

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, April 22, 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, April 22, 2019 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Larry G. Weber called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Larry G. Weber
Mayor Pro Tem Bret Katz
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Laura McCorkindale
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman
City Attorney Roxanne Diaz
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the April 22, 2019 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Anniversary to Mayor Weber and his wife Nanette on 5/3.
The Hidden Hills Annual Welcome Party is Saturday, 5/4.
Happy Mother's Day Sunday, 5/12.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Freedland on behalf of the City Council expressed their condolences to City Manager Kallman for the passing of his father-in-law, Ken Ray.

Mayor Weber and Mayor Pro Tem Katz updated the Council on their Council Member Academy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and how this past weekend they participated in the Deputy Driving School. Council Member Siegel shared his experience with former Council Member Monty Fisher many years ago.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Kallman thanked the Council, staff and all those who reached out and expressed their condolences on the passing of his father-in-law, Ken Ray.

City Manager presented a token of appreciation to Council Member Siegel who has been on the City Council for twenty-five (25) years. A photo collage in the shape of a two and five with pictures spanning his career.

PRESENTATION – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Rudy Gonzalez, Government Relations Manager and John Abbott, Operations Supervisor from Southern California Edison were in attendance to provide the following report:

first and foremost, Southern California Edison (SCE) is committed to protecting public safety and maintaining the reliability of their system, which serves approximately 15 million people; roughly one-quarter of SCE's service area, covering about 9 million acres, is considered high fire risk area; prior to the unprecedented California wildfires in 2017 and 2018, SCE was already taking measures to ensure wildfire mitigation and grid resiliency including, but not limited to: 1) having operational practices in place to reduce fire risk including restricting certain types of work, not automatically re-energizing

distribution power lines after circuit interruption until Edison employees can inspect the lines, and public safety power shutoff (PSPS), where power may be shut down preemptively in limited high fire risk areas during extreme weather conditions; 2) system hardening, which includes pole replacements, fire-resistant poles, composite crossarms and covered conductors/insulated wire wrap to enhance the resiliency of the infrastructure and reduce the risk of ignitions; 3) vegetation management patrols has been increased in the most severe high fire risk areas, which includes inspecting approximately 900,000 trees annually, pruning 700,000 of them per year, including 400,000 in high fire risk areas; monitoring trees outside the designated pruning areas that could potentially fall into lines, and removal of approximately 40,000 dead or dying trees annually, and 4) expanding the application of LiDAR technology, which is an advanced laser surveying method enhancing vegetation management in remote areas; SCE encourages all residents to be prepared to be without power for extended periods of time.

The Council then discussed with Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Abbott ideas in relation to undergrounding poles instead of system hardening, SCE helping fund the cost of cities to underground poles in their areas, PSPS priority areas, using volunteers who live in various areas to notify SCE when any type of power interruption happens so that they can continually survey the quality of power; and the claims process for electrical equipment failure or breaks.

Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Abbott also reported that SCE participates in wildfire response planning with fire agencies, continues to work with state and local governments, regulatory agencies, first responders and fire agencies to ensure that their efforts are fully coordinated and to protect California's critical energy infrastructure.

The Council thanked Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Abbott for attending the meeting and providing their report.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – February

Assistant Fire Chief Williams presented the following report:

March had five medical responses; the weed inspections done by the Fire Department have begun; it is going to be a long and arduous brush clearance season with vegetation having

to be trimmed more than once this season due to the water content being so high; and a reminder to residents to make sure they clear their properties of fire hazards.

Council Member Siegel expressed his concern about the clearance of the property along the Hidden Hills border formerly known as Ahmanson Ranch and Chief Williams assured that there will be ongoing crews throughout the season to monitor the clearance and augment when necessary.

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

Deputy Mike Raney presented the following report:

during the month of March there was one (1) Part I crime: A residential burglary was reported on in the 6000 block of John Muir Road. An upstairs sliding glass door was smashed to gain entry and the residence was ransacked. Unknown suspect(s) removed the security cameras. Designer men's watches were stolen. A resident of Carson was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime. The incident, an attempt residential burglary, occurred in the 25200 block of Eldorado Meadow Road in the month of February 2019. A witness saw three suspects hiding in the bushes in the area. The suspects were described as possibly males who were described as possibly males who were wearing dark colored clothing and hooded sweatshirts. They fled in a grey 2017 Nissan Rogue which was found abandoned in Woodland Hills. During the investigation, it was discovered that this suspect had rented the vehicle.

City Manager Kallman reported that Deputy Raney will be taking motorcycle school for the Sheriff's Department to become a motor, but that he will still be our liaison with the department with an increase in time dedicated to Hidden Hills.

C. City Engineer Report

City Engineer Lovett provided the following updates on ongoing projects: 1) the Long Valley Entrance Improvement Project-Measure R – staff has completed the concept of the entry landscape and approved by the City Council on March 25. Civil design is proceeding. 2) Round Meadow School Traffic Mitigation – Design was completed and forwarded to the School District on 4/12 and the School District will now select a contractor and manage all bidding and construction. 3) City Hall Charging and Bicycle Repair Stations – acceptance by SCE is anticipated in the next few weeks and the station should be energized and operational beginning in May. The charging station

will be universal with most vehicles except Teslas. 4) 24314 Long Valley Road – a grading permit has been issued and a preconstruction meeting was held on 4/8. No grading has commenced yet. Water facilities will be on-site to address and the project will be constantly monitored. 5) Spectrum Communications Encroachment Permit on Round Meadow Road – work commenced on 4/17 and was completed 4/19.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **City Council Minutes – March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- B. **City Council Minutes – March 27, 2019 Special Meeting**
- C. **Demand List**
- D. **Disbursement List – March**
- E. **Financial/Treasurer’s Report – March**
- F. **Investment Report - March**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Approval of a Community Assistance Grant to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff’s Station to be Used to Purchase “Varidesk” Stand Up Desks for Use by Station Deputies

the City’s annual budget includes funds for community assistance grants; such funds have been granted in the past to community groups such as non-profit organizations, public schools, and the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff’s Station (to help aid in the purchase of equipment and supplies); the Station is requesting \$2,500 to purchase five stand-up desks; this fiscal year’s budget contains \$15,000 for use as community grants, for which no requests for these funds has been received until now.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved approve a Community Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff’s Station to be used to Purchase “Varidesk” Stand Up Desks for Use by Station Deputies.

Consideration and Approval of Several Proposed Agreements Related to the 2019 Hidden Hills Fiesta

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

for the past 58 years the City has organized and facilitated a two-day Fiesta Celebration, which includes a Parade, Carnival and Community Dinner; planning has begun with staff and resident and Chairman Britt Aaronson; an event this large requires assistance from vendors; in the past the City has hired Bella Donna Special Events to provide a community dinner for 1100 people, Schoeppner Shows to provide carnival rides, game booths, prizes, and staff; and A Rental Connection to provide rental equipment, including lighting, tents, temporary restrooms, electricity for all vendors to utilize, booths, chairs/tables, and other items; all three companies have worked seamlessly together and with staff and volunteers in the past and are also familiar with site requirements and layout; staff is recommending approval of three agreements with Bella Donna Special Events in the amount of \$34,000 with an \$8,000 deposit due now, Schoeppner Shows in the amount \$51,000 with a \$17,000 deposit due now, and A Rental Connection in the amount of \$24,650 with a \$2,500 deposit due now.

Chairman Britt Aaronson added that she solicited two proposals for caterers this year, and Bella Donna came in well under the other caterer and they did a great job for the last two years. She also reported that the theme for this year's Fiesta is "Hidden Hills Heroes", which encompasses first responders, teachers, doctors, nurses and so many more.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve an agreement with Bella Donna Special Events to provide the 2019 Fiesta Community Dinner for an approximate cost of \$33,955.95 with a deposit of \$8,000 due once City agreements have been executed and insurance received and another deposit in the amount of \$10,000 due on or around June 30, 2019; approve an agreement with Schoeppner Shows to provide the 2019 Fiesta carnival rides, game booths, prizes and staff in the amount of \$51,000 with a deposit of \$17,000 due once City agreements have been executed and insurance received; approve an agreement with A Rental Connection to provide the 2019 rentals, powers and cooking apparatus required in the amount of \$24,650 with a deposit due of \$2,500 once City agreements have been executed and insurance received.

Consideration of Creation of a City Council Chambers Upgrade Ad-hoc Committee and Selection of Committee Members

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

the City Council adopted a goal in 2017 to consider various improvements to the City Hall building and complex; the redesign of the downstairs administrative area, second floor offices, door hardware and office lighting have been completed; the next phase is the City Council Chambers; the Ad-hoc Committee will meet with several designers and bring a recommendation of hire to the City Council, along with development of a new design of the chambers to be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Mayor Weber and Council Member McCorkindale volunteered to be on the City Council Chambers Upgrade Ad-hoc Committee.

Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution No. 939 Regarding SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

City Engineer Lovett presented the following report:

it is required that the City adopt a resolution that provides a project list for which Senate Bill 1 (permanent funding for road maintenances and rehabilitation projects) funds, which was passed a few years ago as a supplement to gas tax money, will be spent or assigned this next fiscal year; the projects list will include the Long Valley Road/Valley Circle/US-101 On-Ramp Improvements Project and the Round Meadow School Student Drop-off and Pick-up Improvements Project.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve and adopt by title only Resolution No. 939 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

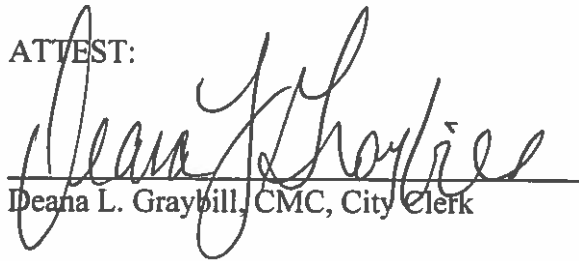
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk