

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
April 24, 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, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

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

Judge Stuttly served as parliamentarian.

Excused as absent was Alderman Davis.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

**A. Approval of Minutes -**

**1. Regular City Council Meeting - April 10, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 10, 2017. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of April 10, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

**A. Approval - Commission Volunteer Appointments**

- 1. Crystal Stokes - Youth Commission**
- 2. Carlos Jones - Fish Commission**
- 3. Miguele Atkins - Cultural Arts Commission**
- 4. Kristin Atkins - Cultural Arts Commission**
- 5. Kevin Davis - Economic Development Commission**
- 6. Denise Garrett - Public Access Cable Commission**

Mayor Ford commented that all of the City's volunteers are to be commended and that he will be hosting a meeting with all commissioners on April 27 at 6:00 pm. JoAnn Wade introduced those being appointed. All were present except Carlos Jones and Denise Garrett. Ms. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins and Kevin Davis addressed the Council and expressed their eagerness to serve as volunteers. Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the appointment of Crystal Stokes - Youth Commission, Carlos Jones - Fish Commission, Miguele Atkins - Cultural Arts Commission, Kristin Atkins - Cultural Arts Commission, Kevin Davis - Economic Development Commission and Denise Garrett - Public Access Cable Commission Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

Alderman Lockett introduced the Mayor of Calumet Park who was in attendance.

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

**5. City Collector's Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collectors report for March, 2017 citing current revenues received for each fund.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, announced that the City is accepting applications for Summer Camp Counselors and supervisors. The minimum age for application is 19. The City is also accepting registration for the summer camp program.

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 4, 2017 5 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - April 24, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$433,007.81. Second - Alderman Glispie. 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.**

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting scheduled for May 4, 2017 at 5 pm.

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

Alderman Evans reminded everyone of the committee meeting scheduled for May 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm .

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Glispie, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 15, 2017 5 pm)**

**A. Approval - 2017/2018 City Bids**

- 1. Aquatic Weed Control - Eternally Green \$4,600.00**
- 2. City Building Landscape Maint. - Allscape, Inc. \$21,875.00**
- 3. Comfort Station and Handwashing - Service Sanitation - various rates**
- 4. Flower Planter Maint. - Semmer Landscape \$18,200.00**
- 5. Park Landscape Mowing Maint. - Property Care Management - \$49,000.00**
- 6. Lawn Fertilization - Eternally Green \$13,671.40**
- 7. Right of Way Mowing - Ms. Belle's Property Management \$76,777.33**

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of the 2017-2018 City Bids to Aquatic Weed Control - Eternally Green, City Building Landscape Maintenance - Allscape, Comfort Station and Handwashing - Service Sanitation, Flower Planter Maintenance - Semmer Landscape, Park Landscape Mowing Maintenance - Property Care Management, Law Fertilization - Eternally Green and Right of Way Mowing - Ms. Bell's Property Management. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - it was explained that these had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting and were recommended for approval.

**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. Approval -An Ordinance Amending Various Subsections of Section 18.4.01 of Article 4 “Charges Fees, Rates and Penalties” of Chapter 18 “Combined Water and Sewer System Refuse and Scavenge Collection” of the Country Club Hills City Code**

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-04-17, An Ordinance Amending Various Subsections of Section 18.4.01 of Article 4 “Charges Fees, Rates and Penalties” of Chapter 18 “Combined Water and Sewer System Refuse and Scavenge Collection” of the Country Club Hills City Code . Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - Alderman Evans inquired as to whether the study commissioned by the Southland Water Association was complete. Mayor Ford stated that the study was still underway and not yet complete. This item has been discussed at the Administrative meeting, would provide a flat \$6.85 monthly water system improvement fee effective May 1, 2017 and separate water system improvement fees based on consumption for commercial users and was recommended to the full Council for 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.**

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

- A. A Resolution Approving the Development and Economic Incentive agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and the Country Club Hills Plaza LLC and Country Club Hills Lot 17, LLC**
- B. A Resolution Approving the Development and Economic Incentive agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and the Country Club Hills Plaza LLC and Country Club Hills Lot 17, LLC**

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-06-17, A Resolution Approving the Development and Economic Incentive agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and the Country Club Hills Plaza LLC and Country Club Hills Lot 17, LLC and Ordinance No O-04-17 A Resolution Approving the Development and Economic Incentive agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and the

Country Club Hills Plaza LLC and Country Club Hills Lot 17, LLC. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - City Attorney John Murphey explained that this would provide an additional 10 year extension to the original economic incentive agreement.

**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.**

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

Alderman Lockett stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 5 pm.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Darlene Moore, Country Club Hills inquired as to the status of a grocery store in the old Eagle property.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, requested clarification on the Tucker economic incentive agreement, stated that he felt there should be a system for campaign etiquette, and inquired as to the number of municipalities in the Southland Water Commission. He stated that he felt that 3 minutes was not sufficient time for the public to address the Council and inquired as to the spending on credits cards.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills addressed the Council and stated that the City was not in compliance with the Open Meetings act (public announcement 97609) stating that individuals with salary and compensation packages in excess of \$75,000 must be posted on the City's website. She stated that her next report would be made to the State's Attorney's Office.

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

City Attorney John Murphey explained that the incentives to the potential grocery store required that the developer secure financing by April 5, 2017. As the developer did not close on the property, the agreement became invalid.

**9. Aldermen's Reports**

- Alderman Spivey stated that a new contract may be re-submitted regarding the grocery store property, had City Attorney John Murphey clarify the sales tax incentive for Tucker Development and welcomed the Atrium Banquet Hall as a new business to Country Club Hills.
- Adleman Evans stated that property tax appeals for Bremen Township residents were being accepted until May 17, 2017. Additional information is available by calling Bremen Township at 708-333-1591 or by accessing the Cook County Assessor's website. She stated that she was waiting for the study from the Southland Water Commission before voting in favor of a rate change. She asked that Ms. Bell provide her with additional information regarding the Open Meetings Act issue.
- Alderman Glispie stated that the water rate increase enacted this evening was necessary and was not dependant upon the results of the study being conducted by the Southland Water Commission as monies will be due Oak Lawn no matter the outcome of the study. He stated that he appreciated everyone's attendance and participation at the meeting and that it is the City's goal to strive to improve services.
- Alderman Lockett wished everyone a Happy Easter, thanked everyone for their support for another 4 years and stated that he will continue to work even harder for the residents. He thanked Alderman Evans for providing information regarding the Bremen property tax appeal process, reminded everyone to be cautious of children in the streets and asked that everyone check on their neighbors. He concluded by again thanking everyone for their support.

Mayor Ford stated that the Aldermen will be sworn in at the Regular City Council meeting of May 8. He clarified that the special water rate increase is set up to be held in a separate account.

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 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk