

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, September 10, 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, September 10, 2007 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart Siegel called the meeting to order and presided thereover after asking former Council Member Ron Berg's daughter Macy Berg to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:

Mayor Stuart E. Siegel
Mayor Pro Tem Monty E. Fisher
Council Member Jim Cohen
Council Member Steve Freedland
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
Building Official Greg Robinson
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Deputy City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

Mayor Siegel thanked Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill for organizing and preparing for the reception to immediately follow the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the September 10, 2007 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Fiesta dinner tickets are now on sale at City Hall at a cost of \$22 for adults and \$15 for children; each dinner ticket includes a wristband for the rides and games; if you have not received your Fiesta booklet, which was mailed to each residence, there are extras at City Hall.

Rosh Hashana begins at sundown on this Wednesday, 9/12.

The Council has some birthday wishes to extend: a happy belated birthday to Council Member Freedland's wife Susan (last Saturday); happy birthday to our videographer Connor Weber, Council Member Weber's son, this Friday; and a happy birthday this Sunday to Council Member Cohen's daughter Dana Cohen.

There will be an open house at the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station this Saturday (9/15) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; call City Hall for details.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

A. City Certificates/2007 Academic Achievement Recipient

Mayor Siegel stated that one of the things this Council likes to do is honor the City's students who have received any special academic achievement awards from their respective schools; other students have attended previous meetings, but tonight the student to be honored just happens to be Macy Berg, the daughter of former Council Member Ron Berg. Mayor Siegel then presented Ms. Berg with a City certificate.

B. Recognition of Former Council Member Ronald S. Berg

Mayor Siegel informed everyone that tonight the Council was honoring former Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Member Ron Berg. He invited everyone to stay after the meeting, which would be approximately five to ten minutes after the presentations, for an informal reception and refreshments.

Mayor Siegel introduced all of the dignitaries in attendance, and then announced that certificates and/or plaques had been sent (as no representative was able to attend) for Mr. Berg by Congressman Henry Waxman, L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, the City of Malibu, and the City of Westlake Village.

The following dignitaries who were in attendance presented Mr. Berg with plaques or certificates of appreciation, and thanked him for his service, passion, sense of humor, dedication, and commitment to the City of Hidden Hills and in working with their respective organizations:

District Director Louise Rishoff –Assembly Member Julia Brownley’s Office
Mayor James Bozajian and Council Member Dennis Washburn – City of Calabasas
Council Member William Koehler – City of Agoura Hills
Board President Terilyn Finders and Superintendent Dr. Donald Zimring – LVUSD
Captain Tom Martin – L.A. County Sheriff’s Department
Assistant Fire Chief Reggie Lee – L.A. County Fire Department
President Michael Silberman and Director Ron Wolfe – HH Community Association
City Engineer Dirk Lovett and Building Official Greg Robinson – Charles Abbott Assoc.

Mayor Siegel, on behalf of the entire Council, presented Mr. Berg with his three badges (Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Member) encased in lucite, after which Mayor Siegel, the other Council Members, and the City Manager all expressed their praise and thanks to Mr. Berg, telling individual stories and experiences shared with him when he served on the Council.

Mr. Berg, who was accompanied by his wife Barbara and daughter Macy, then stated the following:

He did not expect this reception this evening, and felt totally overwhelmed and at a loss of words; as everyone knows, he loved serving on the Council and only resigned due to personal family reasons; as stated earlier, all of the Council Members did not always agree, but he felt they always served the residents well; he wished to thank each and every one of them, as well as the staff, all of whom he enjoyed working with.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – August 27, 2007**
- B. Demand List**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A and B of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

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

City Engineer Dirk Lovett reported that the screen draft EIR is still being worked on by the consultant; when it is acceptable to staff, it will be circulated, after which it will come before the Council for consideration.

- B. Building and Safety Cost Tracking**

Building Official Greg Robinson provided the following staff report:

Every six months, staff reviews the estimated costs (the funds balance) to complete the outstanding workload in relation to already issued permits; in January, 2007, that funds balance was estimated at \$125,577.99; in completing the most recent review in August, staff is estimating the fund balance at \$136,147.32, and would recommend that the fund balance shown for reference on the financial statement be adjusted to reflect this new estimate.

The Council agreed, and directed staff to adjust the financial statement accordingly.

C. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - July

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of September 10, 2007 at 8:07 p.m., after which everyone enjoyed refreshments and the reception in honor of former Council Member Berg.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk