

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Tuesday, October 23, 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, October 23, 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 October 23, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

The HHCA Kids Halloween Party is Saturday, October 28th – Call the Community Center for more information

Happy Birthday to Mayor Siegel's wife Peggi on October 31st

Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Freedland's daughter Kelsey on November 12th

Reminder that beginning with the Council Meeting on November 13th, the start time will be 6:30 p.m.

Fire Preparedness Community Meeting will be on Thursday November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Association Theater

The Hidden Hills Magic Show will be on Saturday November 11th. Call the Hidden Hills Community Association for more information.

AUDIENCE

Residents Karleen Basch, Eniko Gold and Carrie Kasper attended the meeting and resident Jana Lieblich sent an email to the City Manager (attached to minutes) expressing their concerns about Moochi the bull. Some of those concerns expressed were asking that Moochi be relocated during Halloween and not walking Moochi in public.

Resident Britt Aaronson addressed the Council regarding the gate traffic and the possibility of limiting vehicles going to construction sites. She read the attached letter to the Council and audience.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Los Angeles County Fire Department Reports – August and September

Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Williams presented the following report:

the month of August consisted of 12 calls that included 6 medical calls, 1 hazardous condition call (power line down), 1 hazardous material call (flammable liquid spill), and 4 good intent calls; the month of September consisted of 10 calls that included 4 medical calls, 1 hazardous condition call (power line down), and 5 good intent calls; augmented staffing has been put in place for the next week due to the increased risk of high fire danger.

B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reports – August and September

Lieutenant Randy Tuinstra presented the following report:

During the month of August there was 2 Part I crimes, which was a theft from an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block of Annie Oakley Road. Four remote garage door openers were stolen from inside the vehicle which was parked in the driveway. No suspect(s) seen or heard. A resident of Pasadena was arrested for driving with a suspended license in the 5800 block of Round Meadow Road. The subject's vehicle was impounded. A Reseda resident was arrested for a warrant in the 24600 block of John Colter Road. The warrant was for driving on a suspended license. During the month of September there was 1 Part I crime, which was two subjects, both residents of Los Angeles, were arrested for battery in the 24700 block of Long Valley Road. The subjects argued about their work ethics and assaulted each other. Lieutenant Tuinstra also pointed out that the ALPR license reader cameras that were recently installed at all three gates has been an asset in fighting crime. He also wanted to remind everyone that it is the beginning of the holiday season and to be diligent about picking up any packages that are left at your door.

PRESENTATIONS

A. October 2, 2017 Calabasas Library Commission Meeting – Report

Britt Aaronson, the City's Library Commissioner, provided a written report from the October 2, 2017 Library Commission meeting. She informed the City Council that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that Hidden Hills has with Calabasas will be up for renewal in 2018. She encouraged the City Council to renegotiate the MOU to make her a voting member of the Commission and that a Hidden Hills student be appointed as a nonvoting commissioner.

B. Presentation on MSRC/AQMD Clean Air Grant Opportunity

City Manager Kallman presented an informative slide show detailing the Local Government Partnership Program and then provided the following report:

the City receives money from the AQMD every year to spend on clean air projects; an additional funding opportunity to improve air quality in our community has become available; funding is allocated on a population basis; cities and counties that receive an annual allocation of less than \$50,000 are eligible to receive a Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Partnership match of \$50,000, also known as the Jumpstart Grant; the City Council has discussed possible uses for the City's Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds which is approximately \$54,000 as of this time; eligible project categories include light-duty zero emission vehicle purchases or leases; MSRC funding can be used to fund up to a maximum of 50% of a qualifying vehicle's net purchase price, or up to \$10,000 per vehicle, whichever is less, electric vehicle charging installation, and alternative fuel refueling infrastructure; once the funds are obtained.

Council Member Weber stated that he is not in favor of the purchase of a vehicle to patrol on the trails.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Katz and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to authorize the City's participation in the MSRC Clean Transportation Program and allocate necessary matching funds if necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Minor Accommodation
24307 Little Valley Road
Addition in Front Yard Setback**

City Engineer Dirk Lovett presented the following report:

a Minor Accommodation is being requested to alter a portion of the house, add a single story addition, all within the front yard setback; a Minor Accommodation may be granted to allow "any alteration, expansion or extension of a nonconforming encroachment into a setback provided that the alteration, expansion or extension encroaches no closer to the property line than the existing encroachment"; notices were sent to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of the subject property and were posted at City Hall and the Community Center. No public comments have been received; the existing building is a 4,376 square foot two-story

single-family residence that is setback roughly twelve feet 3 inches (12'3") from the front road easement and the City's standard front yard setback is 50 feet; the Applicant proposes altering the front of the existing home and constructing a first story addition (which is located in the rear of house, but in the front yard setback), raising the roofline roughly twelve inches (12") and altering a small portion of the front entry within the front setback; proposed improvements within the encroachment will extend no further into the setbacks than the existing buildings; the City Council may grant a Minor Accommodation if it finds that it will not have a material adverse impact on the public welfare or adjacent property; staff has determined the finding can be made and the proposed improvements within the setbacks will not be out of conformance with other homes on Little Valley Road.

At this point, Mayor Siegel opened the public hearing. Resident Britt Aaronson who lives on Little Valley Road did not object to this project. Mayor Siegel then closed the hearing. Mayor Siegel asked which Council Members had visited the site – Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, Council Members Katz and Weber reported they had been to the site.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Freedland, seconded by Council Member Landon and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minor accommodation and to adopt by title only Resolution No. 914 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SITTING AS THE PLANNING AGENCY, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A MINOR ACCOMMODATION TO ALTER AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 24307 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – October 10, 2017
- B. City Council Minutes – October 16, 2017
- C. Demand List
- D. Disbursement List – September
- E. Financial/Treasurer's Report – September

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

MATTERS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 10/17/17 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Mayor Siegel reported that the City is underfunded by approximately \$2.3 million for the Long Valley Project. The LVMCOG's 5-year funding estimates for Measure M is \$57.9 million, of which the City of Hidden Hills is to receive \$1.2 million (the allocations are based on population). Efforts to acquire additional funding from City of Los Angeles Council Member Blumenfield's office has proven to be unsuccessful at this time, even though the Long Valley Project would benefit the City of Los Angeles just as much as it would the City of Hidden Hills in helping alleviate the horrendous traffic situation. Additional funding is continually being sought from other sources.

B. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Los Angeles Community Choice Energy

City Manager Kallman presented the following report:

AB 117 (2002) and SB 790 (2011) authorized Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs in the State of California, allowing local governments to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market, for the purposes of selling it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates, as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor owned utility (IOU), like Southern California Edison (SCE); on April 17, 2017, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of LACCE through the creation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) made up of member cities; Los Angeles County cities were given the opportunity to join the LACCA, at no charge, for up to 180 days following the first cities adoption; to date the cities of Calabasas, Rolling Hills Estates, South Pasadena, and West Hollywood have joined the JPA; the 180 period will expire this December and those cities choosing to join the JPA following this initial period may be required to pay a fee to join; at the May 22 City Council meeting and subsequent public presentations, LACCE representatives indicated that a cost savings of up to 5% is anticipated for customers enrolled in the LACCE. Customers would also have the option of requesting all power delivered originate from "clean" or "renewable" energy sources which may reduce potential cost savings; a wide variety of advantages to joining the LACCE can be assumed including: (1) up to a 5% savings in electric costs by residents; (2) an alternative option for residents to consider for power in their home; and (3) increased use of renewable or sustainable electricity; additionally, each member city receives a seat on the JPA Board of Directors; conversely, the City Council on May 22 expressed several concerns with the program including: (1) a concern that all residents will be automatically enrolled in the program if the City Council elects to join the JPA; (2) potential taxing of limited City staff resources as residents may initially contact City Hall with questions regarding the change;

(3) unanticipated problems associated with the "start-up" nature of the LACCE; and (4) no guarantees on cost savings.

After much discussion, the City Council decided to take no action at this time and bring the item back to a future meeting once the program has launched and actual cost savings would be known and proven.

C. Report from 10/17/17 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Board Member John McGinnis provided the following report:

the major item for discussion was the traffic at the gates; the Board continues to explore options including staggering start times for workers, overflow parking at the Meyerstein parcel, and residents utilizing an additional three transponders to be designated to whom they choose. Other items approved at the meeting were a new Ahmanson Gate design and the purchase of a fully electric ATV to patrol the trails for security. Mr. McGinnis assured those that were concern with vehicles driving on the trails that the vehicle will be a very quiet vehicle and will patrol only in the evenings and on the perimeter trails.

The Council Members each expressed different concerns and/or suggestions regarding the traffic at the gates, such as: cars that are staged on the Meyerstein parcel, need to be staggered as they are released to not cause a backup at the Long Valley gate; contractors should instruct their workers to have ID's and to know the address of the site they are going to; letting workers in the gates earlier, but not to start work until 7:00 a.m.

The Council thanked Mr. McGinnis for his attendance at the City Council meeting.

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 October 23, 2017 at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deana L. Graybill, CMC, City Clerk


Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

Kerry Kallman

From: Kerry Kallman
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Jana Lieblich
Subject: Re: Moochi the Bull

Jana

Thank you for the email. Please note a discussion regarding Moochie is not on tonight's agenda. Instead residents may speak regarding their concerns under public comments. Because the item is not on the agenda, the City Council may not take official action. If after the public comment, the City Council gives direction to staff to pursue the matter appropriate follow up will ensue.

I will provide a copy of your email to City Council.

Kerry

Kerry Kallman
Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 23, 2017, at 2:35 PM, Jana Lieblich <jl Lieblich@aol.com> wrote:

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> Dear Kerry,

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> I understand from my friend and neighbor, Eniko Gold, that you are having a meeting tonight.

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> Since I will not be able to be there, I wanted to contribute my information via email, prior to the meeting.

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> At The Fiesta, my two-year-old son, Miles, was knocked to the ground by Moochi, the bull. There were a number of witnesses and the incident caused quite a commotion, as you can imagine. Miles was head-butted by the and flew backwards, through the air and landed on his back, on the street. It was quite scary.

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> Mocchi is obviously very cute and therefore a magnet for children. On the day of The Fiesta, a number of children were asking to go up and pet him. Miles, my toddler, showed interest as well. He started to walk toward the bull, a few steps ahead of me. It was at that time that his owner warned not to get near his head, but by then it was too late. I could not catch my son in time and it all happened in just a few seconds from there.

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> We were very fortunate that he was not hurt. The bull started to buck after he knocked my son over, because his owner pulled him away, rather hard, on his leash, after the incident, and I think he was upset by all the commotion. As he was bucking, he could have hurt another child or even my child, again.

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> I am all for Moochi remaining in our neighborhood. If he is happy here and his owner is happy boarding him here, I am supportive of that.

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> However, I am asking that he not be walked through the neighborhood or allowed to participate in the parades. I understand there have been other incident(s) with him, so I think it would not be prudent not to push our luck. The next time, the damage could be far worse. He is a large and powerful animal and could inflict serious harm, or worse, on a small child, in the wrong set of circumstances.

October 17, 2017

Dear HHCA Board Members:

Please accept this letter as my third request that the HHCA Board and Gate Committee discuss and approve a motion to amend our Rules and Regulations to limit the amount of vehicles allowed at Hidden Hills construction sites. As per your request, I have shown that this has been done in similar communities on the Westside with two examples of HOA's that have successfully limited the amount of construction vehicles parked at their project sites, communities that also suggest streets to park on outside their community, and language related to having workers driven in from off site.

Currently in Hidden Hills, there are 75 major and minor Construction Projects approved within our city, with no limitations on vehicles allowed (ie. 7 major remodels, 9 new homes and 59 small projects.) The amount of homes currently approved for remodeling is 11.5% of our housing population, 75 out of 648 homes.

According to vehicle entry numbers provided by the HHCA from Covered 6, Construction Vehicles are 23% of the total amount, Residents are 23% of the total amount, and Vendors are 45% of total amount of vehicles entering Monday through Friday. The number you need to pay attention to is that 11.5% of our daily construction vehicle entries equal the same amount of gate entries as the residents, or 88.5% of 648 homes. According to the HHCA's numbers that is an average of 14.4 construction vehicles per site.

The HHCA has responded to the issue of Unlimited Construction Vehicles by (1) putting a notice in the newsletter asking Residents to voluntarily schedule their vendor/service people after 9 a.m. and (2) working with Covered 6 and the City Manager to utilize the vacant lot outside the Long Valley gate as a staging area for guest vehicles. The HHCA suggests that restricting the hours of the residents vendors should help reduce congestion at that gate to almost none in addition to the enforcement of construction projects parking on the property, and on the parkway in front of that property only.

Penalizing residents is not the solution, as the only way to alleviate gate congestion is to decrease gate entries of the population causing the most traffic--the unlimited number of construction vehicles. It does not make sense that the HHCA proposes to solve the problem of construction traffic by restricting the vendors of residents from entering yet continues to allow an unlimited amount of construction vehicles. It is the duty of an HOA to protect the rights of the 88.5% of residents living within its borders, not protect the rights of the 11.5% of temporary visitors/contractors.

I ask for confirmation tonight that the entire board has read these examples that have been provided as well as the draft of proposed language for a new rule for Hidden Hills related to limiting construction vehicles. I ask that the board please discuss and make a motion to amend our Rules for all demolition, grading, construction, or remodeling on any Lot within Hidden Hills, so that no more than five (5) vehicles of any size or utility may enter the gates or be inside the community at any one time.

I look forward to hearing a favorable response.

Thank you,

Britt Aaronson
24407 Little Valley Road
Hidden Hills, CA 91302

Preventing Bull Accidents

(Updated June 2006)

by Temple Grandin, Colorado State University

The most dangerous dairy bull is a bull that has not been properly socialized to his own kind. When a young bull calf becomes mature at age two, he needs to challenge the top bull in the herd. If the bull calf has been raised alone and has not had the opportunity to interact with other cattle, he thinks he is a person and he wants to exert his dominance over the "herd". This can result in dangerous attacks on people.

Ed Price at the University of California found that bull calves raised in groups were much less likely to attack people than bull calves raised in individual pens. Bull calves raised on a cow were the least likely to attack. When they are raised with their own kind, they know who they are and they are less likely to think that people are part of the herd.

There is no such thing as a totally safe bull, but the risk of an attack can be reduced with proper management. When dairy calves are six to eight weeks old, they should be put in group pens. If there are no bull calves available for pen mates, a young bull should be raised with steer calves that are older and heavier. Any mature bull that charges a person, should be removed from a commercial dairy because he is too great a safety risk to the dairy personnel. To further reduce the danger, dairies that use bulls should consider raising bull calves on a nurse cow. Raising bull calves on a nurse cow will imprint them more strongly to their own kind and further reduce the tendency to attack.

Never play butting games with calves. It is cute when they are young but very dangerous when they grow up. Never allow a bull calf to push his head up against you. Tell him to get back. If you want to pet the calf, stroke him under the chin, on the rear, or on the withers (shoulder). Stroke him anywhere except the forehead. Pressure on this area will encourage butting.

The major causes of bull attacks are mistaken identity or improper behavior that has been learned. A bull will perform a broadside threat prior to attack. He will stand sideways so the person or other bull can see how big and powerful he is. Sometimes a person can make a bull back off by responding with the human variation of a broadside threat which for people is a frontal stance. Alternatively, the person may just back slowly away from the bull. NEVER RUN away and do not turn your back on him.

In dairies where bulls run loose in the cow pens, managers should be trained to notice aggressive postures. The bull should just move away along with other cows when the milkers approach. A bull that does a broadside threat to milkers should be culled. Even if a bull calf is reared properly with other cattle, an adult bull is usually safer if he spends most of his adult life penned with other animals. Bulls that are penned alone for long periods of time may be more likely to attack people. However, steers and heifers can be safely penned alone.

Understanding cow and bull behavior will help to reduce accidents. There is no way that cattle can be made perfectly safe, but the use of behavioral principles will reduce the risk. Attacks by bulls are the number one cause of fatalities which occur while handling livestock. Dairy bulls are often more dangerous than beef breeds. Castration of bull calves at an early age will greatly reduce aggressive behavior.

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