

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, May 22, 2017

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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, May 22, 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 Attorney Roxanne Diaz  
City Engineer Dirk Lovett  
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

**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 22, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. City Hall, the HHCA and Building & Safety will be closed and no building inspections done.

The Public Safety meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.

## **AUDIENCE**

Hidden Hills resident Marsha Weidman addressed the Council regarding the Boething Treeland Project. She expressed many concerns about the project, including extreme traffic congestion and the lack of and possibly inaccurate information being provided. She then recommended a specific land use attorney and provided his resume to the City Council and staff. Mayor Siegel asked staff to put an update regarding the Boething Treeland Project on the next City Council Meeting.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - April**

Deputy Michael Woodard presented the following report:

Deputy Woodard announced that in April there were two Part I crimes which was a residential burglary (suspect entered a residence and ate homeowner's food and was arrested) and a grand theft burglary in the 25000 block of Walker Road; he also gave an update on a possible burglary on Bill Cody Road that occurred in the early morning hours of 5/21.

### **B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – April**

Battalion Chief Mark Whaling presented the following report:

April had no fires to report and seventeen responses (4-medical, 6-public service calls, 1-hazardous condition, 1-hazmat, and 5-good intent calls); the deadline for brush clearance has passed and crews have started checking properties for non-compliance; those properties not in compliance have 30 days to comply.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Variance No. V-383**

**6006 Spring Valley Road  
New Barn**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY APPROVING A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE NO. V-383 FOR A NEW BARN WITHIN THE FRONT SETBACKS LOCATED AT 6006 SPRING VALLEY ROAD

The following report was presented by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

the Applicant is requesting a variance for a barn that will encroach twenty feet (25') into the required fifty foot (50') front yard setback; a single family dwelling and barn currently exist on the property; the HHCA has reviewed and approved the proposed encroachment; notices were sent to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the subject property and posted at City Hall, the Burbank gate, the Community Center, and Round Meadow/Jed Smith bus stop; no comments have been received as of the preparation of this report; 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. 906.

Mayor Siegel opened the public hearing, and hearing no comments, closed the hearing. Mayor Siegel asked which Council Members had visited the site – Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, Council Members Katz and Landon reported they had been to the site.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved to make the required findings, approve the variance, and adopt by title only Resolution No. 906 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-383 FOR A NEW BARN WITHIN THE FRONT SETBACKS LOCATED AT 6006 SPRING VALLEY ROAD.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – May 8, 2017
- B. Demand List

- C. Disbursement List – April**
- D. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – April**
- E. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Agreement with All City Management Services for Crossing Guards at Round Meadow Elementary School for the 2017-2018 School Year**

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, C, D, and E of the consent calendar as submitted.

**MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- A. Report on 5/10/17 Supervisor Kuehl’s Meeting and Presentation from Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Officer Gary Gero Regarding Los Angeles Community Choice Energy**

Mayor Siegel introduced former Assembly Member and State Senator Fran Pavley who made a few comments regarding Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) and introduced L.A. County Chief Sustainability Officer Gary Gero, who presented the following information:

LACCE is the name for a regional Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in Los Angeles County; CCA allows local governments, including counties and cities, to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market and sell it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor owned utility (IOU); the County of Los Angeles initiated a technical feasibility study to show whether or not it can meet the electricity load requirements with rates that are competitive with IOU; a business plan culminated from this study and concluded that the formation of a CCA in L.A. County is financially feasible and would yield considerable benefits to participating County residents and businesses; local governments may yield benefits such as local control over energy mix, create jobs, consumer choice; cities that execute the LACCE JPA within 180 days of LACCE’s formation will become initial participants of the program and benefit from the \$10 million dollar loan from L.A. County and will not have to commit any funds of their own; if cities do not wish to be initial participants, they will have the option to become a member of LACCE after its formation; cities that would like to participate in the LACCE program should reach out to the County of L.A. for more information.

Mayor Siegel thanked Ms. Pavley and Mr. Gero for their presentation.

**B. Report on 5/16/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting**

The following report was presented by City Manager Kallman:

discussion on various items, such as, Metro's Measure M Advisory Council, stormwater/MS4 permit, Measure R, SB 786, funding available for Hazard Mitigation Plan; L.A. County Community Choice Aggregation and Measure A; increase of COG costs by \$5,000 a year due to the position of Executive Director becoming a full time position.

**C. Report on 5/16/17 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Hidden Hills Community Association Board Member John McGinnis reported the following:

there was a discussion regarding the security consultant report and the next steps the HHCA will be initiating as a result of that report; bids are being obtained for new guard service; security cameras at perimeter areas such as the end of Long Valley are being researched; architectural fees are being raised from \$.33 to \$1.00 per square foot; architectural fees will be revisited in a year; Boething Treeland Farms proposed development was discussed.

**D. Discussion Regarding Amending the City's Investment Policy to Allow for the Purchase of BBB Rated State and Local Bonds and Direction to Staff**

The following report was presented by City Manager Kallman:

in December, 2015, the City entered into an agreement to invest \$5,000,000 in certain types of State, Local and Corporate Bonds; these investments must comply with the City's Investment Policy, which outlines a conservative approach to investing in a minimum of A rated (type) bonds; on May 8<sup>th</sup> the City's investment advisors provided an update on the City's investment portfolio; the advisors requested that the City Council consider amending the City's investment policy to allow for the purchase of BBB rated State and Local Bonds; the City Council requested an analysis of potential yield from BBB rated bonds, which was provided by Belle Haven, projecting a slightly higher yield with the inclusion of BBB rated bonds; the City Council directed staff to research the City's ability to purchase BBB rated bonds and the City Attorney's office has indicated that investment in these BBB rated bonds is permissible only for State and Local Government Bonds (Government Code Section 53601);

The City Council directed staff to provide a list of cities that accept BBB bonds and bring this information back to a future agenda.

**E. Appointment of Director and Alternate to the Board of Directors of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA)**

The following report was presented by City Manager Kallman:

on October 13, 1993, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 526 approving the City's membership in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA); the rules of CJPIA requires each member agency to appoint a member of its governing board to serve as a representative to the CJPIA Board of Directors; the last time the City Council appointed a Director and Alternate was 2002, and those appointed were Mayor Pro Tem Freedland as Director and former Council Member Jim Cohen as Alternate; as the City's alternate, former Council member Jim Cohen is no longer on the City Council, it would be appropriate to appoint a new Director and Alternate

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon, it was resolved on a 3-2 vote, with Council Members Katz and Weber opposed, to appoint Council Member Weber as the Director and Council Member Katz as the Alternate to the Board of Directors of the CJPIA.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A. Consideration of Creation of Flexible Benefits Spending Plan (FBS) for Employee Health Benefits and Enrollment in the International City Managers Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) and Approval of Related Resolutions**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING A FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN ENDING MAY 31, 2018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS RELATING TO A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The following report was presented by City Manager Kallman:

during the April 24 City Council Goals Session, staff proposed two additions to City employee's benefits package, creation of a FBS for health benefits and enrollment in the ICMA-RC, a 457 deferred compensation plan; the City provides all fulltime City staff (3 total) full medical, vision, and dental coverage as part of their PERS CARE benefits package; the employee's coverage is fully funded by the City while staff has the option to include dependants on the coverage which is funded entirely by employees choosing to enroll eligible dependants; currently, those employees who choose to enroll eligible

dependants in the coverage deduct the costs associated with dependant health coverage from their paychecks on a post-tax basis; in addition, employees paying for additional benefit coverage must choose the same level of coverage for their dependants that they select for themselves which results in a higher premium for employees and consequently a higher deduction from their paycheck; the acceptance of the proposed FBS will provide that costs associated with dependant coverage will be deducted from employee's salaries on a pretax basis resulting in a cost savings for the employees and employees enrolling dependants will be able to use the full amount of the City provided coverage (\$786 for FY 2016/17) towards a lower cost coverage if adding dependants; the FBS will not allow employees to receive any cash in lieu of health benefit coverage; participation in the FBS requires an initial enrollment fee of \$200 and a yearly fee of \$100.

the ICMA-RC plan was created in 1972 to help public sector employees build retirement security and has over one million participants and serves 9,000 plans across the country; enrollment in the ICMA-RC Deferred Compensation plan will allow all employees voluntarily to invest a portion of their salary on a pre-tax basis in a 457 investment plan; there are no fees to the City.

Resident Marsha Weidman asked if the City would be providing any funds towards the ICMA-RC plan and City Manager Kerry Kallman reassured her that no City funds were being invested.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of staff to approve, effective June 1, 2017: (1) the attached FBS Document and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City: (2) RESOLUTION NO. 907 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING A FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN ENDING MAY 31, 2018 (3) RESOLUTION NO. 908 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS RELATING TO A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN; and (3) the attached agreement with ICMA-RC and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

**B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report – April**

The report was received and filed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

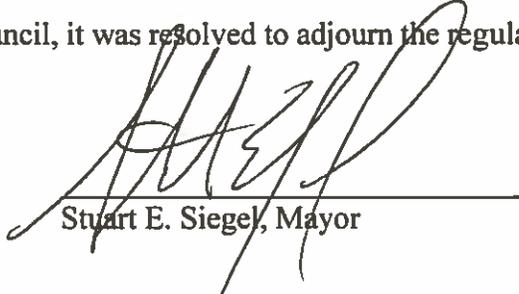
**Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Number of cases: 1**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 9:05 p.m. to address the item listed above, as read by City Manager Kerry Kallman.

The City Council returned from closed session and the City Attorney 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, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of May 22, 2017.



Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk