

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 24, 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, June 24, 2013 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 Marv Landon Council Member Jim Cohen Council Member Larry G. Weber
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 10, 2013 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

After all the certificates are handed out, the Council will take a short recess to honor the recipients; everyone is invited to stay and enjoy refreshments.

Thanks to Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill for organizing this evening; this is his favorite Council meeting of the year - the honoring of Hidden Hills kids who have done great things and hopefully will continue to do great things.

A bulky item pick-up day is scheduled for Saturday, 6/29; call your waste hauler for details.

City Hall, the Community Center, and Building & Safety will all be closed and there will be no inspections on the 4th of July; please have a safe holiday and remember that fireworks are illegal.

Happy birthday to Council Member Larry Weber (7/5) and to our videographer Perry Wasserman (6/25).

Council Member Weber wished to congratulate a former videographer, Connor Weber (who just happens to be his son), who will graduate from college this Sunday.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports - April and May

Battalion Chief Bob Haskell presented the following report:

during the month of May there were 15 responses, including 6 medical, 2 good intent, and 7 service calls, all for snake removals; brush inspections are underway, with the intent to have all of the initial inspections done by the first week of July; if there is a problem, but progress is being made, they will usually work with a homeowner; there are actually very few that will not complete the proper clearance, as it is much more costly if the County completes the clearance.

In response to Council Member Weber, Battalion Chief Haskell said that statistics are not kept on whether or not the snakes removed are poisonous, but the majority are rattlesnakes.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports - April and May

The following information was provided by Lt. Matt Squire, after he extended congratulations to all the students being honored:

in April, there was a residential burglary on Jed Smith that turned into an armed robbery; the residents came home and found someone ransacking their bedroom; the residents were not harmed, as the suspect left without any altercation; this case is still under investigation, but is a bit peculiar for Hidden Hills, with the suspect being described as a 70 year old white male; there was a second residential burglary on Jed Smith; numerous wrist watches and currency were stolen, although there was no sign of forced entry; during April, 18 citations were issued, with 15 of those being hazardous and 3 non-hazardous; there was another residential burglary in May, whereby a suspect shattered a glass pane in French doors and took jewelry and documents; during the month, there were 34 citations issued, with 10 of those being hazardous, 3 non-hazardous, and 21 parking.

In response to questions from Mayor Freedland and Mayor Pro Tem Landon, Lt. Squire stated the following:

the detectives are working on the burglaries, both of which were break-ins, but at which no prints or DNA evidence was found; sometimes cases like this are solved later when suspects are arrested for other crimes and detectives follow up with search warrants; sometimes they get help from informants; decorative or French doors provide easy access for entry; it is not unusual for the Sheriff to receive reports of theft after construction and/or remodels, when there are multiple people who have free access to the house; these types of cases are hard to solve due to the number of people in and out; residents should not be paranoid, but valuables should be locked up so there is not easy access.

PRESENTATIONS

City Certificates/2013 Student Achievement Recipients

Mayor Freedland addressed everyone as follows:

he has been doing this now for at least twelve years, and has watched a lot of the kids recognized in the past go on to be very successful young adults; the Council is very proud of all the students here tonight, who should also be very proud of themselves, as they bring great honor to themselves, their families, their schools, and the City; this is a big deal, for which the following are in attendance: the Superintendent of the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) Dr. Dan Stepenosky, LVUSD Board Member Jill Gaines, Round Meadow School Principal Jeremy Resnick, and the Head of Viewpoint Upper School Alan Howie; this does take a lot of organizing in connection with all the different schools, so if we have inadvertently left someone out, or don't call someone's name who is here, let us know.

The City Manager pointed out that the City does not determine any of these awards - the schools are contacted and asked to provide the names of any Hidden Hills students who have received any type of award from their respective schools, and then Hidden Hills certificates are prepared listing those awards. She added that if someone feels their child should be honored and was not, the parent should call the school and have the school contact City staff, as there will be a make-up day in September when those who could not attend this evening, or anyone who was accidentally missed, can be honored.

On behalf of the entire Council, Mayor Freedland presented certificates to the following students, whose names and accomplishments were read by Mayor Pro Tem Landon:

From A.E. Wright Middle School:

Rayce Aaronson	Charles Glessner
Jacob Gould	Jordan Heller
Samuel Levy	Dannika Liddell
Jackson Skaaden	Trey Spellman
William Stonich	Willoughby Thom
Ethan Toeg	Spencer Toeg
Emma Weinstock	

From Agoura High School:	Jake Heller Hannah Kulik	Ryan Heller Emma Spellman
From Round Meadow Elementary School:	Lauren Kessler Ella Stonich	Max Levy
From Viewpoint School:	Hunter Gissing	Drew Shulman

At this time (8:01 p.m.), Mayor Freedland called for a short recess, reconvening the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of an Appeal to Repair an Existing Shake Roof at 5511 Bonneville Road

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

the applicant needs a permit to repair a portion of his shake roof due to a leak; the City's Municipal Code says if an alteration exceeds 50 square feet, the entire roof covering has to be redone and brought up to current standards, which do not allow shake roofs; since the repair work would exceed 50 square feet, the applicant was informed that his entire roof needed to be replaced with Class A roof material; the applicant submitted an appeal (a formal appeal letter has been received) as provided for in the Municipal Code, stating that compliance would be a hardship for him due to financial constraints; the applicant is asking for the ability to repair a 200 - 300 square foot area with wood shake, as existing, in lieu of replacing the entire roof; the Council can either make the finding that an unreasonable hardship does exist and allow the repairs as requested, or deny the appeal.

The applicant, Gary Egloff, addressed the Council, explaining his financial situation and his reasons for requesting the appeal. Mayor Pro Tem Landon stated he looked at the property, the repair is at the edge of the roof, and he does believe there is a hardship. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the finding could be made that Hidden Hills Municipal Code 5-5-G-3 creates an unreasonable hardship to the applicant for the reasons presented by the applicant, and that staff is authorized to issue a building permit for the applicant to repair approximately 200 - 300 square feet of shake roof.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Demand List**
- B. Disbursement List - May**
- C. Financial/Treasurer's Report - May**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Weber 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 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Review of Youth Recognition Program Nominations**

Mayor Freedland informed the Council of the following:

two nominations were submitted for the Youth Recognition Program, which he and Council Member Cohen, as the ad hoc committee, reviewed; the committee felt that both nominees were very deserving and fit the criteria, so would recommend to the Council that they both be approved as recipients; Kevin DeJesse was nominated by the band director at Calabasas High School, while Alex DeJesse was nominated by his Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop #22.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the two nominations submitted for the Youth Recognition Program, as recommended by the ad hoc committee, with the two recipients to be invited to a future meeting for formal recognition.

- B. Report from 6/18/13 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Board Member Bret Katz provided the following report:

the Board honored Bonnie and David Frank for all their work on past Valentine Musicales and with the theater department; they discussed changes to the Architectural Standards, which were posted in the Round-Up, relating to ridge heights and set-backs; authorization to continue parkway renovations was discussed, as well as changes to call-down rules during Halloween to increase safety; repairs are being determined for the

school bus stop due to termite damage, and a not-to-exceed amount was approved for slurry repairs to the roads.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding the 2008-2013 Housing Element - Second Reading

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Landon, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 344 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT 2008-2013 HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS, GOALS, AND POLICIES AND ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION.

B. Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and Related Resolution

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 861 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2013 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, 2013.

C. Charles Abbott Monthly Report - May

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 24, 2013 at 8:28 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk