

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, August 28, 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, August 28, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Mayor 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 Stuart E. Siegel  
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Freedland  
Council Member Bret Katz  
Council Member Marv Landon  
Council Member Larry Weber

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the August 28, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

City Hall, Building & Safety and the HHCA will be closed and no inspections done on Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day

The Fiesta brochures were mailed out last week. If you did not receive one, extras are available at City Hall and at the HHCA.

Fiesta meal tickets go on sale at City Hall (Spring Valley) on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 5 pm

Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Freedland's wife Susan on 9/8.

**AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report – July**

Lieutenant Randy Tuinstra presented the following report:

During the month of July there was one Part I crime, which was a garage burglary with a plastic tote containing numerous tools taken in the 24400 block of Little Valley Road. There were no signs of forced entry. A resident of Massachusetts was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper (refused to pay for cab fare from Silver Lake to Hidden Hills) in the 23400 block of Long Valley Road. A Calabasas transient was arrested for battery on a peace officer and trespassing in the 23500 block of Long Valley Road. The suspect refused to leave the location after being told to by security personnel and became combative with deputies during the arrest. During the investigation, it was discovered the suspect had a warrant from Pennsylvania.

**B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report – July**

Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Williams presented the following report:

the month of July consisted of 18 calls that included 9 medical calls, 1 fire call (1 acre brush fire due to overheated and ignited wood chips in yard), 3 snake removal calls, 2 hazardous condition calls (power lines down), and 3 good intent calls; no follow up brush inspections have been needed as all in the City are compliant.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. City Council Minutes – August 14, 2017
- B. Demand List
- C. Disbursement List - July
- D. Financial/Treasurer's Report – July
- E. Investment Statement/Beacon Pointe Advisors – June
- F. Investment Statement/Charles Schwab - July

Upon MOTION of Council Member Landon, seconded by Council Member Katz 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**

**Report from 8/22/17 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting**

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

The Gate Committee has been talking about redirecting visitor traffic from Long Valley gate to the Burbank gate in the mornings to alleviate the back up at the Long Valley on ramp and entrance into the City (especially construction vehicles). This approach was tried in the past and was found to not work.

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- A. Discussion Regarding Tree Trimming and Tree Removals at 23500 Long Valley Road (Metropolitan Water District)

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) has notified the City that they intend to remove 7 mature pepper trees and trim 11 mature oak and 2 mature ash trees (total of 20 trees) on their property located adjacent to 23500 Long Valley Road and immediately adjacent to the US-101 freeway; MWD's reasons for the trimming and removals are: the potential of branches falling over and onto US-101; eliminating potential vagrant use of the area; increasing safety by removing lower tree limbs for clearance and visibility; and, concerns with the location of the trees, as it relates to MWD's ability to maintain and/or repair the existing 54-inch pre-stressed concrete pipeline in their right-of-way; these trees are located on MWD property in

the City of Hidden Hills CR zone; MWD also informed the City that this work is exempt from City regulations per Government Code 53091(d) and (e) for which the City Attorney has reviewed the Government Code and confirms that this work is exempt; adjacent property owners have been notified and have no objection to the proposed trimming and removals; tree removals and trimming are scheduled to begin on September 12, 2017.

Council Member Katz and Mayor Pro Tem Freedland expressed their concerns for this project, especially the possibility of increased sound. Mayor Pro Tem Freedland asked City Engineer Lovett to inquire with Caltrans about sound mitigation measures and the possibility of increasing the height of the sound wall.

**B. Consideration of Approval of Proposals for an ALTA Survey and a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment at 23501 Long Valley Road (Meyerstein property)**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

the City of Hidden Hills is in negotiation with Arnold Meyerstein to purchase 23501 Long Valley Road (the ½ acre lot on the east side of Long Valley Road just outside the security gate) and prior to purchasing land it is prudent to obtain a property survey and an environmental assessment; staff obtained a proposal from Chris Nelson & Associates for an ALTA and topographical survey and two proposals from Anacapa Geoservices, Inc. and NV5 for the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment, with NV5 as the lower bidder; both firms are highly recommended and capable of doing the site assessments; all costs will be paid from the City's restricted Measure R funds and no general funds will be used.

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from Chris Nelson & Associates to in the amount of \$5,900 to provide and ALTA and topographical survey for 23501 Long Valley Road and to also approve the proposal from NV5 in the amount of \$2,800 to provide a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for 23501 Long Valley Road.

**C. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Potential Change to City Council Meeting Start Times**

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

Section 1-6-2 of the City's Municipal Code sets regular City Council meetings to be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and recently, moving the start time has been discussed; various cities in the area, as well as Bradbury and Rolling Hills, all start

at times between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; any change to the City's Municipal Code requires an amendment; a new start time can be adopted by Resolution instead and will allow for greater flexibility if the meeting start time change is revisited; as amending the City's Municipal Code is a two step process, an ordinance changing the Municipal Code would be introduced at a City Council meeting with a second reading of the ordinance at the next subsequent City Council meeting; staff will put an article in the City newsletter, post on the City's website and also send out an email notification to residents notifying them of this potential change in time.

Council Member Katz suggested 6:30 p.m. as the new start time to City Council meetings, with the rest of the Council in agreement. As such, staff will bring to the City Council on September 11, 2017, an introduction of an ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code and a Resolution with the new start time for adoption.

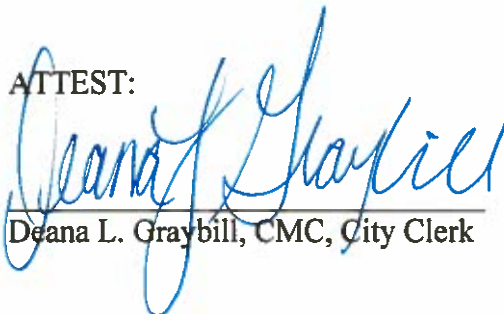
**D. Charles Abbott Monthly Report – July**

The report was received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of August 28, 2017 at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk

  
Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor