CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
April 9, 2012

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the honorable Dwight W. Welch, Mayor.

   a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

   Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris, Edwards, Williams and Davis.

   Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; City Attorney, John Murphey, and Rhonda Williams, City Treasurer.

   Excused as absent was: Alderman Ford.

2a. Invocation was given.

3. Journal of Proceedings:

A. Approval of Minutes
1. Regular City Council Meeting - March 26, 2012
2. Administrative Meeting - April 2, 2012

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 26, 2012 and approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 2, 2012. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 26, 2012 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 2, 2012 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. Communications and Reports by the Mayor:

A. Proclamation - April 27, 2012 - Arbor Day in Country Club Hills

Mayor Welch stated for the record that April 27, 2012 will be Arbor Day in Country Club Hills. A specuial tree planting event/seminar will be held on April 27, 2012 at 9 am.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, reminded everyone that the City wide Blood Drive will be held on April 14, 2012 at City Hall.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Burris, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm)

A. Lay Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 on the Table

Alderman Burris moved for Council approval to lay the draft Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 on the table. Second - Alderman Hutson Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris, Edwards, Williams, and Davis.

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Ford.

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

Alderman Burris stated that budget hearings will be held on April 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

After general discussion it was determined that a Special City Council meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 12, 2012 to consider the RFP for the Waste Hauler contract and to consider the contracts for the theater performers.

II. Law, Ordinance and Government: **Alderman Martin, Chairman**
(Committee Meeting TBA)

Alderman Martin announced that a Law, Ordinance and Government Operations Committee Meeting will be held on April 12, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Williams, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 1, 2012 6:00 pm)

A. Approval - 2012/2013 Road Salt Order

B. Approval - IDOT Resolution for Construction on State Highway

C. Approval - 2012 TIF Project - Heritage Plaza Parking Lot, Seal Coating and Striping Engineering Agreement

D. Approval - 2012 TIF Project - City Hall Parking Lot Renovation Engineering Agreement

E. Approval - Emergency Road Repair Phase III Engineering Agreement

F. Approval - Kostner Sanitary Rehab Engineering Agreement

G. Approval - Water Tower and Reservoir Repainting

Items A through G were considered with one motion.

Alderman Williams moved for Council approval of Items A through G. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that these items had been recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris , Edwards Williams and Davis.

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Ford

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

H. Approval RFP - Waste Hauler Contract

Alderman Williams stated that this item will be tabled for further discussion.

I. Approval - Front Counter - Rehab

Alderman Williams moved for Council approval to go out to bid to begin the process of rehab for the front counter. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

J. Approval - Provincetown Fence Agreement

General discussion ensued regarding the need for and type of fence being considered. It was stated that fences have been procured for other wards. Alderman Williams moved for Council approval to table this item for further consideration. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - none - Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 11, 2012 6 pm)

Alderman Hutson stated the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 , 2012 at 6 pm where he will report on any new businesses.

V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 10, 2012 7 pm)

No Report.

VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)

Alderman Lockett stated that a committee meeting will be held on April 19 at 6:00 pm.

VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)

Mayor Welch requested that the Community and Park Activities Committee consider the summer day camp program.

A. Approval - Park and School Landscape/Mowing

Maintenance Bid

B. Approval - Comfort Station and Handwashing Station Rental Service Bid

Alderman Singleton moved for Council approval to table these items for further discussion by the committee. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

VIII. Contract Compliance **Alderman Ford, Chairman**

(Committee Meeting TBA)

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm)

Alderman Edwards stated that the next committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm, thanked School District 160 and announced that he was in need of men to read at the local grade school on April 19, 2012.

X. Special Committee
Country Club Hills Outdoor Theater **Alderman Davis, Chairman**

(Committee Meeting TBA)

A. Approval - Country Club Hills Sponsorship Letter

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Country Club Hills Theater Sponsorship Letter. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this was previously discussed and was recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris, Edwards, Williams and Davis.

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Ford.

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

B. Approval -RFP - Theater Security Services

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the RFP - Theater Security Services. Second - Alderman Williams. Discussion - it was explained that this was previously discussed and was recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris, Edwards, Williams and Davis.

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Ford.

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

C. Approval - Bid Proposal - Atlas Bleachers - Theater Seating

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Bid Proposal - Atlas Bleachers - Theater Seating. Second - Alderman Williams. Discussion - it was explained that this was previously discussed and was recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Burris, Edwards, Williams and Davis.

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Ford.

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

Alderman Davis stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:00 and residents are encouraged to attend.

Alderman Hutson moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Lockett. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Earlene Hayden, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and questioned the suggested expansion of the theater programming if the theater has lost money for the past 6 years. She also stated that the treasurer should not be hindered in her efforts to perform her duties.

Juanita Jordan, School District 144, addressed the Council and inquired as to the future relationship between the PADS facility and School District 144.

Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and inquired as to the % for the property tax rebate. She suggested that the 2 million dollars in the budget would only be a 10.8% rebate.

Kathy Berg, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that taxes, raises, and fire department overtime have all increased and that the residents are being asked to shoulder the increase. She stated that she felt that City vehicle usage should be subject to 1099 forms.

Marchelle Barber, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated the she paid over $5,000 in property taxes, the City does not have a public library, and the "theater people don't know what you are doing ." and the theater will not make any money this year.

Alderman Hutson moved the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Davis stated that a Ward 5 community meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 12 noon. He also explained that in addition to the new bleacher seating, the theater committee anticipates lowering all of the seating prices at the theater.

Alderman Lockett wished everyone a Happy Easter. He suggested that an ordinance be brought forward regulating "saggy", low riding pants. He also reminded residents that garbage cans are not allowed in front of residences and suggested that grills not be used in front of homes.

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone of the home finance seminar she will be hosting on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Representatives from Wells

Fargo, Sam's Club, MetLife, and the VFW/USAA will be there to assist homeowners.

Alderman Martin also wished everyone a happy holiday, invited all to attend the budget meetings and the Ward 5 community meeting, thanked the UNCF, stated that his committee is reviewing vehicle usage policies, stated that the employees do pay insurance and pension monies and reminded everyone that the city has the Grande Prairie Public Library. He concluded by requesting prayers for Alderman Ford.

Alderman Hutson stated that he can be reached with questions and concerns at 708-307-2770.

Alderman Comein stated that electronic equipment can be disposed of at Prairie State College, Parking lot C on April 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. He stated that the branch pickup is scheduled for May 19 and reminded everyone that the City has the Grande Prairie Library.

Alderman Burris requested that the basketball playing ordinance be looked at, reminded everyone that the budget hearings are Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30, the public hearing for the budget will be held on April 18 at 7:00 pm and that he was pleased with the attendance by the Fire Department at his recently held community meeting. He requested clarification from the City Attorney and was told that once vouchers have been approved by the City Council, the checks need to be signed. To Ms. Berg he stated that the aldermen are working hard to cut the budget and on the programming for the theater. He concluded by stating that the City is part of the Grande Prairie Library District and that the rebate will be approved shortly.

Alderman Edwards reminded everyone of the "Real Men Read" program in school District 160 and of the donation received from the Austin People's Action Center to assist young women. He encouraged attendance at meetings by all interested parties.

Alderman Williams thanked everyone for their attendance, stated his disagreement with Ms. Barber regarding the operations of the theater, reminded residents not to play basketball in the street, and thanked the Police Department for a job well done.

8 ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hutson. Second -

Alderman Comein.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk