

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
March 13, 2017**

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. Judge Michael Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

2a Invocation - the invocation as given by Pastor Blackmon.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - February 27, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 27, 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 27, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

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

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the Agreement By and Between Mack Industries and the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Glispie.. Discussion - It was explained that this had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting and represented the return of disputed escrow and did not represent any public funds.

**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.**

**5. City Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2017 citing annual expenses exceeding revenues by \$532,665.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain stated that applications for mail ballots for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 5, 2017 are available at City Hall and that early voting begins on March 20, 2017. Additional information can be obtained by calling her office.

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting March 23, 2017 6:30 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - March 13, 2017**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$923,562.67. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - Alderman Davis explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Spring Fling, E-Com Dispatch 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.**

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

Alderman Evans reminded everyone of the committee meeting scheduled for April 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm and stated that an ordinance amendment to update the building codes used will be discussed at the Administrative Meeting of March 20, 2017

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

**A. Approval - Invest in Cook Local Assurance Resolution**

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-02-17, th invest in Cook Local Assurance Resolution. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this was a resolution asking for assistance through the SSMMA for the project on 183<sup>rd</sup> and Pulaski with an 80/20 split. The project is expected to begin in November 2017.

**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  
Alderman Spivey, Chairman (Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Spivey scheduled a committee meeting for April 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm, reminded everyone of the Shred Day being held on April 8 from 9 -1 in the Cooper's Grove parking lot and announced Neeka's Cupcake Box and Pastries as a new business on 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

**A. Approval - Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local Unit 700 Public Works Employees 2016-2019**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local Unit 700 Public Works Employees 2016-2019. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained that represented a 2%

increase for all but Public Works employees ( 2 indivuslas will receive .5%) and runs until 2019.

**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 of the Whole - Outdoor Theater**

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:

- Izella Rogers requested clarification as to the date and time for the Shred Day event.
- Dwyer Williams stated that he had spoken with the treasurer and she has not be a signatory on City checks since October, questioned the authorization for credits cards and the purchase of 2 guitars, and stated that the City does not receive property taxes on the 144 delinquent tax properties. He stated that Alderman Lockett was not correct in the figures cited. Mayor Ford interjected that the City did not purchase guitars at Guitar Center but rather had purchased 2 speakers for theater productions.
- Della York, addressed the Council and stated that she was running for election to the School District 228 Board of Education.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, inquired as to whether the City had made any progress regarding the 1.2 million in wetlands mitigation, announced his website, inquired as to whether the draft budget was on the City website, requested an update as to whether the School Board had voted to support the BP gas station on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, and concluded by asking if the aldermen were willing to spend their own money on the theater.
- Harry Evans, Country Club Hills, requested clarification on the Mack Agreement. City Attorney John Murphey explained that it represented approximately \$64,000 in security deposits to be returned and that the monies were not public funds.
- Mr. Harris, Country Club Hills inquired as to whether the City still had building inspectors to enforce housing code violations.

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

**9. Aldermen's Reports**

- Alderman Davis stated that the City Council is responsible for approval of expenditures, including checks and credit cards. He stated that the budget is being discussed at public hearings and when laid on the table it would be placed on the City's website. He explained that the agreement with Mack would eliminate any additional litigation fees. He concluded by stating that a resident, Robert House, was running a homeless shelter and could be reached at 312-384-0084 or 708-799-4048.
- Alderman Lockett stated that he had been not feeling well for that past 2 weeks and that he was attesting to the fact that individuals should listen to the signals from their bodies and recognize God's influence in their lives.
- Alderman Glispie asked that the residents report events and property issues to the City. He stated that what the residents see and hear is of import to the staff.
- Alderman Evans reminded everyone that she has a committee meeting on April 6 at 6:30 pm and that the building codes will be updated. She stated that a building inspector is assigned to each ward and residents should contact their aldermen regarding property maintenance issues.
- Alderman Spivey reminded everyone that the Shred Day event will be held on Saturday April 8 from 8 -1 at Cooper's Grove, that wind damage to residences should be reported to the Building Commissioner and that he will be assessing available funds for road repairs in Ward 4 with assistance from Robinson Engineering.

Mayor Ford stated that tree limbs blown down by the recent storm should be placed curbside for pickup by Public Works.

Mayor Ford stated that Finance Committee, he and the City Council have looked at the forensic audit and have taken steps to ensure the increase in the City's fund balance and reminded everyone that the fund balance has been moving in a positive direction since 2015. He thanked all for helping to make this happen and stated that he was pleased to see that we are all moving forward together.

**10. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for Purpose of Discussion of Litigation -Section 2 ( c ) (11)**

Alderman Evans moved for Council Approval to move to Executive Session for Purpose of Discussion of Litigation - Section 2 ( c ) (11). Second - Alderman Glispie.

**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.**

Motion was made to return from executive session by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Evans. Motion Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk