

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, May 11, 2015

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, May 11, 2015 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 Marv Landon Council Member Stuart E. Siegel
Staff:	City Attorney Roxanne Diaz City Treasurer Michael Blazenski City Clerk Deana L. Graybill
Absent:	Council Member Steve Freedland

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the May 11, 2015 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

Congratulations to Council Member Steve Freedland's daughter Kelsey, who graduated today from Emory University.

The Sheriff's Peace Officer Memorial Run will be passing through Hidden Hills on Saturday, 5/16, around 3:00 p.m.; they enter at the Round Meadow gate and exit at Burbank, if anyone would like to line the route in support.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Marv Landon's wife Jill on Wednesday, 5/20.

City Hall, the Community Center, and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, 5/25, in honor of Memorial Day.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

2015 FIESTA

A. Introduction of the 2015 Fiesta Co-Chairmen Gayle Pick and Linda Raznick

City Clerk Deana Graybill introduced this year's Co-Chairmen, Gayle Pick and Linda Raznick, and thanked them on behalf of the Council and staff for volunteering their time.

B. Consideration of Approval of the 2015 Fiesta Budget

C. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from La Paz Mexican Seafood Restaurant to Provide Saturday Night Dinner

D. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from A Rental Connection for Rentals of Tables/Chairs, Electricity/Lights, and other Miscellaneous Equipment and Payment of \$2,500 Deposit

- E. Consideration of Approval of Proposal/Agreement from Original Tommy's Hamburgers to Provide Lunch at the Community Center for the 2015 Fiesta and Payment of \$2,565.13 Deposit**
- F. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from The Bubble Rollers for Swimming Pool Activities at the Community Center and Payment of \$700 Deposit**
- G. Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Hu'i Hu'i Shave Ice to Provide Shave Ice Treats During the Community Center and Evening Activities**

The City Council, Fiesta Co-Chairmen, and staff discussed items B-G above, with the following points and decisions being made:

the proposed budget shows approximately \$2500 more in expenses than actual expenses from last year; the proposal from La Paz does not include a gratuity; everyone felt an 18% gratuity was appropriate, which would add \$2700, bringing the total amount of the dinner proposal to \$20,550; the proposed budget should therefore be amended to add \$550 for the dinner, bringing the total of budgeted expenses to \$106,335; with the budgeted income of \$30,935, the expected deficit is \$75,400; La Paz owner Oscar (whom everyone speaks very highly of) is not charging for the dessert buffet, and is requiring no deposit; the Council and staff was not in favor of providing margaritas as a part of the dinner, but margaritas can be sold at the beer/wine booth; Oscar can also provide mariachis, the cost of which will come from the entertainment budget, not the dinner budget; the Council agreed on three hours (most likely from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) for the mariachis, at a cost of \$350/hour; this is the only entertainment being planned at this time; Oscar will be signing a City agreement, as do all the vendors, and staff will make sure all the proper insurance is provided; A Rental Connection always does a great job, with that company's costs being almost the same as last year (less than a \$100 increase); Tommy's will be used this year (they were used once before) rather than In 'N' Out Burger; the Bubble Rollers (always very popular) is the exact same cost as last year; Hu'i Hu'i Shave Ice is looking forward to returning this year, and again will provide the City with 10% of their sales; if the Co-Chairmen want a petting zoo, that is normally done in connection with the Gymkhana's pancake breakfast on Sunday morning; the Co-Chairmen have some ideas for a theme, but would definitely like to get away from the usual overall Country Fair theme; residents will be asked for ideas.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the following: item B, as amended, showing budgeted expenses at \$106,335 and budgeted income at \$30,935; item C, as amended, to include an 18% gratuity for a total cost of \$20,550, and mariachis for three hours at a total cost of \$1050 (to be paid from the entertainment budget); item D at a total cost of

\$14,657.22, with a \$2500 deposit; item E at an estimated cost of \$5066.25, with a \$2565.13 deposit; item F at a total cost of \$1400, with a \$700 deposit; and item G, with 10% of total sales being provided to the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - April 27, 2015**
- B. Demand List**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Approval to Direct Staff and the Ad Hoc Budget Committee to Research a Possible Compensation Package for City Council Members**

Mayor Weber asked City Attorney Roxanne Diaz if she had any information to provide, to which she responded as follows:

she has not really done any research, since the discussion this evening is to decide whether or not the Council wishes to have staff conduct research on this topic; in general, City Council compensation is set by the Government Code, capped annually, and adopted by ordinance; it is currently at \$300/month per Council Member for a city of our size; if directed to research the matter, staff would have to look at how and when it would take effect, PERS, medical and health care, reimbursable expenses, etc.; this is really a policy issue for the Council to decide before direction is given to staff.

Both Council Member Landon and Council Member Siegel expressed opposition to receiving compensation as Council Members, making some of the following points:

looking at this practically, if the City ends up with an average of \$100,000 in the black annually, that is enough to underground one telephone pole rather than paying Council Members; there are quite a few poles that need to come out, and this has been a priority for the Council; they are here to donate their time to help the City, and never got involved thinking they would be paid for their time, which would make them feel awkward and a little embarrassed; of course it is appropriate to be reimbursed for certain expenses, but

most Council Members never submit anything for reimbursement; once Calabasas completes the annexation of Craftsman Center and Hidden Hills possibly receives additional sales tax, that might be a time to revisit this issue; however, the time Hidden Hills Council Members put in every month (maybe 2-3 hours) compared to the time put in by those in other COG cities (they spend a lot more time with homeowner associations, Chambers, the League, the County, political functions, etc.) that also have significant commercial activities, does not justify compensation; plus Hidden Hills has a very strong Community Association whose Board Members put in more time and control many major aspects of the City, such as the gates, trails, roads, etc.

Council Member Cohen stated he usually would like to have an item researched thoroughly before making a decision, but based on the reasons provided by Council Members Landon and Siegel, he knows enough to know that he would ultimately be opposed to compensation and does not want to waste the staff's time conducting further research.

Mayor Weber, who originally brought up this issue as he felt maybe Hidden Hills Council Members could do more and become more involved with other cities and the County (he has been trying, as the Mayor, to attend more functions), agreed to drop the matter based on the comments by the rest of the Council Members.

B. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding the Previous Request for Proposals (RFP) for Investment Advisory Services

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz informed the Council of the following:

in the Council packets is a list of advisory firms to whom staff sent the Request for Proposal for services; no proposals were received; one representative talked with staff and sent an email explaining that her firm could not submit a proposal based on the size of the City's portfolio and the fact that the cost to the City would eat up a good portion of any earnings; this City does have a much smaller portfolio than most cities would have.

City Treasurer Mike Blazenski added the following comments:

if any of the Council Members know of a firm that might be interested, the RFPs can be sent to those firms; staff can also check with some banks to determine CD rates; if laddered properly, five-year CDs can be purchased to expire every six months; it might also be possible to piggyback onto another city's or group's investments.

Council Member Landon thought it was a good idea to check with the banks, and to also check with other firms known to Council Members - but to consider piggybacking as a last resort. He added that he provided two names to staff, and that these firms had expressed an interest when he spoke with them. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen also did not like the idea of piggybacking, unless done with someone locally and only if there were no other options.

Council Member Siegel offered to provide the name of a firm he thought would be interested, but also expressed his surprise that no proposals were received when so many RFPs were sent out. City Attorney Diaz pointed out that the firms who received the RFPs were firms who should be familiar with cities and the types of investments that they allow. Mayor Weber thought that because of the City's smaller portfolio and limited investments, firms felt the fees they would earn would not be worthwhile.

As there was no further discussion, staff will send RFPs to the firms whose names were provided by the Council Members, and in the meantime, the City Treasurer will contact banks to get an idea of CD interest rates. The matter will be placed on an upcoming agenda for further discussion on any proposals received and additional information on CDs.

C. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding a Possible Proposed Resolution and Dedication to Honor the Late Jim Doran

After a short discussion, staff was directed to prepare both a resolution and a plaque honoring the late Emergency Services Director and Public Safety Commission Chairman Jim Doran and naming the Emergency Services Room (at the back of the Council Chambers) after him. Mr. Doran's family will be invited to attend the Council meeting at which the resolution will be adopted and the plaque unveiled.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance Regarding Storm Water and Urban Runoff Pollution and Amending Chapter 11 of Title 3 of the Hidden Hills Municipal Code - Second Reading

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to give second reading to and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 352 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 3 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE (STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION), TO INCLUDE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL REVISIONS PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM.

B. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Agreement with All City Management Services for Crossing Guards at Round Meadow School for the 2015-2016 School Year

Staff pointed out that this company has been very good about rarely raising prices, and that will hold true for the upcoming school year, as the prices will remain the same as for this current year. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the Amendment to Agreement between All City Management Services, Inc. and the City of Hidden Hills for Providing School Crossing Guard Services at Round Meadow School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost of not-to-exceed \$33,604.20, based on three crossing guards working a total of 10.5 hours/day for 180 school days at \$17.78 per hour.

C. Consideration of Cancellation of May 25, 2015 City Council Meeting (Memorial Day)

Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to cancel the May 25, 2015 City Council meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of May 11, 2015 at 8:09 p.m.

Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager