

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 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 by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

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

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

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin and City Attorney, John Murphey.

2a. The invocation was given by the Father Marren of St. Emeric Church.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Administrative Meeting - November 2, 2015**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting - November 9, 2015**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of November 2, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 9, 2015. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of November 2, 2015 and the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 9, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Approval - Volunteer Commission Appointment

1. **Frank Martin - Education Commission**

2. **Marsha Abbott - Blood and Organ Donor Commission**

3. **Katie Glanton - Economic Development Commission**

Mr. Martin introduced himself, stated that he was a 20 year resident and was looking forward to utilizing his public service experience as a commissioner on the Education Commission. Ms. Glanton introduced herself and thanked Mayor Ford and the Council for the appointment to the Economic Development Commission. She stated that she was looking

foreword to helping to bring much needed services and businesses to the City of Country Club Hills.

The following motion was made later in the agenda prior to the Law, Ordinance and Government Operations Committee report.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the appointment of: Frank Martin, Education Commission; Marsha Abbott, Blood and Organ Donor Commission, and Katie Glanton, Economic Development Commission, Second - Alderman Davis. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Ford said he was looking forward to working with the commissioners.

5. City Collector's Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collectors Report for the month ending October 31, 2015 delineating receipts/revenues for the month.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded all that the City's annual Food Drive was underway and donations are being accepted in the lobby of City Hall.

7. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman (Committee Meeting December 10, 2015 5:00 pm)

Alderman Davis announced that it is anticipated that the City's 2015 proposed tax levy will be voted upon at the Regular City Council meeting of December 14, 2015. He asked that City Clerk post the levy information on the City's website and explained that there is no proposed increase in the levy and that there has been no increase in the levy since 2012. He also stated that a Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2015 at 5 pm.

A. Approval of Vouchers -November 23, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$3,001,506.41. Second - Alderman Lockett Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Payroll and an additional payment to John Bisceglie.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

1Nays Alderman Evans.

Alderman Evans cast a no vote for J. Bisceglie stating that she thought the Council had not approved this for payment, that the voucher had been pulled and that the Mayor had reversed the Council's decision and that the payment should be reversed.

0 Absent:

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

- B. Approval - Budget Report for 5 months Ending September 30, 2015**
- C. Approval - Budget Report for 6 months Ending October 31, 2015**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the budget report for the period ending September 30, 2015 and the Budget report for the period ending October 31, 2015. Second - Alderman Lockett. It was explained that these reports provide a look at the City's revenues and expenditures to date and will be posted on the City's website

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

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

- A. Approval - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No OA-07-11, "An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Create a Theater Commission"**

Alderman Evans moved to table this item. Second - Alderman Davis.

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

0 Absent:

Motion to Table Failed.

B. Approval - An Ordinance Implementing and Establishing an Ad Hoc Theater Commission for the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Evans moved to table this item. Second - Alderman Davis.

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

0 Absent:

Motion to Table Failed.

General discussion ensued with a procedural question raised as to whether these items need to remain in committee with Alderman Davis citing Section 1.4.05 (f) of the City Code . He stated that he thought this section would give authority to Alderman Evans to return this matter to committee. Alderman Evans suggesting that this had been previously clarified by the City Clerk.

It was explained by the City Attorney that the Council had indicated, by vote, that the matter was out of committee and up for a vote.

A. Approval - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No OA-07-11, “An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Create a Theater Commission

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-22-15, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No OA-07-11 “An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Create a Theater Commission.” Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - An Ordinance Implementing and Establishing an Ad Hoc Theater Commission for the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Lockett moved for Council Approval of Ordinance No. O-23-15, An Ordinance Establishing an Ad Hoc Theater Commission for the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none..

ROLL CALL VOTE 3 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, and Spivey

2 Nays Aldermen Davis and Evans

0 Absent:

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

**III. Public Works and Utilities
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

**Alderman Glispie,
Chairman**

No Report

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development
(TBA)**

Alderman Spivey announced a committee meeting for December 3, 2015 at 7 pm.

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

Alderman Lockett, Chairman

A. Approval - 2015-2016 Property and Casualty Insurance Program

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the 2015-2016 Property and Casualty Insurance Program. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - it was explained that this is a housekeeping item, was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and that this year's renewal

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premium was lower than last year's.

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

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Harry William Jones, Jr., Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that any opinion received from the City Attorney should be given in writing so that the Council can later bring suit, that the former Sweet Georgia Brown's is open without permits, that the cameras in Heritage plaza and the repainting of a City vehicle are indicative of the Mayor's disregard for appropriate process, that the Mayor had no right to alter the water bill of an employee, that a City employee was conducting political work during business hours and that there are potential issues with the membership of the Police and Fire Commission.
- Ralph Tolbert, Country Club Hills, stated that he was pleased that Mr. Jones had been given the right to speak, suggested that Mayor Ford conduct himself on the dais as the former mayor had and respect the citizens right to speak, and questioned rebates given to businesses and not to the homeowners.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that she recalled the issue of items coming out of committee being clarified by City Attorney Judy Kolman and whether a chairman of a committee can table an item. She continued that she was disappointed in the theater commission issues as she felt there was confusion regarding advisory/management responsibilities and she questioned the credentials of Smooth Chicago.

Alderman Lockett moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Spivey stated that emotions seem to be tied to the Theater Commission issue and that everyone's goal is to promote the theater and have the theater succeed as an entity. He thanked Public Works for their recent snow removal efforts and asked residents of the 4th Ward to clear snow from their sidewalks.
- Alderman Evans requested respect for citizens when they are addressing the Council, suggested a timekeeper be provided for the 3 minute public portion allotments and stated that censorship and intimidation are illegal. She compared the theater commission ordinances to the reduction in the number of aldermen from 10 to 5. She stated cutting and issuing of the \$1500 check for Bisceglie was disrespectful on the Mayor's part and that she will be filing several complaints. She requested written clarification from the City Attorney regarding tabling of items and a copy of the meeting. She concluded by wishing everyone Happy Thanksgiving.
- Alderman Glispie thanked the Chief of Police for additional police presence in the community. He stated that the Council has made the decision to move forward with the theater and that the process needs to be followed through and all opportunities explored.
- Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence upon the passing of a police officer from Markham, Lonnie Hess. He thanked everyone for their attendance at the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon and made mention of the jazz group that performed. He stated that he is sponsoring a concert at BelAir Community Church in Markham on Saturday December 12 from noon to 3:30 pm with free admission and gifts for the children. He concluded by stating that he had run for Mayor, accepted defeat and that everyone needs to come together and work for the betterment of the City and that he supported Mayor Ford's efforts.
- Alderman Davis stated that a Ward 5 meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 6 pm and that the levy will be discussed at the meeting. He stated that the commissioners volunteer their time and expertise making recommendations and that the new administration needs to follow process and protocol. He stated that the payment to Besceglie had already been made and concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ford stated that the \$1500 bond had been put up by a resident and should be returned, that the truck he had repainted was over 8 years old and was done so in an effort to save money. He explained that all commission appointment expire on April 30 of each year and that he was in the process of reviewing all commission appointments, that the new theater Ordinance allowed retention of the commission's advisory role and concluded by reiterating the importance of truthful statements.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk