

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, August 10, 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, August 10, 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 Steve Freedland
Council Member Marv Landon
Council Member Stuart E. Siegel

Staff:

City Engineer Dirk Lovett
Building Official Greg Robinson
Environmental Consultant Joe Bellomo
City Manager Cherie L. Paglia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the August 10, 2015 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Weber made the following announcements:

The Las Virgenes Unified School District will be doing a teacher bus tour of the District on Friday, August 14th, and will be driving through Hidden Hills starting around 9:30 a.m., entering at the Round Meadow gate and exiting at the Long Valley gate. The first day of school at Round Meadow Elementary will be on Wednesday, August 19th; everyone should avoid that area if possible on that first day, and the rest of that week.

Happy Birthday to my wife Nanette on Saturday, 8/15.

For anyone who might be interested in learning more about living with coyotes, there will be a town hall meeting in Chatsworth on Tuesday, August 18th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; call City Hall for more details.

Free bicycle safety classes are being sponsored by Metro; if anyone is interested, there are flyers at City Hall.

Council Member Freedland pointed out that this Thursday is the last BBQ of the season at the Community Center.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consideration of Approval of a Proposed Ordinance to Provide an Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems - First Reading

The following staff report was provided by Building Official Greg Robinson:

Per Assembly Bill 2188, all cities have to adopt an ordinance to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar systems to promote and encourage the installation and use of solar energy systems; the permit application and requirement checklist must be placed on the City's website; the City must accept the permit documents and signatures electronically; if all the requirements are met, the permit must be approved administratively on the same day for over the counter

applications, or within one to three business days for electronic applications, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

Mayor Weber opened the public hearing, and hearing no audience comments, closed the hearing. In response to Council Member questions, Mr. Robinson explained that the ordinance only applies to residential homes, not commercial buildings, and only to those solar systems under ten (10) kw ("small residential rooftop" does not refer to the size of the home). He added that most of the systems being installed in Hidden Hills are from 8-15 kw.

Council Member Landon asked if the solar systems were being approved by the Community Association's Architectural Committee. HHCA Board President Rob Raznick stated that they used to approve them, but they no longer do as they are now prohibited from restricting the installations. Mayor Weber pointed out that the new requirements really would not affect the permit process in Hidden Hills, since the City already processes same day permits.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland 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 ADOPTING PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS AND AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HIDDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. Consideration of Approval of 2015 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Self-Certification Resolution and Adoption of Local Development Report

Mayor Weber opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the hearing. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 887 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS FINDING THE

CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **City Council Minutes - July 13, 2015**
- B. **City Council Minutes - July 27, 2015**
- C. **Demand List**
- D. **Disbursement List - June**
- E. **Financial/Treasurer's Report - June**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. **Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with Wells Fargo to Provide Investment Advisory Services to the City**

As staff was still discussing some agreement details with Mr. Ryan Dietz of Wells Fargo, the Council chose to continue this item to the next meeting.

- B. **Report from 7/21/15 Hidden Hills Community Association Board Meeting**

The following information was provided by Community Association Board Member and City liaison Bret Katz:

the Board thanked resident Cheryl Morris for all her devotion and many years of service in relation to the Hidden Hills Horsemen, as she is retiring from the committee; the Board approved trail/fence repairs at 5535 Jed Smith; the Association offices are going to be repainted, with the work being done at night; a change to the bylaws was approved, allowing the Association to step in, make repairs, and then bill the residents for reimbursement of the related costs, if the residents refuse to make the required repairs themselves; there was a lengthy discussion regarding Mike Ashley's proposed project at

the end of Bridle Trail Road; the item was tabled to allow time to obtain additional information; as stated earlier in the meeting, 8/13 will be the last BBQ of the summer, at which the Catfish Fry Band will be playing; the Board's annual election will be held on November 17th; the three incumbents do plan on running again.

C. Report from 7/21/15 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Council Member Siegel informed the Council of the following:

currently the COG members all have Measure R funds designated for certain projects in their respective cities (projects such as bridge overpasses, on and off ramps - projects that improve or increase traffic capacity and flow); there is now a plan to place on the ballot in November of 2016 Measure R2 (another tax in addition to Measure R), which if passed, may provide approximately \$300 million over 40 years to our COG; in the first decade, that is projected to provide \$75 million to our five cities (the split is based on each city's population), designating approximately \$2,025,000 to Hidden Hills; these funds cannot be sold; if Hidden Hills would not have a qualified project, those funds would be redistributed to the other four cities in the COG; hopefully voters will give this a lot of thought when it appears on the ballot; on a different topic, the COG now has a completed Regional Bike Plan which is available at City Hall for review.

Mayor Weber reported that he and the City Manager recently attended a meeting hosted by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and at that meeting, her staff agreed to look into the issue of using these types of funds on private streets, and not placing as many restrictions on the funds.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Consideration of Approval of First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village Regarding the Administration and Cost Sharing for Implementing the Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan ("TMRP") for the Malibu Creek Watershed

Environmental Consultant Joe Bellomo presented the following report:

on 12/8/14, Hidden Hills, the other COG cities, and LA County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the administration and cost sharing for implementing a trash monitoring and reporting plan (TMRP) for the Malibu Creek Watershed; the MOU included budget and cost share allocations through June 2015; the involved agencies desire to approve a First Amendment to the MOU to increase the budget and specify the cost share allocations through 6/30/16 for an additional 12 months

of monitoring; this monitoring will eventually be conducted under a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan (CIMP), but since the first comment letter on the CIMP was just received from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, it will most likely take the additional 12 months for the CIMP to be implemented; Clean Lakes, Inc., the contractor conducting the current monitoring, has agreed to hold its rates for the one year extension.

Council Member Freedland pointed out that the extension will cost the City \$14,354.23, with the City Manager explaining that the money set aside in this year's budget for the CIMP can be used to pay for this additional year of monitoring per the TMRP, so it is really just a case of reallocating the funds. Upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the City's continued participation in the implementation of the TMRP for an additional 12 months, and to approve the FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, HIDDEN HILLS, MALIBU AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TRASH MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN ("TMRP") FOR THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED.

B. Report on Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Canyon Oaks Project (City of Calabasas)

City Engineer Dirk Lovett informed the Council of the following:

we received from the City of Calabasas a Notice of Availability (Notice) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Canyon Oaks Project (Project); the Project is on Las Virgenes Road at Agoura Road, south of the Mobile gas station; Calabasas is asking for any comments on the Project by 8/24/15; the Project involves development of residential, commercial, and open space uses on a currently undeveloped site of approximately 77 acres; this would include a gated community with 65 small lot detached single-family homes and four affordable units within two duplexes, 66,516 square feet of commercial, and a 4 story hotel with 120 rooms; approximately 79% of the site (61 acres) would be preserved as open space; a significant amount of grading would be required to reshape and slope the land to stabilize an ancient landslide hazard area in the southern portion of the site; according to the DEIR, there are no significant impacts; of most

interest to Hidden Hills would be the traffic; the proposed Project is said to generate 1650 vehicle trips per day, with 5% of those making their way to Mureau Road (5 trips in the a.m. peak hour and 7 trips in the p.m. peak hour); the traffic report states these trips would not degrade the level of service of the Las Virgenes Road/Mureau Road intersection; it was determined the Project's traffic would decrease the level of service at three intersections - the 101 southbound ramp/Las Virgenes Road; the 101 northbound ramp/Las Virgenes Road; and Las Virgenes Road/Lost Hills Road; the developer will be conditioned to implement measures to mitigate the degradation at these three intersections.

As there would be no direct affect on Hidden Hills, the Council took no action.

C. Consideration of Approval of Proposal for the Purchase and Installation of New V-Calm Sign, Purchase and Installation of New Post and Relocation of Existing V-Calm Sign

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following staff report:

the City has one V-calm sign, currently on Jed Smith, which can also be relocated to existing posts on Round Meadow and on Eldorado Meadow; the sign is moved to the different locations to prevent drivers from becoming desensitized to it over time; the last time it was moved, the sign display was left off for a few weeks, at which time it was still collecting data; then the sign display was turned on, and the new data was compared to the old data, which did show the sign was effective in helping to slow drivers down; the Association has asked if it would be possible to install a V-calm sign permanently across from the Community Center for eastbound traffic; staff felt the City could purchase a new V-calm sign to be placed on the existing pole on Round Meadow, and then move the old V-calm sign (a regular traffic sign would be placed on the then vacant pole on Jed Smith) to a new post installed at the requested location across from the Community Center; the old sign could be upgraded with a GPS system to keep the time accurate; staff confirmed with Metro that the City could use Measure R funds for the V-calm signs, and then asked Fortel (sign manufacturer/supplier) to provide proposals for the purchase and installation of a new sign, upgrades to and relocation of the old sign on a new post, and relocation of a regular traffic sign.

The City Council, staff, Association Board President Rob Raznick, and Board Member Bret Katz then engaged in a lengthy discussion, during which the following points were made and issues raised:

this type of sign, installed in Mt. View, has a strobe light that flashes at a certain speed and also takes pictures of the vehicles, although the sign has not worked as well as they hoped, and that community has opted to use additional Sheriff enforcement in conjunction with the sign; everyone liked the idea of purchasing at least one additional sign, if not more, with the strobe and camera attached; a camera can be added to the old or a new sign for \$2500, and the paperwork from Fortel also states strobe lights can be added; the pictures cannot be used to issue tickets (there are legal issues involved), but perhaps the photos of speeders could be given to the STTOP Deputy, who could then visit the respective residences to discuss the speeding issue and safety in the community; since drivers do get desensitized, it might be wise at this time to place at least another post on Long Valley, closer to the front gate, as an alternate option for a sign; the data from the signs can also be used to more efficiently schedule Sheriff patrols; there are definitely vehicles that speed in the City, but there was some disagreement as to the degree of the speeding problem; there are more tickets issued for running stop signs in the City than speeding, but numerous speeders are seen by those walking and on horseback; the Association would really like one of the signs placed across from the Community Center, as there are so many activities there involving a lot of people, especially children; since Measure R can be used, there will be no City or Association general funds needed; these signs are good for the community and can help show that the City and Association are working together to promote safety; the City staff has always been helpful and very responsive to requests for Sheriff patrols, which help tremendously, but there are always those who disrespect the laws when the Sheriff is not around (no one can legislate good parenting); to also help, the Association is looking into the possibility of welcoming contractors and visitors into the City when they enter the gates, but also asking them not to speed and to obey all the laws, as the Sheriff will be watching; the V-calm signs might not stop all speeding, but should help in combination with the issuance of tickets by the Motors and visits by the STTOP Deputy.

As there were numerous technical questions regarding the signs and the retrieval of the data, the City Manager suggested having a Fortel representative at the next meeting to answer those questions and to explain exactly how the signs work and what they can do. At that time, then the Council can decide if they wish to purchase one or more new signs and posts.

D. Consideration of Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase

The City Manager pointed out that effective January 1, 2015, the IRS issued its new standard mileage rate at 57.5 cents per mile; Hidden Hills has been using 55 cents per mile since 2009. In response to Council Member Siegel, the City Manager explained that the City Clerk and the

Bookkeeper are the only two employees that receive mileage reimbursement, and that reimbursement totaled \$656.38 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year (this was actually a bit higher than normal due to the location of the City Clerk's conference). Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, seconded by Council Member Siegel and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to increase the City's mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.55/mile to \$0.575/mile.

E. Consideration of Cancellation of August 24, 2015 City Council Meeting

As there were several items from tonight's meeting that were continued, the next Council meeting will be held as scheduled on 8/24/15.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 10, 2015 at 8:51 p.m.



Larry G. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager