

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, February 13, 2017

***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, February 13, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jim Cohen called the meeting to order and presided thereover after leading the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council:

Mayor Jim Cohen  
Mayor Pro Tem Stuart E. Siegel  
Council Member Steve Freedland  
Council Member Marv Landon  
Council Member Larry G. Weber

Staff:

City Manager Kerry Kallman  
City Engineer Dirk Lovett  
City Clerk Deana L. Graybill

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the February 13, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Cohen made the following announcements:

Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Siegel's son Ben on 2/14.

Happy Birthday to City Manager Kallman's son Trey on 2/15.

City Hall, the Community Association, and Building & Safety will be closed and there will be no inspections on Monday, 2/20, in honor of Presidents' Day.

Council Member Weber wish a Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to his son Connor and his wife on 2/7/17.

Happy Birthday to Council Member Landon's Granddaughter Jordan.

### **AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – January 9, 2017**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Disbursement List – December**
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – December**
- E. Investment Statements - December**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve items A, C, D, and E (Item B was approved subject to City Manager Kallman verifying a question on the Sheriff's invoice number 172671NH) of the consent calendar as submitted.

### **MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **Report from 1/17/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting**

The following information was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel:

The COG discussed Measure H, a proposed countywide sales tax measure to address homelessness; declared Laura Rosenthal the new District #44 representative to SCAG Regional Council; Malibu City Council Member Jefferson Wagner was appointed as the representative from the Malibu Watershed Cities on the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission; Westlake Village City Council Member Ned Davis was appointed to the Energy & Environmental Committee; Assemblyman Dababneh will meet with the COG on Friday, 2/24 at 9:00 a.m. at Hidden Hills City Hall to discuss stormwater runoff and the NPDES permit.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A. Long Valley Road/Valley Circle Boulevard/US-101 On-Ramp Improvements Project Status Report (Measure R and M)**

The following information was provided by City Engineer Dirk Lovett:

Measure R is a ½-cent sales tax, approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008, and is to be utilized to improve transportation and reduce of traffic congestion; Measure M is another ½-cent sales tax that was approved Los Angeles County voters in 2016 that is to be used for the same purpose as Measure R; The COG has allocated \$2.2 million of its Measure R funds for use by the City of Hidden Hills to improve the Long Valley Road on-ramp; an additional \$6.2 million may be made available to Hidden Hills from the Measure M tax; on January 26, 2015 the Council authorized staff to utilize the City's Measure R funds to study and, if feasible, construct improvements at the Long Valley Road/US 101 on-ramp including a traffic signal and a sidewalk from Long Valley Road, up the ramp to Valley Circle Boulevard, then along Valley Circle Boulevard to the crosswalk at Ventura Boulevard; the purpose of the improvements is to reduce morning traffic congestion and decrease potential conflicts with cross traffic and pedestrian; the on-ramp and Long Valley Road are currently regulated by stop signs, and pedestrians have no clear walkway along the onramp; a traffic signal, in lieu of the stop signs, was proposed to decrease delays on the freeway on-ramp and the sidewalk would provide an improved pedestrian route for City residents and guests; Caltrans, however, stated that because the proposed signal would increase the volume of traffic entering the freeway during the morning peak hours, they would require the ramp to be metered to again slow down the traffic. Because the Caltrans requirement would in effect slow down traffic, staff is recommending a new design be considered. The proposed new design would see the creation of a third lane (dedicated right turn only) on the Long Valley onramp and relocation of both the guard house and entrance lanes into the City.

At the end of the status report, the City Council approved the recommendations in the staff report and authorized staff to: 1) submit a modified application to the COG and MTA to re-appropriate Hidden Hills' Measure R and Measure M funds to a new Long Valley Road/Valley Circle Blvd/US 101On-Ramp Improvements Project, as outlined in the new concept discussed above; and 2) if the project is approved by the COG and MTA, direct staff to utilize the City's Measure R and M funds to study and, if feasible, construct the Long Valley Road/Valley Circle Blvd/US 101On-Ramp Improvements, as outlined in the new concept discussed above. The Council has also created an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and Council Member Freedland.

**B. Charles Abbott Monthly Report – December**

The report was received and filed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Property:** 23501 Long Valley Road (APN 2049-018-049 and 2049-018-0046)  
**City Negotiator:** Kerry Kallman, City Manager  
**Negotiating Party:** Arnold Meyerstein (Trustee) Meyerstein Family Trust  
**Under Negotiation:** Purchase and Terms of Payment

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Siegel, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. to address the item listed above, as read by City Manager Kerry Kallman.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to open session at 8:18 p.m., at which time City Manager Kallman announced that in closed session the Council discussed the item listed above, and that no reportable action was taken.

**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 February 13, 2017 at 8:20 p.m.

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Jim Cohen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk