

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, May 8, 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, May 8, 2017 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 Bret Katz
Council Member Marv Landon
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill
Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the May 8, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14th.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Landon's wife Jill on May 20th.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PRESENTATION

City of Hidden Hills Investment Advisory Services – Quarterly Update

Mayor Siegel introduced Beacon Pointe Advisor Vice President David Hopkins and Schwab Vice President Financial Consultant Seth Gray, who then introduced Belle Haven Head of Advisory Services Greg Morel, who is the bond manager for the City of Hidden Hills accounts. Mr. Morel provided an update on the City's investments. Mr. Morel requested a change to the City's investment policy that would allow purchases of BBB rated bonds. Mayor Siegel asked for a scenario from Belle Haven depicting projected interest earnings utilizing BBB rated bonds for review at the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. Variance No. V-382
24924 Jim Bridger Road
Garage Addition**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY APPROVING A REQUEST FOR
VARIANCE NO. V-382 FOR A GARAGE ADDITION WITHIN THE FRONT AND
SIDEYARD SETBACKS LOCATED AT 24924 JIM BRIDGER ROAD

The following report was presented by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

the existing single family residence has a nonconforming attached garage that encroaches roughly thirty feet (30') into the front yard setback and nine feet ten inches (9'10") into the side yard setback; the Applicant is requesting consideration of a Variance to extend the one story garage further into the required 50' front yard and 25' side yard setbacks; the Hidden Hills Community Association has approved the project; notices were sent to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the subject property and posted at City Hall, the three gates and the Community Center; the City has received a letter of approval from the next door neighbor closest to the encroachment; the property is located on a private driveway shared by five properties with limited parking on the private drive; the existing two story single family residence was built in 1964; the Applicant proposes an addition of eighty four square feet (84 s.f.) to the garage, to allow for two cars to park within the garage as the current garage is too narrow to fit two cars, which is in violation of the Hidden Hills Municipal Code; the addition will encroach thirteen feet (13') into the front setback and thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") into the side yard setback; listed in the report are the four findings that must be made by the Council for approval of the variance [he read for the Council both the required findings and why staff felt all those four findings could be made in this case]; based on the evidence presented, staff would recommend that the required findings be made to approve the variance, and that the Council adopt Resolution No. 905.

Mayor Siegel opened the public hearing, at which time the closest neighbors, Neil and Norma Diamond voiced their approval for the variance. As there were no further comments from the audience, Mayor Siegel closed the hearing and asked which Council Members had visited the site – Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, Council Members Katz and Weber reported they had been to the site.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to make the required findings, approve the variance, and adopt by title only Resolution No. 905 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY APPROVING A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE NO. V-382 FOR A GARAGE ADDITION WITHIN THE FRONT AND SIDEYARD SETBACKS LOCATED AT 24924 JIM BRIDGER ROAD.

B. Consideration of an Ordinance Regarding the Adoption of the 2017 Los Angeles County and District Fire Code, Title 32 – Second Reading

Mayor Siegel opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, Mayor Siegel closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 362 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2017 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS, INCLUDING FINDINGS, FEES AND PENALTIES; AND AMENDING THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – April 24, 2017 Special Meeting**
- B. City Council Minutes – April 24, 2017**
- C. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, B, and C of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report on 4/18/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

discussion continued about stormwater with Assemblymember Dababneh, Senator Stern and Supervisor Kuehl's staff participating by conference call; Mayor Siegel is attending a breakfast on Wednesday at Supervisor Kuehl's office; Measure M passed in October and guidelines are being prepared; Mayor Siegel will be the next COG president so the meetings will be held in Hidden Hills beginning in July.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. First Report of the 2016 Special Monitoring Program

Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo presented the following report:

the intent of this monitoring program is to verify the need for water quality improvement projects by collecting a series of water quality samples from two study areas to establish a baseline; the first location, HH_ULAR_LV (Long Valley), tests water leaving the City and entering the Los Angeles River, and the second, HH_MCW_1 (Jim Bridger) tests water leaving the City and entering the Malibu Creek Watershed; the baseline developed from actual pollutant loading will be used to calibrate the Watershed Management Modeling System (WMMS) model used by the Malibu Creek Watershed and Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs); on February 22, 2017 the City received its Flood Access Permit from the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District, and the first dry weather water quality samples were collected on March 15, 2017. Due to a lack of rainfall greater than 0.25" since February 22, 2017, no wet weather samples have been collected; staff remains hopeful that with only one significant exceedance, of E.coli in the MCW, the City could reduce the need for future water quality improvement projects; to reduce the magnitude of the water quality improvement projects facing the City, we will need additional years of favorable monitoring data before rerunning the WMMS model.

The report was received and filed.

B. Consideration of Approval of Letter in Opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Pertaining to Contracting Services for Cities and Counties

City Manager Kerry Kallman gave the following report:

AB 1250 in the State Assembly places substantial burdens on local agencies by limiting local government's ability to contract for services; AB 1250 has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee; the California Contract Cities Association is requesting that all California cities oppose the approval of AB 1250 by signing and forwarding a letter of opposition; in Hidden Hills, the contract city model is in full effect with a total full-time staff of three and a host of contract staff assisting in the delivery of City services, i.e. law enforcement services through a contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, legal services through a contract with Richard's Watson and Gershon, and engineering, planning, and building and safety services through a contract with Charles Abbott and Associates; AB 1250 would place substantial burdens on City operations by banning the City's ability to contract for services solely on the basis that cost

savings would result from lower contract pay rates or benefits; AB 1250 would require that the City create a public database listing the names and salaries of contract staff; AB 1250 creates several new bureaucratic reporting requirements when renewing or entering into contracts; AB 1250 will have a direct negative impact on the City.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, to sign a letter of opposition for AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) pertaining to contracting services for cities and counties.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 23501 Long Valley Road (APN 2049-018-045 and 2049-018-0046)
City Negotiator: Kerry Kallman, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Arnold Meyerstein (Trustee) Meyerstein Family Trust
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 8:15 p.m. to address the item listed above, as read by City Manager Kerry Kallman.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 9:18 p.m., at which time City Manager Kallman announced that in closed session the Council discussed the item listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

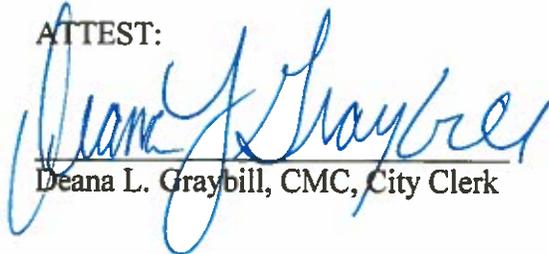
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of May 8, 2017 at 9:20 p.m.



Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk