

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, July 22, 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, July 22, 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 Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the July 22, 2013 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

The City is looking for Fiesta volunteers; the date is Saturday and Sunday, 9/21 and 9/22; a letter was sent to all new residents; the Council would like to encourage everyone who would like to get involved and meet new people to volunteer for the event; call City Hall.

Happy birthday to City Attorney Roxanne Diaz (7/30), and a belated happy birthday to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill (7/19).

Happy anniversary to Bret and Danielle Katz.

Council Member Siegel reminded everyone that the Burbank gate would be closed on Tuesday.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - June

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan provided the following report:

During the month of June there were 9 responses, including 6 medical, 1 false alarm, and 2 snake removals; there are 583 parcels in the City, all of which have had their initial brush clearance inspection; 19 of those 583, which is only 3%, were not in compliance; 2 of those 19 have since come into compliance, and the 17 others are still working on it since their 30 days is not yet up; brush compliance in the entire Battalion is actually looking very good.

Council Member Siegel said he recently had a rattlesnake on his property, as did his neighbors, so residents should definitely be alert to the fact that rattlesnakes are out.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - June

Captain Patrick Davoren addressed the Council, stating there was one theft during the month of June, and even though burglaries are up compared to the same time period last year, there were

none during the month other than the home invasion robbery that just occurred. He provided information and answered Council questions on that home invasion robbery as follows:

this is a pending case that was filed with the DA; deputies responded to the incident around 9:40 a.m. on 7/14/13; Deputy Knott observed the victim in the doorway behind the suspect (a prior resident), so chose not to fire his weapon to protect that victim; because of his actions in taking down the suspect, Deputy Knott, who is an experienced mature deputy, will be given a commendable restraint commendation; the 75 year old suspect, who had a lot of equipment consistent with home invasion robberies, is in custody; search warrants were issued, a lot of evidence has been recovered, it is a strong case, and hopefully other crimes may be cleared; they always look at prints and other similar incidents to see if there is any connection; in general, the Sheriff's Department is making a lot of progress in this whole area in connecting and clearing cases, in particular burglaries.

Detective Jill Greenwood and Deputy Robert DeSantis joined the Captain, and further discussed the home invasion robbery with the Council. Per Detective Greenwood, this is still a pending case being investigated, but it could clear up additional crimes committed earlier in the City and should definitely result in a significant decrease in crime.

Council Member Siegel pointed out that it would seem to be very difficult to prevent a crime such as this one, whereby the suspect was known to people in the community as a former resident, and had access through the gate. Mayor Freedland suggested that residents should make sure if someone comes to their door that they have proper identification, and that even though this is a gated community, residents have to take personal responsibility for their safety and should be using their home alarms and locking doors, vehicles, etc.

Deputy DeSantis agreed, giving the following advice:

if the gate guards or anyone in the City see something that looks suspicious or just doesn't seem right, or if they feel uncomfortable about something, they should call the Sheriff; deputies will come to investigate, and if it is nothing, that's okay - at least it was checked out; the Sheriff's Department always encourages residents to lock their doors and windows, lock their vehicles, and don't leave items in plain sight; people often leave doors or sliding glass doors open for pets, or leave windows open for ventilation, and that just should not be done, especially at night when people are sleeping, but not even during the day.

Captain Davoren added that if someone comes to the door stating that they are from the Sheriff's Department, residents should ask to see their identification, and if they are still uncomfortable, they should not hesitate to call the Lost Hills Station or 911 for verification, as there are definitely people out there who impersonate police officers. The City Manager stated that an article will appear in the next newsletter with information provided by our liaison Lt. Matt Squire regarding what the Captain was just talking about, along with a reminder to lock doors and windows, report anything suspicious, etc. She added that another very important thing residents need to remember is that they should call 911 in an emergency situation, rather than calling City Hall, the Community Center, or the gate houses, which just delays the response time. Council Member Weber agreed, wondering why that happens so often, as residents in a larger city would never do that - plus he felt residents should be told they should not be telling news reporters that no one in the City locks their doors.

In response to Council Member Siegel, Deputy DeSantis explained the following:

if an emergency 911 call is made on a land line, it is no longer dispatched to the California Highway Patrol (CHP); the call does go directly to the Lost Hills Station; when a call is made on a land line, the address (from where the call is being made) comes up on the screen, even if the phone is dropped or someone hangs it up; cell phones do not have that sophistication yet, and only give a general area, not an address; so if someone needs help and dials 911 from a land line, even if they can't talk into the phone, they should still leave the phone off the hook and the line open if possible so that address will show at the Station and the Sheriff can respond.

The Mayor and Council Members thanked the Captain and all the Sheriff personnel for a job well done, especially in relation to the home invasion robbery.

C. Consideration of Issuance of Proclamation for National Night Out 2013

Mayor Freedland read the proclamation for National Night Out 2013, and then presented the proclamation to Captain Patrick Davoren.

2013 FIESTA

- A. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from A Rental Connection for Rentals of Tables/Chairs, Electricity/Lights, and Other Miscellaneous Equipment and Payment of \$2500 Deposit**
- B. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Bubble Rollers for Swimming Pool Activities at the Community Center and Payment of \$700 Deposit**
- C. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Better Music Services to Provide a DJ During the Community Center Activities**
- D. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Outdoor Grill to Provide Saturday Night Dinner and Payment of \$9,647.03 Deposit**
- E. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Party Faces to Provide Face Painting During the Evening Activities**
- F. Consideration of Approval of Bernard's Wine Gallery to Provide Wine and Beer During the Evening Activities**
- G. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Carnival Midway Attractions to Provide Rides and Games, and Payment of Deposit to Reserve Date of September 21, 2013**
- H. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Fry Girls Catering Truck for the Community Center Activities and Payment of \$500 Deposit**
- I. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Sports N' More to Provide Lifeguards at the Community Center**
- J. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Hu'i Hu'i Shave Ice to Provide Shave Ice Treats During the Community Center Activities and the Evening Activities**

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Landon, the City Manager stated that all of the proposals were as expected, except the one for the dinner, which was approximately \$300 more than in the approved Fiesta budget. Council Member Cohen said he was originally concerned about paying deposits to some of the smaller vendors, but since they were all previously used vendors, the deposits were acceptable to him.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to: 1) approve the proposal from A Rental Connection in the amount of \$14,734.26 for the rentals of tables/chairs, electricity/lights, and other miscellaneous equipment, and payment of a \$2,500 deposit; 2) approve the proposal from The Bubble Rollers in the amount of \$1,400 for swimming pool activities at the Community Center, and payment of a \$700 deposit; 3) approve the proposal from Better Music Services in the amount of \$400 to provide a DJ during the Community Center activities; 4) approve the proposal from The Outdoor Grill in the amount of \$19,294.05 to provide the Saturday night dinner, and payment of a \$9,647.03 deposit; 5) approve the proposal from Party Faces in the amount of \$700 to provide face painting during the evening activities; 6) approve Bernard's Wine Gallery as the vendor to provide beer and wine during the evening activities; 7) approve the proposal from The Fry Girl Catering Truck in the amount of \$1,000 to provide food items during the Community Center activities, and payment of a \$500 deposit; 8) approve the proposal from Sports N' More in the amount of \$225 to provide lifeguards at the Community Center; 9) approve the proposal from Hu'i Hu'i Shave Ice to provide shave ice treats during both the Community Center activities and the evening activities; and 10) continue item G regarding Carnival Midway Attractions as that proposal has not yet been submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - June 10, 2013**
- B. City Council Minutes - June 24, 2013**
- C. City Council Minutes - July 8, 2013**
- D. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A (with Council Members Siegel and Weber abstaining on this item as they were not in attendance at the meeting), B (with

Council Member Siegel abstaining on this item as he was not in attendance at the meeting), C, and D of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 7/16/13 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Community Association Board Member Bret Katz informed the Council of the following:

the Board approved additional funds for the slurry seal, as the original bid was for type I slurry instead of what should have been type II slurry; instead of tearing out and redoing the Ashley area, slurry sealing will be done there more frequently, which will cost less; the Board approved the purchase of new speakers for the Community Center, funding for an upcoming senior potluck, a telephone contract, and a contract with Charter for a cable modem; they are also in the process of improving the video cameras at the gate and equipment for license plate recognition.

B. Report from 7/16/13 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

The following report was presented by Council Member Siegel:

he was recently elected as the new President of the COG, which results in the meetings for the next year being held here in Hidden Hills; MTA approved the advancement of \$10 million to the COG in Measure R funding (from the total amount already approved for the COG), with \$7 million of the funding for the Calabasas Lost Hills interchange project, and \$3 million for the Westlake Village Lindero Canyon interchange project, both of which projects should be beneficial for the entire area; the Executive Director will be evaluated at the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Charles Abbott Monthly Report - June

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 Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of July 22, 2013 at 7:57 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk