

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, January 28, 2019

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 28, 2019 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor 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 Steve Freedland
Mayor Pro Tem Marv Landon
Council Member Bret Katz
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Attorney Roxanne Diaz
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill
Accounting Specialist Theresa Folk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the January 28, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Maria Grycan, Fire Dept. on 2/5, Council Member Siegel's granddaughter Zoe on 2/5.

The Valentine's Musicale is February 8th and 9th. Tickets are on sale at the Community Center.

The Charity benefitting is California Strong.

Rain expected this week and weekend. Sand and Sandbags available in the upper City Hall parking lot.

There will be a Wildfire Discussion at the Hidden Hills Theater on January 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation to the City's Accounting Specialist Theresa Folk for receiving her U.S. Citizenship. Mayor Freedland, of behalf of the City Council and staff, presented her with some congratulatory gifts.

AUDIENCE

Residents and current CERT members Lilian Holt and Jenny Ostrow addressed the Council regarding the Hidden Hills Community Association's desire to purchase radios and their own frequency for security. As this item has no deciding factor from the City, the City Council and staff encouraged them to attend the next Board of Director's Meeting for the Hidden Hills Community Association to address their concerns.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – December

Battalion Chief Kevin Kinney presented the following report:

the month of December consisted of 19 calls that included 14 medical calls, 1 service calls (smoke or odor removal on Mureau Road), 1 fire call for a vehicle fire on Round Meadow Road, and 5 good intent calls. Battalion Chief Kinney also reminded residents that there was rainstorms in the forecast and that sandbags are available at the local fire stations.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – December

Deputy Mike Ranes presented the following report:

during the month of December there was one Part I crime, a petty theft of headphones from a porch of a house in the 23800 block of Long Valley Road and 9 trespassing calls. Other noteworthy incidents were 1) a trespasser from Canoga Park was arrested and charged with under the influence of a controlled substance, and 2) a resident was arrested for criminal threats in the 5900 block of Clear Valley Road.

At this time, City Manager Kallman introduced Sergeant Matt Dunn from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau to give the City Council, staff and residents an update on the recent burglaries. Sgt. Dunn expressed to those in attendance that solving these burglaries and helping to prevent future burglaries is the Sheriff's Department's top priority. He stated that several of these burglary crews are not usually from the area. The Sheriff's Department has been working with many other agencies in areas that have been affected by these burglaries. Hidden Hills residents who were in attendance, including Melissa Wallace, Katie Aviv, Cliff Pearson, Tom Holland, and Yana Ratiner expressed their concerns on how the burglars may be gaining access to the City and also to the homes that have been burglarized.

City Manager Kallman pointed out that numerous measures are being put in place which include patrols of the City's perimeter and trails by the Sheriff's Department on ATV's and the Mounted Posse. The City, the Hidden Hills Community Association, the Sheriff's Department and Covered Six (Hidden Hills Security) working together to identify the replacement or addition of HHCA perimeter fencing. It was also recommended that residents take precautions such as using or getting an alarm system, property cameras, leaving lights and televisions on when not home. City Manager Kallman also stated that these burglaries are being discussed with the other City Managers in neighboring cities and a regional approach is being considered.

C. City Engineer Report

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects, including the Long Valley Entrance Improvement Project-Measure R; undergrounding of overhead powerlines; Round Meadow School traffic mitigation; the City Hall car charging and bicycle repair stations; grading permits being issued for 25067 and 25085 Ashley Ridge Road; and the Mureau Road Bike Route.

The report was then received and filed.

PRESENTATION

City of Hidden Hills Investment Advisory Services – Quarterly Update
Mr. Matt Dalton, CEO and CIO, Belle Haven
Mr. David Hopkins, Senior Vice President, Beacon Pointe Advisors
Mr. Brian Steeves, Portfolio Manager, Belle Haven

City Manager Kallman introduced Mr. Matt Dalton from Belle Haven who then introduced David Hopkins from Beacon Pointe Advisors and Brian Steeves from Belle Haven. Mr. Dalton discussed the comparison of interest gained between Schwab/Beacon/Belle Haven vs. the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), liquidation of accounts, if needed, along with the latest Investment Portfolio for the City. Mayor Freedland asked Mr. Dalton how long it would take Schwab to liquify some accounts if the City needed funds, which he responded no more than 30 days. Mayor Freedland asked for a commitment of no more than three weeks, for which Mr. Dalton responded favorably. Staff was also asked to survey other cities to find out how much is kept in their general funds.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – January 14, 2018
- B. Demand List
- C. Disbursement List – December
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - December
- E. Investment Report – December
- F. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Updating the Salary Schedule for the City Manager

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS,
CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY MANAGER**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Katz 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 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 1/15/19 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member and Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Board Member Siegel reported that the main topics were the Woolsey Fire and the communication breakdown between different agencies, and the uptick of crime in the region and a possible addition of another crime analyst. On February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Malibu City Hall, a Malibu City Community Meeting will take place and all are invited to attend to share their stories, ideas and insights.

City Manager Kallman also reported that at the Sheriff's Conference on February 28, 2019, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, and Malibu will sit on a panel to discuss the Woolsey Fire.

B. Report from 1/22/19 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Hidden Hills Community Association Board Member Deb Spellman reported that there were two Architectural Committee members who termed out, Shawn Antin and Ron Wolfe, and two new members, Steve Philips and Tom Lewis; also, approval was given to replace gate arm operators and spare RFID reader at the Round Meadow gate and eventually to implement at the other gates.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of a Social Media Policy for the City of Hidden Hills

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

City information is sent out through three different media: the monthly City newsletter, an opt-in e-mail service, and on the City website; while these three tools have been somewhat effective, social media could greatly enhance City communication efforts but could also present a challenge, with such a small staff, to provide timely and accurate information and responses if requested; as such, staff is recommending the City Council adopt the attached social media policy which would allow the City Manager to post City information on Hidden Hills Community social media pages (Facebook, Nextdoor, etc.) as appropriate, i.e. an upcoming City event or public safety information; the draft policy outlines the legal restrictions associated with members of the City Council and posting City information on any social media page, provides a recommendation that a quorum (three or more members) of the City Council may not post, discuss, or respond to

posts on social media relating to a topic within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, due to the Brown Act; and provides guidance should the City decide to create and maintain official social media pages in the future; at this time, staff is not recommending the creation or maintenance of official City social media pages, rather including information on City pages in the draft policy should the desire for City pages change in the future.

Council Member Katz asked why the City does not create its own Facebook page. Staff responded that the new policy allows for this but it is not being recommended at this time. Should this change, staff will present the concept to the City Council for consideration.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a Social Media Policy for the City of Hidden Hills.

B. Report from the 1/17/19 League of California Cities Public Safety Policy Committee

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

Hidden Hills has recently become involved in the League of California Cities Public Safety Policy Committee, which reviews federal and state legislation and issues related to law enforcement, fire and life safety policies, emergency communications, emergency services, disaster preparedness, Indian gaming and nuisance abatement; a meeting was held in Sacramento on January 17; items discussed at this meeting were trends, disparities, and county differences regarding California arrests; and update on the “reducing crime and keeping California Safe Act of 2020”; and a League Drone Policy; the next meeting is scheduled for March 28 in Costa Mesa.

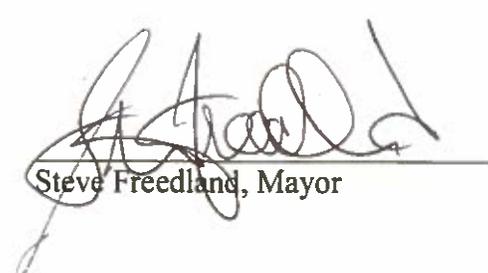
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Freedland, Mayor