

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

Monday, March 26, 2007

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, March 26, 2007 at the hour of 7:31 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 Monty E. Fisher Council Member Jim Cohen Council Member Steve Freedland
Staff:	City Engineer Dirk Lovett City Manager Cherie L. Paglia
Absent:	Council Member Larry Weber

Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved to excuse the absence of Council Member Weber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 26, 2007 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Siegel made the following announcements:

The CERT training is ongoing here at City Hall on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; call Deana at City Hall for further information.

There is an equine vet clinic this Sunday, April 1st; it is by appointment only; call Claudette Rice for details.

Palm Sunday is this coming Sunday, April 1st; Passover begins at sundown on Monday, April 2nd; Good Friday is April 6th; Easter is Sunday, April 8th.

Happy birthday to former Council Member Ron Berg whose birthday is this coming Sunday, April 1st.

In response to Mayor Siegel, the City Manager explained that CERT classes, which are being taught by L.A. County Fire Department Community Services Representative Maria Grycan and other Fire Department personnel, do not have to be taken in order - missed classes can be made up in other cities or when classes are presented again at Hidden Hills. She added that residents can choose to take any number of the individual classes at any time or all of the classes (if they wish to be certified as having completed the CERT training). Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, who is taking the classes, commended Ms. Grycan for her teaching skills.

Council Member Cohen, on behalf of the Council, extended a belated happy birthday to Mayor Siegel, who celebrated his special day this past Sunday.

AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

2007 FIESTA

Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Helm & Sons Amusements and Payment of Deposit to Reserve Fiesta Date of 9/29/07

This item was discussed later during the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (Formerly Ahmanson) Report

Mayor Siegel announced the following:

Chief Ranger Walt Young planned on attending this evening's meeting, but had a last minute change of plans; he sent his apologies and will hopefully attend the Council meeting on April 23rd; Chief Ranger Young informed staff that he did attend the annual meeting of the Hidden Hills Horsemen, and from that meeting, may be getting some equestrian volunteers for the Mounted Assistance Unit that patrols parks; there is some brush clearance that still needs to be done near the Long Valley gate to meet the clearance historically done on the Ranch, and that should be done in the next few weeks.

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department Report - February

The following report was provided by Community Services Representative Maria Grycan:

During the month of February, there were five responses by the Department; there was one outside rubbish fire on Jacob Hamblin, with no property or content loss; there was also one medical response, three false alarm/good intent calls, one Fire Prevention Bureau inspection, and no plans checked.

C. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report - February

Lt. John Benedict presented the following report:

In the month of February, there were no Part I crimes and no noteworthy incidents; four false alarms occurred, one each on Eldorado Meadow, Jim Bridger, Hoback Glen, and Bill Cody; in relation to traffic, there was one collision at Long Valley Road and Saddlecreek Road, which involved property damage only – attributed to backing up; 43

citations were issued, with 31 being hazardous, 10 being non-hazardous, and two related to parking.

D. Consideration of Request for Click It or Ticket Program Mini-Grant for Seat Belt Enforcement

The following information was provided by Lt. John Benedict:

This is an annual program through the combined efforts of state and local law enforcement; the simple goal is to save lives by encouraging drivers and passengers to wear their seat belts; the program is conducted locally from May 14th through June 3rd by the Sheriff's Department through the local cities and the unincorporated County area.

Mayor Siegel asked who determined the 93.7% usage compliance goal, and where the funds came from. No one knew who set the percentage goal, but Council Member Freedland noted that the application stated the \$3500 in funds were federal (through the California Office of Traffic Safety).

Council Member Cohen wished to know the results of past efforts of this program, with Mayor Siegel adding that it would be interesting to know what the percentage of seat belt usage was normally. Lt. Benedict did not have any of these statistics, but offered to obtain and provide them to the Council. The City Manager pointed out that a survey would be conducted before the program began, to gauge current usage, with another survey to be completed after the conclusion of the program. She said she would also check in the City files, as she believes the Sheriff did provide follow-up information after last year's program.

As there was no further discussion, upon MOTION of Council Member Freedland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to submit an application, as prepared by the Sheriff's Department, for a \$3500 mini-grant to be used for overtime and reporting costs for seat belt compliance during a 21-day period from May 14, 2007 through June 3, 2007 in support of the national Click It or Ticket mobilization.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Minutes – March 12, 2007**
- B. Demand List**
- C. Financial/Treasurer’s Report – February**

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

2007 FIESTA

Consideration of Approval of Proposal from Helm & Sons Amusements and Payment of Deposit to Reserve Fiesta Date of 9/29/07

Lisa Moriarity provided the following information:

Last year the City spent \$26,131.94 to James Events for most of the rides and games, along with another \$10,000 to Helm & Sons for two additional rides; this year she has received a draft proposal from Helm & Sons to provide all of the rides and games, for a total cost of \$29,000; some of the rides have been changed (she showed pictures of several of them); the proposal shows only eight rides, but she will assure that nine rides are provided; the proposal also includes eight manned game booths, a prize booth (including the prizes), popcorn and cotton candy, two face painters, and two animal balloonists.

In response to questions from the Council Members, Ms. Moriarity stated the following:

Helm & Sons does have the necessary insurance, as they provided proof of that insurance last year for their rides; the date of the Fiesta has been locked in with Helm & Sons, so the deposit should be paid soon, but does not have to be paid until the proposal is finalized; the company is asking for one-half of the total cost as a deposit, but she will see if that can be lowered; the company is very reliable, as they have done events at Calabasas and at Round Meadow School; she will continue to work with Helm & Sons to finalize the proposal; she herself should not be considered the Fiesta Chairman, as she cannot guarantee that she will be at the event, but she will continue to work with Deputy City Clerk Deana Graybill; one of the most important things is to make sure there are Chairmen for the individual events; she would also suggest that Dakotas be contacted soon to make sure they are available on the selected date.

The City Manager suggested that this item be placed on the next agenda, at which time Ms. Moriarity should have the final proposal from Helm & Sons, and staff will provide the draft City agreement to be signed by Helm & Sons, incorporating their proposal and showing the insurance requirements, proper number of rides, agreed upon deposit, etc. The Council agreed with that suggestion.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Report from 3/20/07 Hidden Hills Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

Association Board Member and City liaison Ron Wolfe informed the Council of the following:

The overhead sign for the front gate is being built, and is close to being done; it is clad in cedar, and will be scored and stained; regarding cell phone coverage in the City, Association staff has been in contact with Crown Castle; the company has talked to cell phone vendors, who would rent space from them, and there seems to be good interest from those vendors; therefore Crown Castle has approved an engineering budget to put together a plan for the City; the Association and City can review that plan once it is provided.

B. Report from 3/20/07 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Meeting

Mayor Siegel reported that the COG Board discussed conflicting brush clearance requirements between different government agencies. He added that representatives were in attendance at the meeting from both State Senator Sheila Kuehl's office and State Assemblywoman Julia Brownley's office, neither of whom were aware of this problem, which will be further investigated.

C. Consideration of Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for Cell Phone Coverage/Wireless Communications

Mayor Siegel stated the following:

He would like to create an ad hoc committee of two Council Members to monitor and keep track of the progress being made with the cell phone coverage and possible wireless

communications within the City; he does not believe there will be a lot for the committee to do, as it will be up to Crown Castle to decide what they want to do, if anything, within the City; once Crown Castle makes their decision, they will have to work mainly with Southern California Edison, and then be monitored and reviewed by the City and Association where necessary; new Council Member Weber's expertise lies in this area, so he would like to appoint him to this ad hoc committee.

Council Member Freedland then volunteered to also serve on this ad hoc committee. The other Council Members agreed to the appointment of both Council Members Freedland and Weber. Mayor Siegel asked the committee to especially be aware of this rather strange situation in which on one hand the discussion will involve placing equipment on telephone poles, while at the same time the City is looking at trying to remove poles in an effort to eventually underground the entire City.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. Tentative Map 63567 (Ashley) – Update

City Engineer Dirk Lovett reported that the deadline for comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Ashley project were due next week. He added that some comments had already been received and forwarded to the consultant preparing the DEIR. In response to Mayor Siegel, Mr. Lovett confirmed that all of the required public agencies received the NOP, as did the Concerned Citizens group within Hidden Hills that asked for the NOP.

B. Consideration of Proposal from Moments to Remember for Photo Shoot to Update City Council Pictures

The City Manager informed the Council that a new group photo was needed for the City's website, as well as a photo of new Council Member Weber, and any other Council Members who wished to update their existing photos for the website and City Hall. She added that a proposal was obtained from Moments to Remember (who has done all of the recent Council Member photos for the City) to conduct a one hour photo shoot either at City Hall or at the studio, which

would include the following: one group picture; individual pictures of each of the five Council Members (who wish to have a new picture); five 8x10 photos (one of each Council Member); five images on CD for the website (one of each Council Member); and one group image on CD for the website. The City Manager suggested that the photo shoot be done at City Hall, which would cost approximately \$50 more than if done at the studio. Upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, seconded by Council Member Cohen and unanimously carried on roll call vote, it was resolved to approve the proposal from Moments to Remember to conduct a one hour photo shoot at City Hall to provide new Council photos, group and individual, for both the website and City Hall, at a cost of \$433.

C. Consideration of Renewal of General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles

The City Manager provided the following report:

The existing five-year agreement with the County will expire on June 30, 2007; the County has provided a new five-year agreement for consideration, with the agreement being exactly the same as the current agreement in place; the agreement allows the City to use the County for specific services that are not already covered by individual agreements, such as with the Sheriff and Animal Control; examples of services used in the past would include catch basin clean-out and stenciling, and replacement of traffic signs and poles; the City is only billed for services that are specifically requested on a service request form and then completed.

Upon MOTION of Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the five-year General Services Agreement (GSA) with Los Angeles County, commencing July 1, 2007 and continuing through June 30, 2012.

D. Consideration of Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Interview Candidates for Public Safety Commission for Recommendation to City Council for Appointment

Mayor Siegel explained the following:

We have a rather odd situation with the Public Safety Commission appointments this year; normally when three seats are up for appointment, the remaining two Public Safety Commissioners interview the applicants and make a recommendation to the Council, and vice versa the following year; however, this year three seats are up for appointment, along with an appointment to fill the one year remaining in Larry Weber's term, as he resigned from the Commission when elected to the City Council; that leaves only one Public Safety Commissioner to conduct the interviews, so the Council needs to step in and have two Council Members conduct the interviews, along with that one individual Commissioner.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher volunteered to serve on this ad hoc interview committee. The Council Members approved of his appointment and also agreed to appoint Council Member Weber to serve on this committee, due to his background knowledge of the Public Safety Commission on which he has served for many years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon MOTION of Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, seconded by Council Member Freedland and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of March 26, 2007 at 8:01 p.m.

Stuart E. Siegel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie L. Paglia, City Manager/City Clerk