

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 26, 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, June 26, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart 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
Special Counsel Larry Wiener
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 June 26, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel made the following announcements:

City Hall and Building and Safety will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th and there will be no inspections.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Weber on July 5, Emergency Services Director Gabe Nussbaum on July 8, Mayor Pro Tem Freedland's son Kurtis on July 12 and City Clerk Deana Graybill on July 19.

The City of Los Angeles will be holding a Scoping Meeting regarding the Boething Treeland project tomorrow, Tuesday, June 27. The meeting will be held between 6 pm and 8 pm at St. Bernardine of Siena Church located at 24410 Calvert Street.

The Boething Treeland project applicant will be making a presentation to the Calabasas City Council on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm. Calabasas City Council meetings are held at Calabasas City Hall 100 Civic Center Way.

The Boething Treeland Project applicant will be making a presentation to Hidden Hills residents on Monday, July 31 at 7 pm. The presentation will be held at the Community Center.

The City Council meeting on July 10 will be cancelled.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – May

Mayor introduced Captain Josh Thai, PM Watch Commander Lt. Greg Minstre, Lt. Randy Tuinstra and Deputy Mike Woodard, and then provided the following report:

during the month of May there were two Part I crimes, one residential burglary and one petty theft - the burglary was in the 5500 block of Bill Cody; an unknown suspect pried open a sliding glass door to gain entry and tampered with surveillance cameras outside of the location; one camera had been pulled off and thrown in the bushes.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report –May

Battalion Chief Kevin Kinney presented the following report:

the month of May consisted of 8 calls that included 3 medical calls and 5 snake removal calls; brush clearance inspections have been generally good; a reminder about using plastic blades on weed whackers is preferred over metal blades due to fire hazards.

PRESENTATIONS

City Certificates/2017 Student Achievement Recipients

Mayor Siegel introduced the following honored guests: Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) Assistant Superintendent of Education Dr. Clara Finneran, Board of Education Member (and Hidden Hills resident) Mathy Wasserman, and A.E. Wright Middle School Principal Elias Miles. He then announced that all of the names of those students who responded to the City Clerk would be called to receive their certificates, but that if someone did not respond and is in attendance, to be sure to let the Council know, as all the certificates are here and available. Council Member Freedland reminded everyone that the names and awards received are provided to the City by the students' schools, and if someone feels, they should have been on a list and are not, then call the respective school and ask that school to contact the City.

On behalf of the entire Council, Mayor Siegel then presented certificates to the following students, whose names and accomplishments were read by Mayor Pro Tem Freedland:

From A.E. Wright Middle School:	Eisley Aaronson	Carly Bloom
	Emily Hernandez-Lopez	Jordan Kalis
	Lauren Kaufman	Jacob Triessl
From Round Meadow Elementary School:	Jonathan Bloom (accepted by his father)	
	Darielle Bustillo-Freeman	Tyler Triessl
From Viewpoint School:	Sophia Austin	Brandon Blonstein
	Hayley Blonstein	Maya Fardad Finn
	Persia Fardad-Finn	Bianca Richmond
	Genevieve Watson	

Mayor Siegel stated the following:

this is one of the best meetings and fun for him; he has seen a lot of the Hidden Hills students who have received these certificates go on to very high achievements at other schools and universities; he would like to encourage all the students here this evening to keep up the good work and to also go on and do great things in the future; it is definitely a pleasure to see.

City Manager Kallman stated the following:

this is his first time witnessing the award ceremony and now understands how special it is to recognize the Hidden Hills students in front of their families and peers and praised staff for how much preparation and work is done to ensure that the students are recognized properly.

At this time (8:03 p.m.), the Council took a recess, with everyone being invited to stay for refreshments and to honor those receiving certificates. Mayor Siegel reconvened the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

AUDIENCE

Resident Glen Kulik addressed the Council at this time with concerns regarding the excessive building taking place in the City. He stated that he would like to see the following: less architectural approvals and building permits issued; alleviation of construction traffic at the gates as it takes his visitors at least 25 minutes to enter the gates; control over the amount of construction and spec building with a limitation on the number of projects going on at one time; moratorium on construction permits given in the City.

Resident Britt Aaronson addressed the Council at this time, asking the Council not to approve Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project. She read into the record, a letter that is attached to these minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – June 12, 2017**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List - May**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – May**

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, and D of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 6/20/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Mayor Siegel reported that the main items of discussion at the COG meeting were Measure M and Measure R. He also reported that he is the new President of the COG for the next year and that Hidden Hills will host the monthly meetings at City Hall.

B. Report from 6/20/17 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

HHCA Board Director Mitch Jacobs provided the following report:

the main items of discussion were an update on Boething Treeland Farms proposed development and the hiring of Scott Tepper; the institution of rules to make the Board meetings more manageable; a request to hire a landscape architect for overall landscape design of Hidden Hills; approval of the HHCA 2017-18 budget; and the increase in architectural fees.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance Regarding Commercial Restricted (CR) Zone – Second Reading

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

City Ordinance No. 318 and HHMC Section 5-2F-6:E require projects that receive architectural and site plan approval in the commercial zone, by the City Council, to commence construction within one year; in addition, applicants may request up to a two (2) year extension from the Planning Director; the City Council at its meeting on June 12, 2017 gave first reading and approved a proposed ordinance regarding the commercial restricted (cr) zone; second reading is necessary for the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 363 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED (CR) ZONE AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 318.

B. Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 and Related Resolution

Mayor Siegel announced that the preliminary draft budget was presented and discussed at the last meeting, and that no changes were recommended. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget, and adopt by title only Resolution No. 909 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2017 TO THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT, APPROVING AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18, APPROVING THE CITY'S BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

- A. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Number of cases: 1**
- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

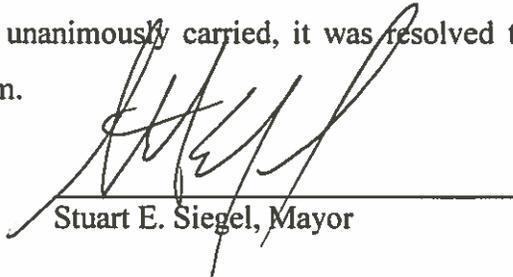
Property: 23501 Long Valley Road (APN 2049-018-045 and 2049-018-0046)
City Negotiator: Kerry Kallman, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Arnold Meyerstein (Trustee) Meyerstein Family Trust
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 8:45 p.m. to address the items 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.

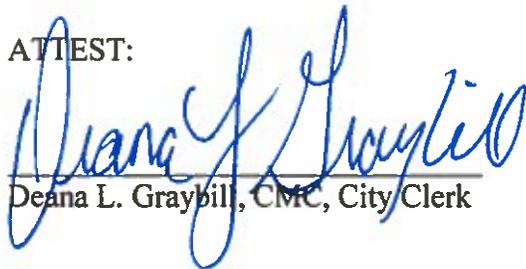
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 26, 2017 at 9:30 p.m.



Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk

Read at Audience

June 26, 2017

Dear Members of the Hidden Hills City Council and Planning Department:

I am here tonight to ask you to not approve Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project. Ever since we moved into HH eight years ago, I was aware that there were approvals for homes to be built across the street from our home on Bridle Trail. Five homes evolved into what today is known as Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project. It consists of property in Hidden Hills that is in the HHCA and is currently approved to have 4 homes built as per the original plan approval, and 10 acres in Los Angeles County not in our HHCA. Previous versions of Mike's Bridle Trail Project have come before the community, the city and the HHCA—all being denied and the last time a Ridgeline Protection Ordinance was adopted in response.

I recently attended another meeting on the newest Bridle Trail Project on June 7, 2017 held by Mike at the HHCA Theater with approximately 30 of our neighbors. It was only a few years ago that a large portion of the community turned out and expressed their disapproval of Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project and here I was again at another meeting where the community was very upset about these issues: the grading and refill requests; concerns about the water table; concerns about stabilizing the hill from landslide danger without construction; the density of the project; the square footage of the homes; the community expressed liking the size of the current lots more than the unidentified sizes of the proposed lots; and having a traffic study done during the school year and not the summer.

I am asking you to not approve Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project because it is asking to grade a significant protected ridgeline in our city violating the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance. Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project is not consistent with our General Plan Goal 5 which states that lot size should be governed by natural slopes, and it is also not consistent with the Natural Resources Element of the General Plan which states that significant landforms should be maintained during development. Our General Plan reflects the foundation for why this city was created and thankfully maintained by staff and the various City Council throughout the years. We all have a few things in common: we love living in Hidden Hills, and I hope that you vote to retain the original character of the city we all love, which should be duly noted is not called "Hidden Graded and Refilled Ridgelines."

To repeat, even though I understand that it is at the EIR stage, I am asking you to not approve Mike Ashley's Bridle Trail Project because it is asking to grade a significant protected ridgeline. I hope he resubmits a plan to annex his property which includes his voluntary participation in our HHCA, no more than 8 homes to be built on the entire property, and ZERO ridgeline grading.

Thank you for your consideration,

Britt Aaronson
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