

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 8, 2016**

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 7:04 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; City Attorney, John Murphey. Attorney Jessie Outlaw served as parliamentarian.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes -Regular City Council Meeting January 25, 2016

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2016. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 25, 2016 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Approval - Volunteer Commission Appointments

- **Rosita Lina – Multicultural Commission**
- **Celia Estoesta – Multicultural Commission**
- **Nicole Phillips – Multicultural Commission**
- **Anthonia Iwobi – Multicultural Commission**
- **Lillian Lee – Multicultural Commission**
- **Gloria Edwards – Housing Authority**
- **Tori Pickett – Cultural Arts Commission**
- **Toni Murff – Cultural Arts Commission**
- **Clifton Graham, Jr. – Fish Commission**

JoAnn Wade introduced the names and associated commission of the volunteer applicants. Ms. Edwards was present, stated that she had been a resident of

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Country Club Hills for many years and was looking forward to serving on the Housing Authority. Ms. Wade announced that the Cultural Arts Commission is hosting the City's annual Black History Program on Saturday February 20, 2016 at Hillcrest High School and all are invited to attend.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the Volunteer Commission Appointments. Second - Alderman GLispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

5. City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin, gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2016 noting a current bank balance of \$5, 342,377, year to date revenue of \$21,112,041 and year to date expenditures of \$25,144,236.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote and be able to cast a ballot in the March primary is February 16, 2016.

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting February 18, 2016 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers -February 8, 2016

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,346,643.60. Second - Alderman Lockett Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, and Payroll.

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.**

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B. Approval - Budget Report for the 8 months Ending December 31, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Budget report for the 8 months ending December 31, 2015. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this would also be made available 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.

C. Approval - Agreement By and Between Mack Industries and the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Lockett moved that this item be tabled. City Attorney John Murphey explained that its purpose was to return a percentage of escrow funds; however, the agreement had not yet been signed. Second - Alderman Davis. Motion to Table Carried Via Voice Vote.

Alderman Davis stated that the 2014-15 audit was complete and was unqualified. A presentation will be made to the full Council.

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

No Report

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

A. Approval - A Resolution Approving Safe Route to School Program Preliminary Engineering Agreement Amendment #1

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-02-16, A Resolution Approving Safe Route to School Program Preliminary Engineering Agreement Amendment #1. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that the study and research are complete for the sidewalk to be installed near Sykuta School along 180th and Kostner. The additional cost was \$4,800. This item was discussed at the Public Works Committee and at the Administrative Meeting.

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.

IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development

(February 11, 2016 7 pm)

A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 15.7.03 “District Classifications” C-4 Commercial District (Chapter 15- Zoning Code) Octapharma Plasma

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-02-16, An Ordinance Amending Section 15.7.03 “District Classifications” C-4 Commercial District (Chapter 15- Zoning Code) Octapharma Plasma. Second - Alderman Glispie . Discussion - Alderman Glispie stated that he was in favor of the facility as the property has been vacant for 3 years at a considerable cost to the developer. Alderman Lockett stated that the developer should split the storefront, did not feel that this would be a beneficial type of business in Country Club Hill and that the City would see no monetary benefit. He also stated that there is already a plasma collection facility in Hazel Crest. Alderman Davis stated that he felt that this issue has become personal, mentioning both the former and the current Mayor, that he will be voting his conscience and that he had conversations with the officials in Hazel Crest and they had indicated that the plasma collection facility in their community had caused a spike in area business. Alderman Evans stated that she felt that Octoapharma was not showing any corporate responsibility

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to the community in this situation, citing corporate worth and no corporate debt. Alderman Spivey stated that he had studied the plasma facility in Hazel Crest and felt that some of the clientele may be considered “undesirable”. He continued that if Country Club Hills wanted to be like Tinley Park, then Country Club Hills should be seeking the same type of businesses. Mayor Ford apologized to Alderman Davis stating that he (Ford) and Welch were two different people with different opinions and methods..

ROLL CALL VOTE2 Ayes: Aldermen Davis and Glispie.

3 Nays Alderman Lockett, Evans and Spivey.

0 Absent:

Motion Fails

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

No Report

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

Alderman Lockett stated that installation of the new seating should begin sometime this week.

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 Evans, Park District Commissioner, requested a moment of silence acknowledging the passing of his father-in-law, and father of Alderman Lisa Evans. He invited everyone to attend the Park District Board Meeting on February 11, 2016 where the intergovernmental agreement will be discussed. He concluded by stating that he was glad that the Octapharma vote had failed.
- Barry Donough, Octoapharma Plasma, addressed the Council and apologized for not explaining in a better manner the function of their business. He stated that they cannot guarantee employment to residents of Country Club Hills, but could offer pre-employment opportunities. He

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stated that Octapharma would be interested in making a contribution to a charity such as a battered women's shelter, or the park district.

Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, stated that she agreed with Alderman Lockett and wanted to remind everyone that the former Mayor was a supporter of the Octapharma Plasma project.

Mike Johnson, Country Club Hills, stated that he was offended by the use of the term "undesirables", as he feels there are already undesirables in Country Club Hills. He stated that he had donated plasma to help pay for his college expenses and that all cities have issues that need to be addressed.

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

9. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Spivey stated that the 4th Ward meeting held last week was very productive. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He stated that he did not like the type of behavior that he viewed at the plasma collection facility in Hazel Crest and did not necessarily mean that these individuals were "undesirable." He concluded by stating that State Representative Al Riley will be hosting a veterans tax outreach service at the Orland Park Civic Center and that veterans' assistance will also be available at the seminar.

Alderman Evans stated that she felt the "undesirable" component in the conversation was corporate and that she was not willing to sacrifice the betterment of the community. She states that she felt that often corporations promise jobs and other incentives but there is no follow through when they come into the community. She stated that the property bond procedure had been discussed at the Law and Ordinance Committee meeting and that a presentation had been made regarding contract compliance. The company that made the presentation will be invited to attend an Administrative Meeting.

Alderman Glispie stated that his vote for Octapharma Plasma had nothing to do with the current mayor nor the former mayor. He stated that the store had been vacant for 3 years, the developer had been losing money and that he felt it would have been a plus for the community. He concluded by stating that the Mayor and City Council had no control over the closing of the AMC theater.

Alderman Lockett congratulated his daughter on the birth of his new granddaughter. He announced that AARP is offering assistance filing taxes to individuals 62 and older at the locations in Harvey and in Orland Park. He stated that anyone noticing illegal behavior should call 911 as

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the Country Club Hills Police Department has a great response time. He concluded by congratulating the Denver Broncos on their Super Bowl victory

Alderman Davis offered condolences to Alderman Evans.. He stated that use of the former Mayor's name was precipitated by Mayor Ford's comments using the former Mayor's name at the City Council meeting of January 25, 2016. He stated that he did not understand how the Octapharma issue had become so personal and that he would stand on his vote. He announced that an expungement relief seminar would be held on February 20, 2016 at 10:30 at Cornerstone Church on Flossmoor Road. He stated that the process is confidential and potential employers will also be attending. He concluded by stating that he would be researching the discussion and votes that allowed two liquor stores in Heritage Plaza.

Mayor Ford stated that his statements and efforts regarding Octapharma Plasma were made to inform the public of what was going on and of the former Mayor's efforts, that he (Ford) feels very strongly that the former Mayor has tried to dictate his actions and has gone to the Council and that he (Ford) will remain independent in his decisions. He conclude by stating that AMC is closed and it appears that the new entity will probably be the Marcus Theater.

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 7:48

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk