

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 25, 2013

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, March 25, 2013 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stuart E. Siegel called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council:	Mayor Stuart E. Siegel Mayor Pro Tem Steve Freedland Council Member Marv Landon Council Member Larry G. Weber
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Jim Cohen

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 25, 2013 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

Congratulations to the Community Association/Parks & Recreation Committee for a very successful “Magic & Mayhem” show on 3/17.

Passover begins tonight at sundown.

Sunday, 3/31, is Easter.

Get well wishes to Deputy Emergency Services Director Jim Doran; he has been having some medical issues, and ended up in the hospital again for a couple of days, before having to go to rehab.

Please stay after the meeting (which will be very short) to enjoy refreshments; a big thank you to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill for making all the reception arrangements.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, on behalf of the Council and staff, wished a happy birthday to Mayor Siegel, celebrating his birthday today.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT – JUDGE JOHN DOYLE

Mayor Siegel introduced resident Judge John Doyle, thanking him for again taking time from his busy schedule to attend the meeting. Judge Doyle then administered the oath of office to recently re-elected Council Member Steve Freedland and presented him with a Certificate of Election. Since re-elected Council Member Jim Cohen was unable to attend the meeting, Judge Doyle offered to administer the oath to Council Member Cohen at City Hall by the required date

of 3/29/13. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland made a few comments, stating that he was looking forward to the next four years, and continuing to serve with the other Council Members.

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

- A. Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Siegel**
- B. Remarks by Outgoing Mayor Siegel**
- C. Remarks by Other Council Members**

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland read and presented to outgoing Mayor Stuart Siegel a certificate from Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Certificates were presented to outgoing Mayor Siegel by the following:

Max Reyes, Senior Field Representative – representing State Senator Fran Pavley’s Office;

Charles Caspary, Board President/Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager – representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

The following then addressed Mayor Siegel, praising and thanking him for his past year of service as Mayor: City of Calabasas Council Member Lucy Martin; Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department/Lost Hills Station Operations Lieutenant and Lieutenant liaison to Hidden Hills Matt Squire; Los Angeles County Fire Department Community Services Representative Maria Grycan; and Las Virgenes Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dan Stepenosky.

Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, on behalf of the entire Council and staff, presented an engraved rosewood sounding block and gavel set to outgoing Mayor Siegel, after which Mayor Siegel made his remarks, followed by remarks from the other Council Members.

D. Selection of Mayor

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon and seconded by Council Member Weber, it was resolved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Freedland for the position of Mayor. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Mayor Pro Tem Freedland as the new Mayor.

E. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber and seconded by Council Member Siegel, it was resolved to nominate Council Member Landon for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. As there were no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast, naming Council Member Landon as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

F. Remarks by Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Freedland expressed his tremendous respect for everyone on the Council, as they are always looking out for the good of the community, adding that he was looking forward to the upcoming year. Mayor Pro Tem Landon stated he would support the Mayor and the other Council Members in any way he could.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - February

Community Services Representative Maria Grycan presented the following report:

In February there were 11 responses, including 6 medical, 3 service calls (animal rescue/dog stuck in culvert but not injured; an assist; inside investigation/nothing found), 2 good intent calls, and no fires; 226 hydrants have been inspected, which covers both Hidden Hills and Calabasas; the Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 4 inspections, and 3 plans were checked.

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

Lt. Matt Squire provided the following information:

Again, there were no Part I crimes, and no noteworthy criminal activity; one solo vehicle collision occurred on Jim Bridger (11:30 p.m. on 2/19), resulting in no serious injury but some property damage; the young man, who was insured, was driving too fast and hit a fence and utility pole; he has reminded Sheriff personnel to watch for speeding, stop sign violations, and the safety of horseback riders, walkers, etc.; if there is a Vehicle Code violation in association with a collision, and that violation is the primary cause of the collision, there is a good possibility they will probably end up citing the driver; and if an arrest is warranted, they will go in that direction, to send a strong message to drivers to slow down and be careful.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – March 11, 2013**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – February**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – February**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A (with Council Member Weber abstaining on this item as he was not in attendance), B (with Council Member Weber abstaining on #16 of this item due to a conflict), C, and D of the consent calendar as submitted.

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Hidden Hills and the Las Virgenes Unified School District for the Provision of Library Services**

Mayor Siegel informed the Council of the following:

Hidden Hills has been in the Los Angeles County Library System for many years, receiving just one service – that being the bookmobile one time per week; once the County discontinued the bookmobile, the City withdrew from that system, with the cooperation of the County; the City is entitled to approximately \$258,000 per year; he and Mayor Freedland were appointed as an ad hoc committee, and as such met with representatives from both the City of Calabasas and the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) to discuss the use and disbursement of these funds; the committee felt

the money should be divided equally between Calabasas and the LVUSD; Calabasas has a wonderful public library that Hidden Hills residents are already using, and this would be a way to give back and make that library a part of our community; at this point, the committee and staff are presenting a draft agreement with the LVUSD for discussion with the entire Council; the LVUSD is looking at using the City's funds to create an electronic library system (with e-books, etc.) that the residents of Hidden Hills would be able to access via the website either from home or wirelessly if on one of the campuses; hopefully Superintendent Dr. Dan Stepenosky (in attendance) has some comments on the draft.

The City Manager pointed out that the draft agreement was just received a few days ago, so Superintendent Stepenosky and the District's attorney have not really had much time to review it. Mayor Freedland stated that the Council could either approve the draft as is, with the understanding that it could be amended based on future comments from the District, or the item could be continued to the next meeting, at which time the District could hopefully provide a red-line version of any suggested changes. Superintendent Stepenosky informed the Council that he had done a quick read through of the draft, and did not see any major issues, but would like to clarify some areas and have the District's counsel review the document. Everyone agreed to continue the item to the 4/8/13 Council meeting, with Council Member Siegel suggesting that any proposed changes could be addressed by the entire Council at that time, rather than having any additional committee meetings.

B. Report from 3/19/13 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

The City Manager provided the following report:

The adult Welcome Party will be held on 5/11/13; a senior potluck budget of \$640.74 was approved; a discussion on possible changes to the Halloween rules was tabled; there has been a question as to whether or not stallions should be allowed in the City's Fiesta parade; the HHH presented to the Board a draft letter (that had also been reviewed and supported by the Equestrian Services Committee) that the group would like to send to the Public Safety Commission with a recommendation regarding the stallions; the Board gave its permission for the letter to be sent to the Public Safety Commission, which will address the issue at its meeting on Tuesday, 3/26/13; the Commission will then make a recommendation to the City Council, which will address the item at the 4/8/13 Council

meeting; the Board also raised its fees for filming to \$25,000/day with a \$100,000 fully refundable deposit which can be withheld if there are any filming violations.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Motion Picture and Television Productions – First Reading

The City Manager pointed out that the proposed ordinance is the same as the draft ordinance discussed at the last meeting, with one minor change per the discussion – the Council may, at its discretion, determine not to issue a permit for a period of up to five years for any illegal filming activities or filming without a permit. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to introduce and give first reading by title only to an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS REGARDING MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 2 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - February

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 Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 25, 2013 at 8:02 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk