

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
May 23, 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 7:00 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, Evans, Glispie, and Spivey.
Excused as absent was Alderman Davis.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney, John Murphey.
Attorney Jessie Outlaw served as parliamentarian.

2a. The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn.

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

Mayor Ford reported that the Council had made a site visit to the Windsor Estates facility and that the facility is state of the art. They will host a job fair on June 1 from 10 am to 1 pm. They will be requesting annexation of an additional 36 acres and anticipate of 2 additional facilities at a proposed value of 75 million dollars.

Mayor Ford invited Police Chief Jones, Deputy Chief Galvin and Captain Richmond to address the Council regarding recent incidents. It was explained that the shooting at 18111 Baker was an isolated incident. Questions were raised from the audience regarding the possible tracking of section 8 residents. It was explained that tracking section 8 was not possible; however, gang members and parolees are tracked in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's office and the Department of Corrections.

4. **City Collector's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, gave the collectors report for the month ending April 30, 2016 citing revenue in the amount of \$1,320,378.04.

5. **City Clerk's Report**

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No report

6. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting June 9, 2016 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers -May 23 2016

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$567,819.31. Second - Alderman Evans Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

B. Remove Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017 From the Table

Alderman Locket moved for Council approval to remove the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from the Table. Second - Adleman Evans. Motion Carried via Voice Vote.

C. Approval - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2016 and Ending April 30, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No, O-06-16 an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2016 and Ending April 30, 2017. Second -Alderman Evans. Discussion - it was explained that this was the final revision of the budget, after many meetings and discussions.

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

0 Nays

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1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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D. Approval - Bond Refunding Resolution

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Resolution no R-07-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a “Financial Advisory Agreement” with PMA Securities. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Clarification was requested as to whether this was a vote for a contract. City Attorney, John Murphey explained that the contract is the only item being considered and moving forward with the execution of this agreement would provide for potential bond buyers. He explained that timeliness is important. It was stated that proposals had been requested, and received from other financial instructions. Alderman Evans stated that she is not opposed to refunding the bonds but feels further information and time is needed before final consideration.

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

1 Nays Alderman Evans

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

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

Alderman Evans stated that the committee will be considering various items relevant to the crime free housing ordinance at an upcoming meeting.

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

No Report

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

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Alderman Spivey reported that Marcus Theater is moving ahead with renovation plans and an expected opening sometime in September. He also stated that Windsor Estates will host a job fair on June 1 from 10 am to 1 pm.

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

No Report

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

It was announced that a free event will be held at the outdoor theater on May 28 and that the theater will open on June 11 with a benefit concert for Tim Jones.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills thanked the City for the repairs done on his street. He also stated that renewal notices for State of Illinois license plates were not being mailed to individuals. He stated that he had observed children playing “chicken” on Cicero Avenue and grass not being cut on some rental homes for over a month. Alderman Lockett added that emissions testing was being waived as a requirement for vehicle sticker license purchase.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, asked if other financial security firms were looked at in addition to PMA securities, inquired as to whether tenants can be evicted for causing problems, asked if there were projected revenues for the theater and asked if there will be a job fair for the Outlet Mall. He concluded by suggesting real time texting of questions and answers at City Council meetings.
- Ben Johnson, Country Club Hills Chamber of Commerce, introduced himself and the new officers: Vice President Clifton Graham, Treasurer Jackie Sanders and directors Leijuana Doss, Jill Nesh and Ronald Reed. He invited all to the Chamber’s meet and greet on June 2 at DA’s Deli from 5 - 7 pm.
- Dory Raciek, Victory Center/Wellness Center, addressed the Council and stated that she had signatures requesting that ComCast be a cable provider in Country Club Hills. (It was explained that Comcast is a provider in Country Club Hills), inquired as to the Outlet Mall and additional transportation for seniors., including possible Sunday transportation. Mayor Ford explained that the PACE transportation was provided, that the City is not able to provide transportation on Sundays, and that the Outlet mall is moving forward. Cable Channel Director, Eric Booker will assist with questions regarding ComCast service and availability.
- Ursula Anderson, Country Club Hills inquired as to possible plans for the vacant Eagle property. Alderman Spivey stated that the Economic Development Committee has some

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

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Lockett reminded everyone of the theater events on May 28 for the Media and June 11 for Tim Jones. He stated that Country Club Hills is one of the safest towns in the suburbs with one of the best police departments. He encouraged residents to call 911 if they see anything suspicious, encouraged parents to be aware of their children's whereabouts, and to check on neighbors' well being. He explained that the Council and the Mayor have done everything possible to fill the vacancy at Cooper's Grove, that the Outlet Mall will be developed in phases and that the City has the best location for the Outlet Mall.
- Alderman Evans reiterated that the crime-free housing will be discussed in her committee as will the possible abuse of overnight parking. She stated that the Housing Authority is considering welcome baskets/packets for new residents and encouraged residents to call the non-emergency number at the station if they see anything. She explained that reminders for vehicle registration/license renewal may be made by enrolling via email through cyberdriveillinois.gov. She congratulated the new Chamber of Commerce officers and stated that the new Windsor Estates facility is comparable to the Bellagio in Las Vegas.
- Alderman Spivey stated that a Ward 4 meeting will be held at the Fire Station on June 9 at 7 pm, commented that the new Windsor Estates is a beautiful facility, stated that the Outlet Mall is committed to construction here in Country Club Hills, that the Economic Development Commission and Committee have ideas for the Coopers Grove area, and concluded by reminding drivers to slow down and adhere to speed limits in residential areas.

Mayor Ford requested that parents be more involved in graduation party planning and advertisement of parties on social media. He stated that Windsor Estates will be hosting an open house for the public in the near future and requested that garbage and recycle containers not be stored in front of residences.

Alderman Lockett requested that residents not bbq in front of their homes.

Alderman Evans announced a Ward 3 town hall meeting on June 3 at 7 pm and acknowledged all Veterans as Memorial Day is observed..

Alderman Lockett congratulated all of the 2016 graduates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk