

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, February 25, 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, February 25, 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 Engineer Dirk Lovett  
Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo  
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the February 25, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder about the upcoming City Council Election on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Hidden Hills Annual Adult Only Magic Show on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Call the Hidden Hills Community Center for Tickets.

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> is Daylight Saving Time – Set Clocks Ahead an Hour.

**AUDIENCE**

Resident Deb Spellman (24305 Bridle Trail Road) stated that the Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors amended the By-Laws implementing term limits for Committee Members. She then asked the City Council if they had discussed implementing term limits for Council Members.

Mayor Freedland stated no.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – January**

Battalion Chief Doug LaCount presented the following report:

the month of January consisted of 11 calls that included 5 medical calls and 6 good intent calls.

Mayor Freedland then gave a brief report about attending a Woolsey Fire Listening Session on Saturday, February 23, 2019 and while it was heart wrenching to hear stories of loss and destruction, it was also a good chance to learn from residents directly affected by the fire. Mayor Freedland asked that staff add to the City's website and send out by email, an announcement about another upcoming Listening Session on March 3 at King Gillette Ranch from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – January**

Deputy Mike Raney presented the following report:

during the month of January there were four Part I crimes, a residential burglary was reported in the 24200 block of Bridle Trail Road. The upstairs master bedroom's glass door was smashed to gain entry. The victim was not home but received an alarm activation. Jewelry and U.S. currency

were stolen from the bedroom area; A residential burglary occurred in the block of 5757 Penland Road. A window was smashed to gain entry and the bedrooms and bathrooms were ransacked; A residential burglary was reported in the 5500 block of Paradise Valley Road. The residence was vacant and is being remodeled. The garage side glass door and the upstairs master bedroom sliding glass door were smashed. It appears entry and exit was made via the mud room laundry door that was smashed. No property was taken; A residential burglary occurred in 25200 block of Jim Bridger Road. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to the roof which allowed access to the bedroom balcony where entry was made by smashing a glass door. A watch and U.S. currency were stolen from the master bedroom area; a domestic violence was reported in the 5300 block of Round Meadow Road. The suspect assaulted his wife during an argument. The case is ongoing, and 7 trespassing calls.

Deputy Raney informed the Council that in February there have been three burglaries (two on Jim Bridger, one on Hidden Ridge) and one attempted burglary (William Bent). Later that week, Thursday and Friday were two attempted trespassing incidents with the intent to commit burglary. On Friday, 2/22, Covered 6 was pivotal in chasing and detaining one of the burglary suspects and then turned him over to the Sheriff. Deputy Raney pointed out that these burglaries are not just happening here in California. They are also happening in other countries, all with the same M.O. The Council asked Deputy Raney if the suspect was still in custody and Deputy Raney said he was bailed out.

### **C. City Engineer Report**

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects: 1) the Long Valley Entrance Improvement Project-Measure R – a kick off meeting was held last week with the new and previous design teams. Civil design is proceeding. 2) Overhead Powerlines Undergrounding – staff has sent a letter to residents that are adjacent to each of the areas, informing them of the project, to determine their interest and to solicit their support. All responses are being documented. Mayor Freedland added that Supervisor Linda Parks is trying to go to the States to get money to assist cities with powerline undergrounding. 3) Round Meadow School traffic mitigation – A MOU will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting for its approval prior to commencing design. 4) City Hall Car Charging and Bicycle Repair Stations – construction commenced on 2/20/19 and is scheduled to be completed late March.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – January**
- D. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – January**
- E. Investment Report - January**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber 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 2/19/19 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 1) Measure W/Stormwater – on February 11, a meeting was held for the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee (NSMG WASC) wherein the goal of the LVMCOG was to make sure all of the cities were at the table to make decisions on regional stormwater projects that will benefit the watershed. Agoura Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village have seats. Calabasas and Hidden Hills were elected to the remaining two seats ensuring all of the COG cities were represented on the WASC. Los Angeles County has two seats as well on the WASC; 2) Homelessness – the City of Malibu is having a major problem with homelessness. Because of this, the LVMCOG has designated it’s share of \$30,000 to Malibu to supplement two mental health professionals, which Hidden Hills can utilize the services of those two professionals if needed.

- B. Report from 2/19/19 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Hidden Hills Community Association Board Member Deb Spellman reported that there are still tickets available for the Adult Annual Comedy Show. She announced that there is a large animal evacuation clinic on Sunday 3/31. The HHCA Board approved the perimeter camera agreement and they are finalizing the license agreement. Ms. Spellman wanted to commend Covered 6 for being instrumental in the capture of the burglary suspect on 2/22.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**Consideration of Appointment of Delegates to North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee**

Water Quality Consultant Joe Bellomo presented the following report:

On November 6, 2018, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Act; a parcel-based tax revenue is generated for regional multi-benefit and municipal projects, along with Los Angeles County Flood Control District programs and administration; the City is estimated to receive \$100,000 annually through the Municipal Programs; the direct funding provided to the City will be used for water quality improvements identified in the Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP); the regional program in the North Santa Monica Bay will largely be directed by the 17-member Watershed Area Steering Committee for which the City has been assigned one of the 7 municipal seats; the City is encouraged to nominate one primary representative and one alternate representative to attend Committee meetings; staff recommends appointing the City Manager as the primary representative and Joe Bellomo as the alternate.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint the City Manager as the primary delegate and Joe Bellomo as the alternate to the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk

  
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Steve Freedland, Mayor