

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, January 8, 2007

***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 8, 2007 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jim Cohen called the meeting to order and presided thereover after asking Mayor Pro Tem Monty Fisher to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council: Mayor Jim Cohen  
Mayor Pro Tem Monty E. Fisher  
Council Member Steve Freedland  
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff: City Engineer Dirk Lovett  
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the January 8, 2007 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Cohen made the following announcements:

This Thursday (1/11/07) there is a blood drive at City Hall beginning at noon; to make an appointment, call Deana at 818/888-9281.

This Saturday (1/13/07) will be the last day for the bins that are located at City Hall and the Community Center for the recycling of Christmas trees.

Saturday (1/13/07) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. there will be a used oil recycling collection at the Calabasas Swim and Tennis Center; for more information, call City Hall.

City Hall, Building and Safety, and the Community Center will all be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, 1/15/07, in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

According to AT&T, most of the phones within the City are back in service, but any that are not fixed should be repaired and back in service by 9:00 p.m. Tuesday night; the problems were construction related, not wind related.

He received a letter from Julia Brownley, the new Assemblymember for the 41<sup>st</sup> District, asking the Council Members for any legislative bill ideas, or issues of which she should be aware; anyone with any comments is invited to email or call Assemblymember Brownley.

There is a major fire burning at this time in Malibu near Pacific Coast Highway, with extensive property damage; if anyone can be of any assistance, he/she should call the Fire Department.

## **AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Consideration of Approval of Community Assistance Grant Application from the Round Meadow Elementary School Parent Faculty Association for the Purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve a Community Assistance Grant Application from the Round Meadow Elementary School Parent Faculty Association in the amount of not-to-exceed \$2200 for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

### **B. Consideration of Approval of Community Assistance Grant Application from the Hidden Hills Community Association for the Purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

Ron Wolfe, Community Association Board Member and liaison to the City, asked the Council for approval of a community grant for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator for the Community Center, which would hopefully never be needed but available if necessary, with the exact location of the device to be determined. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve a Community Assistance Grant Application from the Hidden Hills Community Association in the amount of not-to-exceed \$2200 for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Consideration of Minor Accommodation Application for a Two Story Addition, Within the Front Yard Setback, to an Existing Nonconforming Single Family Residence Located at 5571 Hoback Glen Road**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following staff report:

The existing nonconforming building encroaches approximately 15' into the front yard setback; the applicant is proposing a second story addition of 834 square feet; the addition will encroach no further into the setback than the current building; the minor accommodation is being requested to allow the addition without correcting the existing

encroachment; notices were sent to all property owners within 300' of the subject property; no comments have been received; all existing and proposed construction has been approved by the Community Association; the Council may grant a minor accommodation if the finding can be made that the minor accommodation will not have a material adverse impact on the public welfare or adjacent property; staff feels this finding can be made, as the improvements encroach no further than the existing building, other homes along Hoback Glen Road encroach into the front yard setback, and no views of adjacent properties will be impacted as the proposed construction will raise the ridgeline of the existing home by less than 1'; it is staff's recommendation that the minor accommodation be approved.

Mayor Cohen opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, Mayor Cohen closed the public hearing and asked which Council Members had visited the site. Council Member Freedland reported that he had visited the site, while the rest of the Council Members stated they had not. As there were no questions or comments, upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the requested minor accommodation, as the required finding could be made, and to adopt by title only Resolution No. 793 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A MINOR ACCOMMODATION FOR A TWO STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 5571 HOBACK GLEN ROAD.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – December 11, 2006**
- B. Demand List**
- C. 2006 Fiesta Expenditure Report**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, B, and C of the consent calendar as submitted.

## **MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **A. Consideration of Conceptual Landscape Plan for Round Meadow/Mureau Corner**

The following report was provided by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

Healing Leaves (consultant Nissa Paggi) was directed to prepare a conceptual plan for the landscaping of the northeast corner of Round Meadow and Mureau Roads; that conceptual plan is before the Council this evening, and Ms. Paggi is in attendance to answer any questions; the plan does not at this time include construction notes, details, or dimensions; it is conceptual in order to solicit input from the Council Members on the materials being used, the theme, and the location of improvements; after the discussion this evening, final plans will be prepared and brought back to the Council for approval before they are put out for bid; on 1/3/07, the Flower Committee (Mayor Cohen and Council Member Freedland) met with staff on site; the staff report provides recommended changes, from that visit, to the original conceptual plan; the staff report was also provided to Ms. Paggi, who has already incorporated most of those recommendations into a new conceptual plan that has been prepared for this evening; staff would recommend that the Council approve the new conceptual plan with the Committee's recommendations, along with any other suggestions the Council may have.

Council Member Freedland explained that there were two sets of drawings, one showing the trees, and another showing the shrubs – he suggested that both be placed on the board next to each other for the full effect. Council Member Freedland also pointed out that there was a question regarding grading near one of the pine trees, and that it might be necessary to remove a different one; however, he felt that problem could be resolved later.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher questioned whether or not the planting shown around the utility boxes would be an access issue. Mayor Cohen stated that there was a limitation on planting near the boxes, but the Committee felt the area should be planted, and if any of the planting had to be removed for access, it would be replanted later.

In response to another question from Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Council Member Freedland explained that the block wall had already been extended in front of the utility boxes to raise the grade up to the bottom of the boxes, where there had been some erosion, and that the shrubs to be planted would help hide the rest of the utility boxes.

Council Member Siegel commented that he saw the location of the gazebo layout, and the recommendation to move it further back – he thinks the landscaping will look great, and he is also happy to see that most of the pine trees are being removed. Mayor Cohen stated that the trees are not attractive and do not appear real healthy, so no one seems too concerned that they will be removed.

Mayor Cohen asked if the final plans would show the specifications, grading, irrigation, etc. Mr. Lovett confirmed that they would show all of that, including a material list and cost estimates for the materials and construction so that the plans would be ready for the bidding process. He added that the Council would still have an opportunity to comment on the final plans before bids were obtained. Staff was directed to work with Ms. Paggi in the preparation of the final plans based on the recommendations of the Committee and the discussion this evening.

**B. Report from 12/19/06 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Community Association Board Member Ron Wolfe provided the following information:

The Board approved several contracts, including the weed spraying contract and an increase in the gate guard contract, but all within budget; the Valentine Musicale has been scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; they continue to work on the sign at the front gate; the steel has been delivered, the permit obtained from the City, and it should be completed in several months.

Mayor Cohen asked if the Round Meadow corner should be added to the weed spraying contract. The City Manager stated that once the landscaping was completed, she would ask the Association to add that area to the weed spraying contract, for which the City would pay its proportionate share, as has been done in the past.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A. Tentative Map 63567 (Ashley) - Update**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett reported that the contract had been signed by the consultant who was now working on the EIR, and that the next step in the process would be the circulation to other agencies of the Notice of Preparation. He added that everything was on schedule.

**B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - November**

The report was received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of January 8, 2007 at 7:50 p.m.

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Jim Cohen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk