

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, June 27, 2016

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 27, 2016 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Stuart Siegel called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absences of both Mayor Cohen and Council Member Weber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 27, 2016 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel made the following announcements:

There will be some striping done outside the Long Valley gate this coming Thursday (6/30) starting around 9:00 a.m.; there will be no road closures but could be some minor delays; residents should avoid that area if possible.

City Hall, the Community Center, and the Building & Safety Department will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, July 4th; please have a safe and sane holiday.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Larry Weber on 7/5, and to Emergency Services Director Gabe Nussbaum on 7/8.

The Community Association/Parks & Recreation weekly BBQ will be held this Thursday night (6/30) at 5:30 p.m., and every Thursday night at that time for the next couple of months; the schedule can be obtained from the Community Association.

We will be taking a break right after all the student presentations, and would like to invite everyone to stay for refreshments; thanks to City Clerk Deana Graybill for all the food preparation and organization for this evening.

He attended the recent City of Calabasas 25th anniversary celebration and made a presentation on behalf of Hidden Hills, along with other City, state and federal representatives; their city is fiscally sound, and they will shortly be opening a new Senior Citizen Center.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – May

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel introduced City liaison Lt. Christina Baker and Deputy Mike Woodard, with Lt. Baker then providing the following report:

she will remain our contact, but Deputy Woodard will assist her and also serve as a contact for Hidden Hills, especially when she might not be available; during the month of May there were three Part I crimes, all residential burglaries, but no other crimes – 1) the first burglary was in the 5500 block of Bill Cody; there were no signs of forced entry, but a safe was forcibly opened; before the security camera was disabled, surveillance showed a subject in a hooded sweatshirt and face mask attempting to open several backyard doors until the subject did get one open; 2) a second burglary occurred in the 6000 block of William Bent Road; the victim heard noises coming from a bedroom; she investigated, opened the shutters, and saw two males wearing grey hooded sweatshirts standing outside in the back yard; one subject was holding a rock in his hand; the subjects ran when they saw the victim, but the window glass had already been broken; 3) a third burglary was reported in the 5800 block of Annie Oakley; unknown suspects gained entry into the residence by climbing onto the roof, dropping down to the second floor master bedroom patio and entering through an open sliding glass door (no signs of forced entry); the alarm was set off, but numerous pieces of jewelry were taken; a juvenile Calabasas resident (who was arrested for theft from an unlocked vehicle in Calabasas) was identified and arrested for a theft from an unlocked vehicle in the 5900 block of Highridge Road in Hidden Hills; so far for the month of June, she has seen nothing on the books.

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel then added the following comments:

the City did have this rash of burglaries, which has not happened in many years, and we haven't had any since last month; hopefully this was an anomaly; Lt. Baker and Deputy Woodard (along with Lt. AJ Rotella) were kind enough to attend a recent community meeting in the Association theater; they went over details and provided facts to stop some of the rumors that get out of hand when something happens; everyone seemed very calm; helpful tips were provided, including direction to call the Lost Hills Station on the direct line (818.878.1808) whenever you feel there is not an emergency (in which case you should call 911) but you see something unusual or something just seems out of place or not quite right; Sheriff personnel are asking you to call, as they are here to provide help and service to our residents; the gates do not provide this type of service but provide traffic control, so please do not call the gates for assistance for law enforcement issues.

One resident in the audience asked about entries at the gates and Craig's gate, and the possible use of keypads. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and Council Member Freedland reminded everyone that

the gates were under the jurisdiction of the Community Association, and that if anyone did have any such suggestions or concerns, they should certainly go to an Association Board of Directors meeting and raise the issue.

Lt. Baker wished to reiterate the importance of calling the Sheriff first, not the gates, as that can just waste time, which in some cases, can make a big difference. She added that a call directly to the Station should be made if someone is not in danger or something is not currently happening but seems suspicious or out of the ordinary, but if something is currently going on or just happened, or there is any danger (like someone in your house), call 911. That 911 call, if made from a cell phone, will go first to the California Highway Patrol and then be routed to the Lost Hills Station, so if possible, even if you can't stay on the phone because you are in a bad situation, try to give your address and say what the problem is (like there is someone in the house) when you first call 911, as they will roll a lot more units and immediately.

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel stated that if anyone had any questions after the meeting, Lt. Baker and Deputy Woodard would be more than happy to talk with them.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - May

Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Williams presented the following report:

the month of May was pretty quiet, with 14 calls that included 3 medical calls, 4 service calls for snake removals, and 7 good intent/false alarm calls; there were 5 Fire Prevention Bureau inspections, and 5 plans checked; in June, there was a fire that did impact Hidden Hills somewhat, that being the old fire in Calabasas, but there was also a fire in Hidden Hills in the 5400 block of Jed Smith that is still under investigation by both the Fire and Sheriff Departments; an outbuilding burned, which was a total loss, but there were no injuries; also, he would like to remind everyone that in Battalion 5 (which includes Hidden Hills), there are no fireworks allowed for personal use; if anyone is caught with fireworks, the fireworks will be confiscated and the person can be cited; this area is in the fifth year of an extraordinary drought, and fireworks are a real fire danger; if anyone has any questions related to fireworks or brush clearance, they can call the local Fire Station 68 at 818.222.1107.

PRESENTATIONS

City Certificates/2016 Student Achievement Recipients

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel introduced the following honored guests: Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) Superintendent Dr. Dan Stepenosky, Assistant Superintendent of Education Dr. Clara Finneran, Board of Education Member (and Hidden Hills resident) Mathy Wasserman, and A.E. Wright Middle School Principal Elias Miles. He then announced that all of the names of those students who responded to the City Clerk would be called to receive their certificates, but that if someone did not respond and is in attendance, to be sure to let the Council know, as all the certificates are here and available. Council Member Freedland reminded everyone that the names and awards received are provided to the City by the students' schools, and if someone feels they should have been on a list and are not, then call the respective school and ask that school to contact the City.

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

From A.E. Wright Middle School:	Emily Gimenez	Evan Zuiker
From Calabasas High School:	Dannika Liddell	
From Chaminade School:	Alexis Grossman	
From Round Meadow Elementary School:	Mia Alvarez	Carly Bloom
From Viewpoint School:	Hayley Blonstein	Helena Heroux
	Steve Heroux Jr.	Jack Leach
	Taylor Ross	Vasco Singh
	Aaron Wazana	Maya Wazana
	Sara Wynn	Benjamin ZeBrack
	Chloe ZeBrack (accepted by her mother)	

Council Member Freedland stated the following:

as a Council Member, this is one of the best meetings and fun for him; he has seen a lot of the Hidden Hills students who have received these certificates go on to very high achievements at other schools and universities; no pressure, but he would like to encourage all the students here this evening to keep up the good work and to also go on and do great things in the future; it is definitely a pleasure to see.

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel suggested that the graduating students keep in touch, as many people would be amazed at the accomplished students that come from these area schools.

At this time (8:03 p.m.), the Council took a recess, with everyone being invited to stay for refreshments and to honor those receiving certificates. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel reconvened the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes - June 13, 2016**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List - May**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report - May**

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report from 6/21/16 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel reported that the main item of discussion at the COG meeting was Measure R and the possibility of another similar measure being placed on the November ballot.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Consideration of Approval of City Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 and Related Resolution**

Mayor Pro Tem Siegel announced that the preliminary draft budget was presented and discussed at the last meeting, and that no changes were recommended. Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, and adopt by title only Resolution No. 894 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2016 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, 2016.

B. Consideration of Approval of Notice of Completion - City Entrances Microsurface Project

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

last December the slurry was completed at the Round Meadow and Burbank gates; due to bad weather, the slurry at Long Valley gate had to be delayed, but was finished earlier this month; however, the contractor experienced mechanical problems that prevented the striping from being completed at Long Valley; that striping has not yet been done, but will be completed this coming Thursday, the end of the fiscal year, as some of the funds for this project have to be spent by then; due to the delays, the project is approximately \$1000 over budget, but still well within the 10% contingency; no general funds are being spent on this project, as all the funding is coming from MTA flexible STPL funds (\$37,276.43), and Prop C funds (\$85,629.57); the Council is being asked to approve the project, with the understanding that the final Long Valley striping will be completed by Thursday (6/30), and to authorize the release of the retention at the end of the 35 day lien period.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to accept the City entrances microsurface project work as complete (subject to the Long Valley striping being completed by 6/30/16), authorize the City Clerk to file and record a Notice of Completion, and authorize the release of the retention upon satisfactory clearance of the 35 day lien period.

C. Consideration of Adoption of Proposed Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations to the Department of Resources and Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

City Engineer Dirk Lovett provided the following staff report:

this CalRecycle program is an incentive to help with the recycling of beverage containers and litter abatement; grants are offered that can be used in various ways; in the past, the City has used the funds for recycling bins at City Hall, and for tote bags, made from recycled beverage containers, that have been handed out at City events and at City Hall; the City has received approximately \$5000 a year in the past, but this year, a resolution is needed to authorize staff to apply for funds from any and all payment programs offered by CalRecycle; this year, staff is looking at the possibility of using the funds for catch basin screens and liners.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt by title only Resolution No. 895 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT PROGRAMS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of June 27, 2016 at 8:31 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager