

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, January 9, 2017

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, January 9, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 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 Manager Kerry Kallman
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the January 9, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cohen made the following announcements:

Happy Birthday to Council Member Weber's daughter Aubrey (1/10).

January 11th is the last day to drop off Christmas trees at the bins at City Hall and the Community Center.

City Hall, the Community Center and Building and Safety will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 16th. There will be no inspections.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Landon (1/19).

The City, Community Association, and Sheriff's Department will be hosting a Community Safety Workshop on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Theater.

City Engineer Dirk Lovett is attending the meeting to discuss the proposed Boething Treeland Development this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Discussion of Recent Crime Activity

The following information was provided by City Manager Kerry Kallman:

law enforcement services are provided to the City through a contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; the City's contract with the Sheriff's Department spells out minimum deployment levels related to crime prevention and response including several additional line items and costs such as traffic enforcement by motorcycle units, Sheriff's Teen Traffic Offenders Program (STTOP), and the Juvenile Intervention Team (J-Team.) Basic deployment levels within the City have remained the same for several years; this past year, the City has seen an increase in Part 1 crimes by 55%: out of the 8 burglaries in 2016, four of the cases are closed; staff also analyzed and compared crime statistics between neighboring cities in the Malibu/Lost Hills jurisdiction and found Part 1 crime in Hidden Hills is significantly less per capita than the other four cities in the jurisdiction; following the three recent burglaries staff, the Sheriff's Department and the Hidden Hills Community Association undertook several actions in an effort to increase Sheriff's presence in the City, increase communication with residents, and provide direct information to residents to clarify each incident and Sheriff's recommendations on best practices for protecting resident's homes and properties; staff has

begun to evaluate the purchase and use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology with the Sheriff's Department; and met with Sheriff personnel to discuss possible enhancements as part of the FY 2017-18 budget development process.

Several residents, including David Stanley, Boris and Yana Ratiner and Toni Briendel were in the audience and directed many questions and concerns to the City Council, Sheriff's Department personnel and staff, including commonalities in crimes; perimeter fencing; the City's communication with the residents. Lt. Josh Thai was in attendance to answer questions from residents and Council Members. Council Member Freedland asked Lt. Thai's opinion about the use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALDR). Lt. Thai stated that Palos Verdes Estates installed ALDR's and it has been a significant deterrent in crime. He felt that it would be another beneficial tool in the reduction of crime in the City.

City Manager Kallman then provided more details of how the ALPR could benefit the City:

ALPR cameras can be placed on patrol cars, movable trailers, or in fixed locations; the cameras scan license plates and alert Sheriff's dispatch if it reads a stolen car, a car associated with a felony warrant, and cars that have been loaded into the system; the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station would then dispatch the closest unit to locate and pull over the vehicle; the ALPR system is county wide and also tied into neighboring agencies, and in addition, each license plate is archived for five years and indexed by location, date, and time allowing detectives to pin point the location of identified vehicles in an effort to develop patterns which could lead to arrests.

As there was no further discussion, the City Council directed staff to undertake an onsite analysis of the camera locations and provide a cost proposal to the City, which will then be reviewed by the City Council prior to any further action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – December 12, 2016**
- B. City Council Minutes – December 22, 2016**
- C. City Council Minutes – December 26, 2016**
- D. Demand List**
- E. Disbursement List – November**
- F. Financial/Treasurer's Report – November**

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

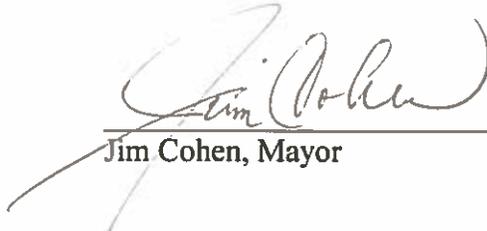
MATTERS FROM STAFF

Charles Abbott Monthly Report – November

The report was received and filed.

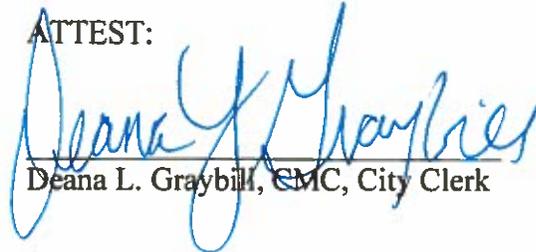
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of January 9, 2017 at 8:45 p.m.



Jim Cohen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, EMC, City Clerk