

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, November 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, November 25, 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 Stuart E. Siegel
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

Building Official Greg Robinson
City Engineer Dirk Lovett
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Freedland made the following announcements:

Hanukkah begins at sundown on Wednesday, 11/27.

City Hall, Building & Safety, and the Community Center will all be closed and there will be no inspections on Thursday and Friday, 11/28-29/13, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy birthday to Council Member Larry Weber's father who will be 88 on 11/28.

Happy 49th anniversary to Mayor Pro Tem Marv Landon and his wife Jill on 12/4.

The Council would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Residents Recently Completing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Mayor Freedland commented as follows:

the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes recently ended; they were presented here at City Hall by the Fire Department, with our Community Services Representative Maria Grycan teaching most of the classes; when the next set of classes is offered, he would recommend participation by the rest of the Council Members, staff, and any residents who are available; the information provided is very valuable and important, and can help people take care of their families and neighbors; it is not if but when an earthquake is going to hit, and these classes answer many questions about what you should do during an emergency, what supplies you should have available, etc.; tonight, those residents that graduated and completed the training are in attendance to be recognized.

Mayor Freedland introduced Ms. Grycan, who thanked those who took the class, some for the second and third times, stating that she enjoyed teaching this class, and will be happy to offer the free classes in the future as necessary.

Ms. Grycan, with the help of Emergency Services Director Gabe Nussbaum and Deputy Emergency Services Director Jim Doran, then presented certificates of completion and CERT backpacks to the following residents who completed the training:

Casey Corbin
Wyatt Corbin
Elizabeth DeCarteret
Teri Fisher
Mayor Steve Freedland
Susan Freedland
Lilian Holt

Ms. Holt wished to thank Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill for providing the dinner refreshments for all the classes, which was much appreciated by those in attendance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - October

The following report was provided by Community Services Representative Maria Grycan:

there were only four responses in October, those being 2 medical calls and 2 false alarms; the brush inspection statistics have been updated; the report previously listed 19 parcels as not being in compliance after inspection, but that number should have been 21; of those, all 21 have been brought into compliance with no properties being referred to the Brush Clearance Unit for enforcement, making the City 100% compliant for brush clearance.

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

Lt. Dave Thompson provided the following information:

they have had a reorganization at the Station, so he is now back as our Lt. liaison, which he is very happy about; he wished to congratulate those who just completed the CERT training; he is in charge of the Station Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and the more people that are trained in CERT, the more it helps law enforcement; besides being this City's Lt. liaison, he also serves at the Lt. for Traffic, Search & Rescue, the Reserves, the Explorers, the EOC, and the Juvenile Intervention Team (JIT); during the month of October, there were no Part I crimes; the number of Part I crimes, percentage wise, is up a bit this year, but if the current trend continues, it should go down; there was one misdemeanor arrest for trespassing on Long Valley Road; 41 traffic citations were issued

during the month, with 28 of those being hazardous, mostly failure to stop at stop sign violations; one traffic collision occurred, with property damage only; the Motors wrote 56 violations, and there were 3 reports to STTOP, 1 for speeding and 2 for illegal parking at the school.

C. Briefing Regarding Cyber Crime, Identity Theft, and Related Issues

Lt. Mark Stevens of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Bureau presented the following information:

cyber crime includes identity theft, medical identity theft, business espionage, theft of intellectual property, etc.; but it goes deeper than that when you start looking at issues in relation to medical theft where your medical records, treatment, and medications can be affected by someone using your identity; they are trying to move more into an awareness area, as cyber crime is advancing so rapidly that it is very hard to keep track of it and gather statistics; it is definitely an issue for local law enforcement, and a funding issue; now the holidays are upon us and people need to understand some things; everyone has a cyber bubble around you, with all the technical equipment you use, and that bubble is only as strong as the weakest link, whether that is your home or business network; if you happen to find a flash drive, do not plug it into your computer; the largest known government hack is believed to have been caused by a handful of flash drives with bots that were thrown over a fence into a parking lot and then found and plugged into computers by employees; the biggest thing around the holidays is phishing; the emails of major carriers such as UPS, Fed Ex, and the United States Post Office are copied and the links are changed, so if you click on the link it goes to the hackers and can give them your private information; it is better not to click on those emails, but go directly to the organization's website; also, people need to be aware that your cell phone is a computer, and as such requires security; if you give a cell phone to a child, you should treat that like placing a computer in a bedroom without adult supervision; he has been made available by Sheriff Baca and Chief Bill McSweeney to do public presentations or town hall meetings during which they can do full slide shows and demonstrations of how phishing emails work, etc.; just give him a call.

In response to Mayor Freedland and Council Member Siegel, Lt. Stevens provided the following additional information:

medical identity theft can be used to get free medical service, but there is also a monetary side; if someone has your medical information or insurance card, that information or card can be sold; there could be an unscrupulous doctor, or someone can use the information to get treatment from numerous doctors; the Fraud and Cyber Crime Bureau has ten detectives working investigations and forensics, plus a professional staff; the Bureau also houses the Southern California High Tech Task Force, which is a partially state funded

multi-jurisdictional multi-agency task force on investigating cyber crime doing computer forensics; they are based at the Star Center in Whittier, but also have an off-site facility.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Proposed Ordinance Regarding Adoption of Revised Building Codes - Second Reading

Mayor Freedland opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the hearing. 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. 347 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS ADOPTING BY REFERENCE PART 2 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; PART 2.5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; PART 3 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; PART 4 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; PART 5 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; PART 11 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, COMPRISING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - October 28, 2013**
- B. City Council Minutes - November 11, 2013**
- C. Demand List**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - October**
- E. Disbursement List - October**
- F. Annual Financial Audit - June 30, 2013**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from the 11/19/13 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel reported that the main item of discussion at the meeting was the priority list of highways and overpasses to be constructed over the years in relation to Measure R.

B. Consideration of Approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) Hazard Mitigation Plan

The following report was provided by the LVMCOG Executive Director Terry Dipple:

approximately six years ago the COG received a state grant of \$130,000+ to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the five COG cities; this saved each of the cities a lot of money, as an individual plan could have cost each city \$25,000 - \$50,000; the HMP is an unfunded state mandate; about 1 1/2 years ago the COG undertook a revision to the HMP, and was able to obtain another grant; this Council approved a draft of the revised HMP before it was submitted to FEMA; the HMP was then reviewed by FEMA, FEMA comments were addressed by the consultant, a public workshop was held in September to meet the public participation requirement, it was resubmitted to FEMA, approved by FEMA, and is now ready for final adoption by the Council; the HMP addresses hazards that the City may face during disasters such as fires, floods, and earthquakes; by having an adopted HMP, the City would be eligible to apply for federal funding in relation to an emergency/disaster; he has worked with the City staff and appreciates their help as well as Council Member Siegel, who is currently serving as the COG president.

Council Member Siegel asked about the practical aspects of the HMP, other than the ability to collect funding in the event of a disaster, to which Mr. Dipple replied as follows:

the HMP is a review of building codes, major infrastructure in a community, buildings, residential areas, the cost of flooding, fires, etc., how everything could be affected by major disasters, and how the City is addressing all these issues; for example, this evening, the Council adopted the most recent building codes, affirming that structures in the City are built per code, thus mitigating potential dangers; the HMP has to be updated every five years to address any deficiencies and to make sure everything is up to date.

Mayor Freedland and his wife Susan pointed out that there have been accidents on the 101 freeway that have made it impossible to travel in the area and in and out of Hidden Hills, as they saw no law enforcement personnel to assist, and they wondered what mitigation measures for 101 freeway closures are addressed in the HMP. Mr. Dipple stated the following:

this has been a source of frustration for the COG cities for quite some time; the COG has completed a plan that identifies routes to get vehicles off and then back on the freeway in instances where the freeway is blocked in certain areas; it is the California Highway Patrol (CHIP) that determines when and if the freeway will be shut down, after which the Sheriff should manage the off-freeway traffic; it seems that when there is a personnel change involving the California Highway Patrol, this plan and information do not seem to get passed along to the new person in charge; Captain Davoren at the Lost Hills Sheriff Station is trying to simplify such a response to a freeway closure to make it more manageable, so there is hope that the response to an incident on the freeway will improve.

Council Member Siegel reminded everyone that if anything happens on the freeway near Mureau Road, which is a narrow two-lane road and bridge, there is nowhere to go in the area. He added that on the COG's priority list, there is a project that would create a wider flyover from Calabasas Road over the freeway to near the Mountain View entrance, but this is all in the County unincorporated area, not in either Hidden Hills or Calabasas.

Mr. Dipple explained the following:

there have been recent communications with Los Angeles County, with the County expressing an interest in sitting down with the COG to discuss projects in relation to Measure R (the County sales tax initiative); the COG's proportionate share of Measure R is \$175 million over 30 years, with \$100 million of that programmed for the first 10 years, for projects to alleviate congestion on and off the freeway in this area; the County has between 15% - 20% of the area's population, so there is hope that during these upcoming discussions, projects for these congestion issues could be addressed.

In response to resident Wyatt Corbin, Mr. Dipple and the Council Members explained that the possibility of connecting Calabasas Road to Las Virgenes Road did not fall under the COG's or

the City's jurisdiction, and Calabasas would most likely not want that connection as there are trails in that area and that City does not want to encourage more traffic in the area.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (version 4.0 dated 8/1/13).

C. Report from the 11/19/13 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Since Board Member and City liaison Bret Katz's schedule did not allow him to be in attendance this evening, the following report was presented by the City Manager:

at the Board meeting, Mr. Katz expressed his appreciation to both the Community Association and the City for the extra measures taken for Halloween, which was a huge success; it was pointed out that party buses are allowed for Halloween if they are properly placed on someone's list; there was an issue with people parking in the Round Meadow School parking lot and walking into the City, which will be taken care of next year; many of the gate arms are getting broken, so there will be something in the next Round-Up about the possibility of imposing penalties on those who break the arms, as well as an item proposing that lot ties be determined on a case by case basis, and an item proposing that anyone wanting to slurry a private drive will have to use type II slurry as the Association uses when they slurry roads; the Santahanakhana budget was approved; this event will also be for non-riders, and very family oriented; the winter social will be held on January 12th; the Parks & Recreation Committee is looking into doing another wine and cheese night, and maybe another magic night; the Dia de los Muertos event was very successful; the Valentine Musicale will now be known as the February Follies; \$88,000 was approved for parkway repairs on Jim Bridger, plus \$1000 for each extra container needed to remove the old asphalt swales.

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 November 25, 2013 at 8:15 p.m.

Steve Freedland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk