

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Friday, January 15, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An adjourned 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 Friday, January 15, 2010 at the hour of 7:30 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 Larry Weber Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Attorney Roxanne Diaz City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Jim Cohen

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absence of Council Member Cohen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the January 15, 2010 adjourned regular meeting be approved as submitted.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL CITY COUNCIL SEAT VACATED BY MONTY FISHER, OR CALLING OF SPECIAL ELECTION

A. Appointment

Mayor Freedland reminded everyone that an ad hoc committee, consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Weber and Council Member Siegel, was appointed at the last Council meeting to search for a possible candidate to be appointed to the Council to fill the remainder of former Council Member Monty Fisher's term. He then asked the ad hoc committee for its recommendation, if there was one, so they could all discuss that recommendation and either make an appointment, or call a special election.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber stated the following:

He and Council Member Siegel spoke to a number of people who were possibly interested in serving on the Council, and also reached out to several others that they felt would be good candidates; some residents they spoke to were interested and available, while others would have liked to have been appointed but either did not have the time or could not legally serve due to other held positions; after very careful consideration, he and Council Member Siegel agreed on one person that they both felt would have the most time to dedicate to the Council and to the City; that person is resident Larry Goldberg.

Council Member Siegel added his comments:

Larry Goldberg, who is a semi-retired attorney, reached out to him several months earlier, asking if there was any pro bono work he could do or any other service he could provide to the City; there was really nothing at that time; but when this Council seat opened up, he thought of Mr. Goldberg; he and Mayor Pro Tem Weber have both spoken to Mr. Goldberg and feel that he is very qualified; he did not feel it was a good idea to consider and contact members of the Community Association Board to possibly fill the seat, especially for a shortened Council term; even though Council Member Cohen is an attorney, he does not practice that much anymore, and he thought it might be a good idea to have another attorney on the Council; Mr. Goldberg seemed very excited about serving on the Council, as opposed to someone who was willing to serve, but only if really needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber said he had spoken with Mr. Goldberg twice, and he too got the impression that Mr. Goldberg was very excited about this opportunity, although he was not sure it was important to add someone to the Council because that person was an attorney.

Mayor Freedland asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were not.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to appoint resident Larry Goldberg to the City Council to fill the remainder of former Council Member Monty Fisher's term, which will run until the City's general municipal election in March of 2011.

The City Manager stated that the oath of office would be administered to Mr. Goldberg at the next Council meeting on January 25, 2010, and that she would be scheduling a new Council Member orientation meeting as soon as possible, to be attended by Mayor Freedland, newly appointed Council Member Larry Goldberg, City Attorney Roxanne Diaz, City Engineer Dirk Lovett, and the City Manager. City Attorney Diaz, in response to Council Member Siegel, explained that since Mr. Goldberg was now officially appointed to the City Council, he was subject to the Brown Act, even though he has not taken the oath of office yet.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber wished to thank all of the other residents with whom he spoke about this open position, and if they are really interested in serving on the Council, he would encourage them to run for office in the next City election in March of 2011.

B. Consideration of Resolution Calling a Special Election

Mayor Freedland announced that since the Council just appointed resident Larry Goldberg to fill the vacant Council seat, there was no need to consider the proposed resolution to call a special election.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Weber, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the adjourned regular meeting of January 15, 2010 at 7:37 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk