

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, December 11, 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, December 11, 2017 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Freedland called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council: Mayor Pro Tem Steve Freedland
Council Member Marv Landon
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff: City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

Absent: Mayor Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Bret Katz

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absences of Mayor Siegel and Council Member Katz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the December 11, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland made the following announcements:

Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Freedland today 12/11; Happy Anniversary to Mayor Siegel and his wife Peggi on 12/12; Happy Birthday to Special Counsel Larry Weiner on 12/15; Happy Birthday to Mayor Siegel's grandson Hank Eagle Siegel on 12/22

Hanukkah begins at sundown Tuesday, 12/12

City Hall will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, December 22nd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd and there will be no building inspections performed during this time.

The City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, 12/25 is canceled.

The Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 12/26 is canceled

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland wanted to thank the Los Angeles County Fire Department who couldn't be here tonight because they are fighting the Thomas fire and other area fires. He, on behalf of the City Council, expressed his appreciation for the constant communication from L.A. County Fire Department to the area cities on the fires and evacuations in those areas. He then asked City Manager Kallman to give update as well. City Manager Kallman stated the following:

Assistant Fire Chief Williams held a daily conference call with the area City Managers and Sheriff personnel; fire watch is in full force, especially along the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space (formerly known as Ahmanson Ranch) area, where he came across the MRCA trucks, which carry 100 gallons of water with a firehose; City staff had some issues with Blackboard Connect and the City's generator, which were identified and resolved, which was a good exercise for staff; Emergency Services Coordinator Kevin Ryan will be communicating with the Equestrian Services Committee to establish large animal evacuation guidelines and host a drill; an item will be added to the next newsletter to encourage all residents to sign up for Blackboard Connect on the City's website.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Proposed Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Signs in the Commercial Restricted (CR) Zone – First Reading

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

the Real Estate Office located at 23500 Long Valley Road contacted the City of Hidden Hills to request permission to place a “sandwich board” type sign in front of their office building; the City’s Municipal Code only allows building mounted or freestanding monument style building identification signs in the Commercial Restricted (CR) zone; sandwich board signs are not allowed in the CR zone without an amendment to the Municipal Code; the City received a letter from Jena Meyerstein requesting an amendment to the Hidden Hills Municipal Code to allow sandwich board type signs in the CR zone; cities can only implement time, place and manner regulations with regard to signs because of the First Amendment; staff has prepared an ordinance that provides allowable sign standards for real estate businesses in the CR zone.

At this point, Mayor Pro Tem Freedland opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to introduce and give first reading by title only to an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING THE STANDARDS REGARDING SIGNS IN THE COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED (CR) ZONE AND AMENDING THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Report – October

Lieutenant Randy Tuinstra reported that during the month of October there were no Part I crimes. A discussion regarding trespassers was brought forth by Mayor Pro Tem Freedland. Lieutenant Tuinstra informed the Council that there were eight (8) incidents of potential trespassing for the year: three had already left the City before Sheriff’s Deputies arrived; three were contacted and removed; one was arrested for narcotics possession; and one was cleared to be at the site. Lieutenant Tuinstra also pointed out that for an arrest of a trespasser to occur, there must be a victim to file the report. If a potential trespasser is walking, for example in Hidden Hills, a letter of agency by the Hidden Hills Community Association must be received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to give them the authority to arrest any trespasser within the City. This matter may be going to a future HHCA Board of Directors meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **City Council Minutes – November 13, 2017**
- B. **City Council Minutes – November 27, 2017**
- C. **Demand List**
- D. **Disbursement List – November**
- E. **Financial/Treasurer’s Report – November**
- F. **Investment Statement – November, 2017**
- G. **Annual Financial Report for Proposition A Local Return, Proposition C Local Return, Measure R Local Return & Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funds**
- H. **Consideration of Proposed a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Cultivation and Commercial Activity of Cannabis – First Reading
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY IN ALL ZONES IN THE CITY AND TO ALLOW LIMITED INDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 11 TO TITLE 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY**
- I. **Consideration of Cancellation of December 25, 2017 City Council Meeting**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I of the consent calendar as submitted. Council Member Weber recused himself from item A as he was not in attendance at the November 13th City Council meeting. Item A will be placed on the next City Council meeting for approval.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 11/21/17 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

City Manager Kallman reported that the Board of Directors election results are as follows: incumbents Debbie Seror and Debra Spellman were reelected and resident Joe Loggia was elected to the Board.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of a Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Boething Family Regarding a Necessary Easement on Boething Property along Long Valley Road Ramp

City Manager Kerry Kallman presented the following report:

the City has prioritized a project to redesign the 101 Freeway entrance along Long Valley Road, which includes a new third lane on Long Valley Road ramp dedicated to Hidden Hills traffic, a pedestrian sidewalk to Ventura Boulevard and construction of a parking/staging area to assist in the clearing of the Long Valley Road ramp of vehicles particularly during morning rush hour; in order to do that, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be obtained from the Boething Family for property belonging to Boething Treeland along the Long Valley ramp, which has been fully supported by Boething representatives; the MOU will be need to be reviewed again by the City's land use attorney as new information was just received today and will then be approved.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to Finalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boething Family Regarding a Necessary Easement on Boething Property along the Long Valley Road Ramp, unless other problems arise, then staff has been directed to bring this item back to the City Council for discussion and approval.

B. Report from 11/21/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

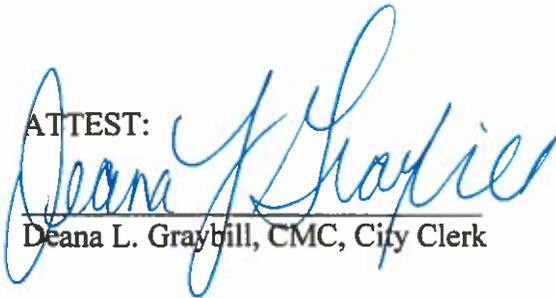
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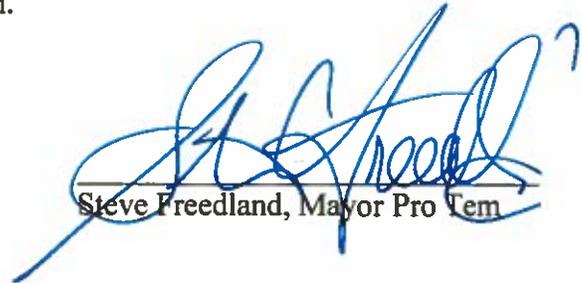
an update on the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs (MSP) funding allocation and preliminary annual City and County requests was given; the estimate for Hidden Hills over the five years is \$1,215,000; the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is up for renewal and a request for proposal was prepared and circulated November 1, 2017, with a projected start date of January 10, 2018, once the vendor is selected and the contracts signed;

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of December 11, 2017 at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk


Steve Freedland, Mayor Pro Tem