon said he was satisfied with the \$1 million general insurance policy and \$4 million umbrella policy that the company carries. Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Amendment to Agreement between All City Management Services, Inc. and the City of Hidden Hills for Providing School Crossing Guard Services at a cost of not to exceed \$29,711 for approximately 1890 hours of service (3.5 hours per day for each of the three guards for 180 school days in the year at \$15.72 per hour per guard).

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **City Council Minutes - April 8, 2013**
- B. **Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, 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

Consideration of Approval of Proposal from AMT Systems Inc. to Update the Council Chambers Outdated Video and Audio Equipment

The City Manager informed the Council that there have been recent problems with broadcasting the meetings, and that it was time for an upgrade to the system that AMT has been servicing for some time. She added that Tim Sutton from AMT, who was in attendance to answer any questions, provided a proposal for the following: a base system with controller for \$10,324.85; a base system with optional switcher/controller for \$12,198.05, which is probably more than the City needs; and a DVD recorder upgrade for \$620.20.

Council Member Cohen asked if there was a way to place a tape of the meeting (not simultaneously with the meetings) on the Internet for future viewing by residents. Mr. Sutton stated the following:

If the Council is talking about live-streaming, that is different than what is being proposed; a DVD record option would provide for an electronic file immediately; there may be a way to upload more efficiently after every meeting; it would be a fairly simple conversion process to go from the DVD format to live-streaming, but there would be labor costs.

The City Manager said that she has spoken to numerous residents who do not want the live-streaming on the Internet, once they know what it involves. Council Member Weber suggested that instead of placing anything on the Internet, that the meetings be shown in continuous broadcasts on channel 3. Mr. Sutton said that would be possible as long as the DVD player in the system has the looping option.

Council Member Siegel asked if there was a reason to keep a record of the meetings online (in perhaps a data file of some type) that could be accessed as a service to the community. That question led to a discussion during which the following points were made:

This might raise some privacy issues for residents, especially those who speak at meetings; perhaps the showing of meetings continuously on the loop would help, although that does not address the fact that many people in the community no longer have channel 3; if the proposed upgrade was completed at this time, to switch later to live-streaming or an archived system on the Internet could probably be completed for an additional \$1500; as this raises some policy and legal issues, it might make more sense at this time to complete the proposed upgrade, and then take some time to investigate which direction the Council might want to go in the future in relation to Internet use.

In response to Mayor Freedland, Mr. Sutton explained that the deluxe system (the more costly base system with the optional switcher/controller) adds a switcher to go between the three cameras much more smoothly for a nicer presentation. The Council did not feel that was necessary. In response to Council Member Siegel, the City Manager said that staff was very comfortable with this company, as their personnel are very responsive, very familiar with the

system they have helped design over the years, very loyal, and very familiar with the Charter Cable personnel and system to which this is connected.

Mayor Pro Tem Landon asked if the \$1500 to cover the change to a live-streaming format would be the same even if the decision to do this was made at a later date. Mr. Sutton said that price would remain the same, as it was just a matter of obtaining a different type of recorder. In response to Council Member Weber, Mr. Sutton explained the following:

this is an integrated system, so the exact switcher being suggested could not be added later; however, there would be other options, but it would not be as economical as it would be at this time; the system is designed for approximately ten years - not that the equipment would fail after that time, but because technology changes so rapidly; all of this system is based on standard definition; there really is no need to go to HD, which is much more expensive and overkill; however, if the City wanted to broadcast in HD, the system would still work but there would be a notable difference.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from AMT Systems Inc. to furnish and install a base system with controller for \$10,324.85, and a DVD recorder upgrade for \$620.20 (for a total not to exceed \$11,000), subject to AMT Systems Inc. signing a City agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of May 13, 2013 at 8:01 p.m.



Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk