

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 28, 2010

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, June 28, 2010 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Larry 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 Jim Cohen Council Member Steve Freedland Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Larry Goldberg

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absence of Council Member Goldberg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 28, 2010 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

Thanks to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill for preparing and organizing the reception/refreshments; there will be a short recess after the award certificates are presented to allow everyone time to honor all of the students and enjoy the refreshments.

Congratulations to the Association and the Parks & Recreation Committee for a very successful summer opening party, which was held on June 19th.

Even though he is not here this evening, a very happy birthday to Council Member Goldberg (6/29).

City Hall, the Community Center, and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, July 5th, in honor of Independence Day.

Happy birthday to Public Safety Commissioner and Assistant Emergency Services Director Gabe Nussbaum (7/8) and also to Council Member Freedland's son Kurtis (7/12).

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen wished Mayor Weber a very happy birthday (7/5), and also congratulated him for winning first place in the chili cook-off at the first summer BBQ at the Community Center (6/24).

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - May

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan provided the following report:

During the month of May there were 11 responses, including 0 fires, 2 medical calls, 5 snake removals, 1 hazardous condition (wires down but no fire), and 3 false alarm/good intent calls; there were 9 station inspections, 5 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections, and 8 plan checks.

In response to Mayor Weber's questions, Ms. Grycan stated the following:

The five snake removals were all rattlesnakes; they are coming out unseasonably early, as she started seeing rattlesnakes in March and April; if you have a rattlesnake on your property and want it removed, call 911 and the Fire Department will come out and remove the snake; however, residents need to be aware that the snake will be killed; if residents do not want the snake killed, they can call Animal Control, but that could take a much longer time.

Ms. Grycan then made the following announcements:

Fire season is fast approaching; the Fire Department has a great publication called "Ready! Set! Go!", which is available here at City Hall; it is a personal wildfire action plan, telling residents how to prepare your home and yourselves in case of a wildfire; it tells you everything you need to know about hardening your home and making it more able to withstand a fire front when you evacuate; evacuate is what the Fire Department wants you to do, and what the Department promotes; the brochure is also available on the Fire Department's website, and there will soon be a link on the City's website; to help residents become prepared, she is working with Emergency Services Director Jim Doran to schedule CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training probably starting some time in September, here at City Hall; it is a free 20 hour course that is taught over seven evenings and one Saturday morning; the course teaches you how to be on your own and self sufficient, how not to depend on first responders in the event of a major earthquake, and how to take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbors; the course includes disaster preparedness, putting out small fires, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue techniques, psychology, terrorism, and incident command system; she would encourage everyone to take the class; call Deana at City Hall for more information.

Mayor Weber felt the CERT training provided very good knowledge, even if residents do not wish to become actual members of CERT, and he highly recommended the course, especially for high school students, who may be able to get community service hours for taking the class.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - May

The following report was provided by Lt. John Benedict:

There was one incident reported during the month of May, that being a residential burglary that actually occurred in December of 2009; the homeowners moved out of the City, and noticed items missing once they arrived at their new home; they are looking at the moving company; in relation to traffic, there was one property collision, which was caused by backing into a fixed post on Oakfield Road; 25 citations were issued, with 18 of those being hazardous, 6 non-hazardous, and 1 parking violation; one dangerous driver, involving an off-road motorcycle was reported to STTOP; some have been continuously riding on the horse trails; warning letters were sent to three homes; the Sheriff's Department spoke to one of the residents, which was a positive contact; all three have been warned and advised.

Mayor Weber commented that the off-road motorcycle activity appears to have quieted down somewhat. Lt. Benedict agreed, stating that hopefully the Department's prevention and interaction is helping, and that will continue. He added that the trails are no place to ride motorcycles or motorbikes, and that if bikes are not licensed on the street and the driver is not licensed, he/she will be cited and the vehicle impounded.

PRESENTATIONS

City Certificates/2010 Student Achievement Recipients

Mayor Weber introduced Las Virgenes Unified School District Board President Gordon Whitehead, who was in attendance. Mayor Weber then explained that the student names would be called individually, each student should then come up to receive his/her certificate, and pictures would be taken. He added that after all the presentations were completed, there would be a short recess for refreshments in honor of all the students recognized. The City Manager explained that the student names and awards were provided by the individual area schools, and that if any students were overlooked, they should contact their schools and have the school notify City Hall to correct the error.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Weber presented City certificates to the following students, whose names were all read (by school and alphabetically) by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and Council Member Freedland:

From A.E. Wright Middle School:	Ashley Ben-Porat Jacob Feldman Leanna Goldwasser Samuel Goldwasser Payton Koch Sophia Rome Kjerstin Skorge Samantha Steinberg Matthew Vanderhooven	Baylee Blumenthal Alexandra Foisy Maxwell Goldwasser Cooper Koch Jack Korchek Lisa Siegel Emma Spellman Clare Stonich
From Calabasas High School:	Cassidy Blumenthal Kurtis Freedland Ryan Heller Kate Korchek Michael Siegel	Lauren Deitch Max Gaspin Jason Jaffe Samuel Shandler Moriah Stapf
From New Community Jewish High School:		Daniel Deitch
From Round Meadow Elementary School:	Robby Carmer	Will Stonich
From Viewpoint School:	Honour Fottrell Shea O'Sullivan	Ella Morner-Ritt

At this time (8:03 p.m.), Mayor Weber called for a short recess for all those in attendance to enjoy refreshments and congratulate those students being honored. He reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – June 14, 2010**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – May**
- D. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – May**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and Related Resolution**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 830 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2010 TO THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT, AFFIRMING INVESTMENT POLICY, APPROVING THE CITY’S BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010.

- B. Report from 6/15/10 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Community Association Board Member Marv Landon reported that the meeting was uneventful, with the normal agenda items being addressed, although the Board did approve the payment of one-half of the cost of the wrought iron fence being installed by the City on the north side of City Hall.

C. Report from 6/15/10 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel informed the Council that the COG approved its budget for the new fiscal year, elected Denis Weber from Agoura Hills as the new COG president, and received an update on Measure R projects and related funding.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Round Meadow/Long Valley Road Utility Undergrounding Project – Update

The following staff report was provided by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

The contractor, Tidwell, has given us a start date in approximately three weeks, give or take a few days in order for them to finish up a current job and order the materials for our job; Tidwell has been given sixty days, but will probably only need thirty days; that company will be doing the trenching, laying the conduit, and setting the cabinets; the other utilities then come in and pull their wires; it will probably take about ninety days total for the project; there is a commitment to keep traffic open at all times, although there may be short delays at times with the use of a flagman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 28, 2010 at 8:32 p.m.

Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk