

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2015**

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.

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

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

Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis Glispie and Evans.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney, John Murphey.

Absent was: City Treasurer, Rhonda Williams.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Tiler.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Administrative Meeting - March 2, 2015

2. Regular City Council Meeting -March 9, 2015

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 2, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 9, 2015. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - Alderman Davis requested a correction to the administrative minutes regarding the CDBG grant application. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 2, 2015 (as corrected) and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 9, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. **Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

A. Recognition - Fire Department EMS Service Awards

Fire Chief Roger Agpawa and Deputy Fire Chief Kopec presented service awards and commendations to those members of the Fire Department for years of service, commendations for an incident occurring on December 20, 2014 and a commendation for a serious garage fire which occurred on March 11, 2015.

Mayor Welch announced that City Treasurer, Rhonda Williams had resigned effective March 27, 2015.

5. City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Rhonda Williams, had submitted her report electronically for the month ending February 28, 2015.

6. City Collector's Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave an itemized fund account of the revenues collected for February , 2015.

7. City Clerk's Report

No Report

8. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 9, 2015 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - March 23, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$373,749.03. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement, Payroll AP, and the BP invoice.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Proposal to Provide Additional Accounting and Consulting Services - GW & Associates PC.

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Proposal to Provide Additional

Accounting and Consulting Services - GW and Associates, PC. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this would assist in the compilation of necessary documentation in preparation of the 2013/14 audit at an additional cost of \$8,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Davis announced that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract Compliance (TBA) Alderman Ford, Chairman

A. Approval - Proposal to Provide Actuarial Consulting Services - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the proposal to provide actuarial consulting services - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP in the amount of \$3,700. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide actuarial accounting services necessary to complete pending audits.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Glispie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

A. Approval - Bid Recommendation - Water Meter Installation

Alderman Glispie moved for Council Approval of the Bid Recommendation for Water Meter Installation. Alderman Lockett moved to table the Bid Recommendation - Water Meter Installation. Second - Alderman Davis. Roll Call vote on Motion to Table as Follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE 3 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, and Evans.
 2 Nays Aldermen Ford and Glispie.

 0 Absent:

Item Tabled and Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.

B. Approval - 2015-2016 Road Salt Order

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of the 2015-2016 Road Salt Order. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - It was explained that the recommendation for the 2015-16 salt order was to order 1,700 tons of highway grade rock salt with the explanation given that 1,500 tons were used this year and 2,000 tons were used last year. This Item was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended that it go to the full Council for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

 0 Nays

 0 Absent:

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

C. Approval - Bid Recommendation - Marycrest Park Improvements - Walking Paths and Parking Area

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of the Bid Recommendation - Marycrest Park Improvements - Walking Paths and Parking Area in the amount of \$160,779.85 to Alpha Construction . Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - Bids were received on January 27, 2015, discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting and the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to the full Council for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis ,Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Development Alderman Evans, Chairman
Development
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

A. Approval - An Ordinance Rezoning Property Bounded by Cicero Avenue and 179th Street from C-3 to R-5 Special Use

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Bounded by Cicero Avenue and 179th Street from C-3 to R-5 Special Use. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Alderman Evans expressed concern that this item may not have been fully discussed at the administrative level. Information was also requested regarding the possibility that the project may be a HUD project. Byron Gregory, Hazel Crest Assembly, addressed the Council and explained that this would be a privately funded and constructed project and that the property would be taxed and not exempt. Clarification was requested and additional language was requested regarding a sunset provision, paramedic impact fee and recording of an agreement. It was determined that these issues would be addressed by the City Attorney and that the Economic Development, Planning Zoning and Development meeting scheduled for April 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm will become a special Administrative Meeting with this being the only item on the agenda.

Mayor Welch left the dais to speak with representatives of Hazel Crest Assembly Church.

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

A. Approval - Renewal of City's Cyber Liability Coverage

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the Cyber Liability Coverage in the amount of \$4,573.00. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - It was explained that this was discussed at the administrative meeting and was recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

No Report

Alderman Davis moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Evans.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following member of the public addressed the Council:

- Winston Drain, Country Club Hills, commended the Fire Chief for his assistance at the mayoral forum recently held. He suggested that Mack Industries was involved in the Hazel Crest Assembly project.
- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, suggested that Finance Committee meeting minutes indicated that Mack Industries does not adhere to proper inspection procedures and policies.
- Darrell Thomas, Country Club Hills, thanked Aldermen Evans, Lockett and Davis for their hesitance regarding the rezoning of the Hazel Crest Assembly project. He also inquired as to why Alderman Ford did not attend the Mayoral forum.
- Peach Hyde, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she routinely watches the City Council meetings on Channel 4 and has seen the Mayor constantly challenged, She stated that she will be supporting the candidate who will most benefit the City at this historic time.
- Ralph Tolbert, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council , and stated that he felt the Mayor was being disrespectful by leaving the meeting earlier, appreciated Alderman Lockett's leadership role, stated that the Hazel Crest Assembly project sounded like a good project; however, the Mayor;'s and aldermen's relationship with Mack Industries should be examined closely and that the project could result in an unfair tax burden to the residents of Country Club Hills., He stated that he was astounded that no Council member had brought forth a requirement that the City Council meetings be broadcast on Channel 4.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, thanked all of the candidates that attended the forum, thanked the Fire Chief for his assistance, stated that he felt any future Electoral Board should include a resident of Country Club Hills, stated that a study should be done before any action is taken regarding red light cameras, stated that the Mayor should not have left the dais, and suggested that am official time keeper be hired and the time be increased

from 3 minutes for the public portion of meetings.

- Byron Gregory, Hazel Crest Assembly Church, addressed the Council and stated that their church transcends political issues and has been a member of the community for many years. He explained that Mack industries has no interest in the construction portion of the Church's project but may be consulted regarding some of the infrastructure.
- Mr. Randolph, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that he should be able to speak as long as he wants as he pays over \$13, 000 per year in real estate taxes. He stated that he does not feel he is getting any value for his money and felt there should be a tax abatement for residents. He stated that he participated in the 25 year reunion at Selma to ensure civil rights and would continue to speak.. He stated that he felt all of the candidates should have participated in the forum and that the City should move forward.

Alderman David moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Ford.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Evans stated that there was a lot of rhetoric regarding Mack Industries, that she supported the Hazel Crest Assembly project and suggested that the Church contact the adjacent condo owners for conversation. She stated that the snow plow issues also involve the Public Works department, that she felt a citizen appointee to the Electoral Board and a timekeeper were good ideas, that meetings should be shown on Comcast, however, she felt that employees should not be put in an awkward position at this time regarding the broadcasting of the meetings.
- Alderman Glispie commended Public Works on the recent snow event. He stated that constituents have told him that they are embarrassed by the broadcasting of the City Council meetings.
- Alderman Ford congratulated the firefighters, stated that the possibility of a tax abatement needed to be investigated further and encouraged all citizens to vote for the candidate of their choice.
- Alderman Lockett thanked everyone for attending the meeting, suggested to the Pastor that the Church hire a minority company for their construction project and possible develop an apprenticeship program . He stated that he fully supports the project but that additional details are needed. He concluded by stating that the Electoral Board is governed by State Statute and not by local Ordinance.
- Alderman Davis commended the Fire Chief offered his assistance at the debate. HE stated that there are issues with Mack Industries and cash bond payments and that all of these have been pulled. He commended GWA for their financial work and prompt preparation of paperwork. He stated that the audits should be completed by August. HE concluded by stating that the Council works well together and will continue to do so.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett. Second - Aldermen Ford and Evans.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk