

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 28, 2016

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**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 28, 2016 at the hour of 7:32 p.m. Mayor Larry Weber called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council:	Mayor Larry G. Weber Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cohen Council Member Steve Freedland Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Marv Landon

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 28, 2016 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

It was announced at the last meeting, but since he wasn't here, we would like to again wish Council Member Siegel a belated Happy Birthday (3/25).

Happy Birthday to City Attorney Roxanne Diaz's son Matthew (he'll be 12 on 4/2), and to one of our Building Officials, Renee Meriaux (4/7).

City Clerk Deana Graybill will be celebrating her 26th anniversary with the City on 4/10.

Please stay after the meeting for a small reception and refreshments, all thanks to City Clerk Deana Graybill, who made most of the refreshments herself.

### **AUDIENCE**

Steve Fazio and Janice Kamenir-Reznik, both of whom are running for the 27th Senate District seat being vacated by Senator Fran Pavley, addressed the Council, each providing background information, their qualifications, and their goals if elected.

Patrea Patrick introduced herself, stating her qualifications and reasons for running for the 30th United States Congressional District, the office now held by Congressman Brad Sherman.

### **REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL**

- A. Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Weber**
- B. Remarks by Outgoing Mayor Weber**
- C. Remarks by Other Council Members**

Presentations were made to outgoing Mayor Weber by the following:

District Representative Sarah Tamor - representing Senator Fran Pavley's office (certificate);  
District Director Matthew Vallecilla - representing Congressman Brad Sherman's office (American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in DC and a certificate).

The following then addressed Mayor Weber, praising and thanking him for his past year of service as Mayor: Las Virgenes Unified School District/Board Member Mathy Wasserman; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department/Lost Hills Station Lieutenant and City liaison Christina Baker and Deputy Robert DeSantis; Las Virgenes Municipal Water District/Division 1 Director Charlie Caspary; Los Angeles County Fire Department/Community Services Representative Maria Grycan; and Hidden Hills Community Association/Board Member and City liaison Bret Katz.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen read and presented to Mayor Weber a certificate from Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, on behalf of the entire Council and staff, then presented a City clock to outgoing Mayor Weber, after which Mayor Weber made his remarks, followed by remarks from the other Council Members and staff. It was pointed out that during Mayor Weber's term as Mayor, among other things, the City: has maintained a very low crime rate; reached its largest budget ever (almost \$2 million) and remains financially healthy; continued to set aside funding for future utility undergrounding projects; approved a Measure R project (including a traffic signal) that will hopefully begin outside the front gate in the near future; traded unusable Prop A funds (a very good deal at 75 cents on the dollar) for \$90,000 in general fund money; completed a slurry seal project outside the Round Meadow and Burbank gates; upgraded an existing and purchased and installed a new V-Calm sign for traffic control (both with cameras); and placed a good deal of the City's surplus funds with an investment team for a much better return.

**D. Selection of Mayor**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland and seconded by Council Member Siegel, it was resolved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Cohen for the position of Mayor. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Mayor Pro Tem Cohen as the new Mayor.

**E. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland and seconded by Council Member Weber, it was resolved to nominate Council Member Siegel for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Council Member Siegel as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

**F. Remarks by Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Cohen stated he would be very satisfied if he could lead the City in another quiet year, following in former Mayor Weber's footsteps. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel thanked his fellow Council Members for allowing him the opportunity to serve in this position again, adding that he too was looking forward to another good year.

**PUBLIC HEARING (continued from March 14, 2016)**

**Minor Accommodation  
24829 Jacob Hamblin Road  
Addition and Renovation**

At this time, Council Member Freedland recused himself and left the meeting room, as he lives within 300' of the subject property.

As this public hearing was continued from the last Council meeting on 3/14/16, Mayor Cohen asked if there were any comments from the audience. Hearing no comments or questions, he closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minor accommodation and adopt

by title only Resolution No. 892 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A MINOR ACCOMMODATION TO ALTER AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 24829 JACOB HAMBLIN ROAD.

Council Member Freedland rejoined the meeting, after which Mayor Cohen called for a short recess (at 8:13 p.m.), inviting those in attendance to enjoy the refreshments and take part in a celebration honoring outgoing Mayor Weber. Mayor Cohen reconvened the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports - January and February**

Deputy Robert DeSantis formally introduced the City's new liaison Lieutenant Christina (Tina) Baker, and then presented the following report:

for the month of January, there were no Part I crimes, no accidents, no juvenile arrests, but two adult arrests, which were the two noteworthy incidents; a Woodland Hills resident was arrested for driving with a suspended license in the area of Long Valley and Paradise Valley; a resident of Lancaster was arrested on a warrant for driving with an expired registration in the area of Spring Valley and Long Valley (the vehicle was towed); 31 traffic citations were issued, with 23 of those being hazardous and 7 non-hazardous; most of the citations were for stop sign violations, although 7 citations were issued for no insurance and 4 for unsafe speed; there were four Part I crimes in February, a rare occurrence in the City; a watch was taken from a master bedroom of a home on Annie Oakley; the victim was moving from this location to Eldorado Meadow, where another watch was stolen; the victim believes someone from the moving company may have taken the watches; a credit card was taken from an unlocked vehicle on Annie Oakley, with that card being used at a gas station in Woodland Hills; the investigation is ongoing; a resident was arrested on Eldorado Meadow on a warrant for reckless driving; there were 43 citations issued, with 20 of those being hazardous, 8 non-hazardous, and 15 parking violations; most of those again were for stop sign violations, but there were numerous other violations; he does get asked frequently if vehicles have to have a front license plate - per the Vehicle Code, they do.

Deputy DeSantis then announced that this would be the last official meeting at which he would be providing reports, as he is retiring on April 21st, after serving 26 years with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. He stated it has been a pleasure working with Hidden Hills (a rare city with an astoundingly low crime rate), as Sheriff personnel love cities like this one that support the Department, the Station and the Deputies.

**B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports - January and February**

The following report was provided by Community Services Representative Maria Grycan:

during the month of January, there were 18 responses - 11 medical, 4 good intent, 1 hazardous condition (power line down, no fire), and 2 service (a public assist and one smoke/odor removal); there were 5 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections, and 5 plans checked; 15 responses occurred in February - 6 medical, 6 good intent, 1 power line down on Long Valley, 1 snake removal, and 1 public assist; again, as during last month, there were 5 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections and 5 plans checked.

In response to Council Member Weber, Ms. Grycan stated that in the past, snake reports really did not occur that much until June; however, starting last year, they have been getting calls almost every month.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes - March 14, 2016**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List - February**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - February**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote (with Mayor Pro Tem Siegel abstaining on Item A as he was not in attendance at that meeting), it was resolved to approve items A, B, C and D of the consent calendar as submitted.

**MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**A. Report from 3/15/16 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

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

the lengthiest discussion revolved around the use of the theater; it is a fabulous theater, and they would like to utilize it more for the community; one resident asked for approval for a musical gathering that was religious based; they were given permission to try the event to see how well it worked; the event does have to be open to all residents, as does any event that takes place in the theater; a budget was approved for the New Resident Welcome party; changes to the CC&Rs regarding fencing and the financial impact on residents of requiring 3-rail fencing, etc. was discussed; a new drag was purchased for the dressage arena, which is beautiful after having been completely redone at Saddlecreek; no conclusion was reached after a discussion regarding signs in the community (election/political, flags, banners, etc.); they are looking into the proper wording to not prevent signs from being displayed, but to regulate where they are placed.

**B. Report from 3/15/16 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting**

The following information was provided by the City Manager:

the COG heard a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), regarding the possibility of forming JPAs to provide greener electricity; the County is conducting a study regarding the feasibility and costs, and has received information from SCE regarding electricity use in all of the COG cities to be included in the study; Dennis Washburn, former Calabasas Council Member, was reappointed as the COG's representative to the Metro Service Council; there was continued discussion regarding Measure R projects, and the decision to place Measure R2 on the ballot in November.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Update and Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between The City of Los Angeles, The City of Alhambra, The City of Burbank, The City of Calabasas, The City of Glendale, The City of Hidden Hills, The City of La Canada Flintridge, The City of Montebello, The City of Monterey Park, The City of Pasadena, The City of Rosemead, The City of San Fernando, The City of San Gabriel, The City of San Marino, The City of South El Monte, The City of South**

**Pasadena, The City of Temple City, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, And The County of Los Angeles Regarding The Administration And Cost Sharing For Implementing The Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) For The Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area**

**B. Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village Regarding the Administration and Cost Sharing for Implementing the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Necessary Reports for the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Area**

The following staff report was provided by Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo:

in 2013, the City Council elected to develop an Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP), along with its companion document, the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP), with watershed partners in both the Malibu Creek Watershed (MCW) and the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed (ULARW); this was the most feasible pathway to comply with all the new permit requirements; the EWMP is the implementation side, spelling out a list of projects that need to be implemented over a certain period of time to reduce pollutant loading in the watersheds; the CIMP is the plan that tells us how well we are doing or how well our modeling data was prepared; if the monitoring data comes back favorably over the next couple of years, some of the EWMP projects could be reduced; both EWMP documents have been submitted to the Regional Board, but are still in draft form and not yet approved; there is still some back and forth between the watershed groups and the Regional Board and the non-governmental agencies (NGOs); when everything is finalized, he will return to the Council to provide the key elements of those EWMPs; tonight the CIMPs are being discussed; for the MCW, the City is partnering with Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; the partners all agreed that Agoura Hills would manage the consultant contract to implement the CIMP for a 5% management fee and some in-kind services provided by all the involved agencies; the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is for a period of three years with two optional one-year extensions through the amendment process; 105 acres in Hidden Hills drains to the MCW, while the remaining 961 acres drains to the ULARW, which in both cases accounts for .3% of each watershed; proposals from consultants to implement the MCW CIMP over a three-year period were just received last week and are being evaluated by a committee; earlier cost estimates were around \$860,000 for the first year, and a little less for each of the next two years; these cost estimates were later revised to around \$1 million per year (being overly cautious) to address comments from the Regional Board provided earlier this year in the Board's conditional approval letter; the MOU is still being finalized by the City Attorney, so the recommendation is to approve the MCW



MOU subject to final City Attorney approval and with a cost to the City not-to-exceed \$3000 per year (for three years plus an optional two years, for a total not-to-exceed \$15,000); there are two existing monitoring programs right now, the bacteria compliance and trash monitoring, that amounted to approximately \$10,000 per year; these costs will go away with the implementation of the CIMP; in relation to the ULARW, the City is entering a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and 15 other municipalities; all agencies agreed that the City of Los Angeles would manage and implement the CIMP contract, which would include a 5% management fee; the original estimate was over \$6 million, but that includes about \$1.8 million for specific items, for other agencies, that are not pertinent to Hidden Hills, leaving roughly \$4.2 million being cost shared by Hidden Hills over a three-year period; those actual costs to the City will be \$4755 for the first year, \$3968 for the second year, and \$3620 for the third year, for a total three-year cost of \$12,343; the monitoring stations will be installed in years 1-5, so around the 5th year, the costs should stabilize; this MOA does have a 10% contingency already factored into the costs (as does the MCW MOU), but if for some reason the costs exceed that, there would have to be an amendment to the MOA; there really was not much of an opportunity to make changes to the MOA as offered by the City of Los Angeles, but it has been reviewed by our City Attorneys and they feel comfortable that we can proceed with the MOA.

In response to Council Member Freedland, Mr. Bellomo confirmed that the total cost to the City per year, combining both the MOA and the MOU costs, would not exceed \$8000 (already in this year's budget), and there would be an offset of approximately \$11,500. Mr. Bellomo also explained that there are no federal funds for monitoring; there will be grant money in the future for projects, but the fight for those funds will be very competitive. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel commented that the City really has no choice but to move forward to comply with the requirements.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, THE CITY OF BURBANK, THE CITY OF CALABASAS, THE CITY OF GLENDALE, THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, THE CITY OF PASADENA, THE

CITY OF ROSEMEAD, THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, THE CITY OF SAN MARINO, THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE, THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve, subject to final approval by the City Attorney, the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, HIDDEN HILLS, AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM AND NECESSARY REPORTS FOR THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED, with the cost to the City not-to-exceed \$3000 per year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 28, 2016 at 9:07 p.m.

  
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Jim Cohen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager