

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
May 22, 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 Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

**A. Approval of Minutes -**

**1. Administrative Meeting - May 1, 2017**

**2. Regular City Council Meeting - May 8, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of May 1, 2017 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 8, 2017. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of May 1, 2017 and the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of May 8 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford stated that he had met earlier with Capri Capital Development and with the Prime Group regarding development of the property at 167<sup>th</sup> and Pulaski and explained that progress is slowly being made.

**A. Proclamation- Honoring Camron P. Greer**

A Proclamation was read acknowledging the numerous academic and athletic achievements of recent Rich Central High School graduate Camron Greer, a resident of Country

Club Hills. Congratulations were offered and Alderman Lockett noted that Cameron's grandfather, who had recently passed, would be very proud of his accomplishments.

**B. Approval - an Ordinance Amending Section 13.3.06 of the Country Club Hills City Code**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 13.3.06 of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Mayor Ford explained that this would provide hours of operation from 9 am to 12 midnight, with the possibility of the closing time to be amended for BYOB and Catering establishments.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      1 Ayes:      Alderman Lockett, Davis Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

4 Nays Aldermen Davis Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Absent:

**Motion Fails.**

**C. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, "Miscellaneous Offenses" Article 5, "Nuisances" of the Country Club Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, "Miscellaneous Offenses" Article 5, "Nuisances" of the Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained by Deputy Police Chief Galvin that this would provide for better nuisance abatement. Alderman Lockett moved that this item be tabled to Administrative Meeting for further discussion. Second - Alderman Davis. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. This Item was Tabled.

**D. Approval -An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 "Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Local Law Enforcement" Article 2, Section 6.2.03 "Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code.**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-04-17, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 "Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Local Law Enforcement" Article 2, Section 6.2.03 "Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - It was explained that this had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended for approval.

**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 Collector's Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain gave the Collector's report for the month ending April 30, 2017 citing revenues received.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, invited all to attend the City's Memorial Day service at 11am on Monday, May 29, 2017.

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting June 8, 2017 5 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - May 22, 2017**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$479,689.01. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - Alderman Davis explained that this included AP Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Payroll, ComCast and theater wires for Gerald Albright.

**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.**

**B. Remove Budget Fiscal Year 2017-2018 From the Table**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval to remove the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 From the Table. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion -none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

**C. Public Hearing - Budget Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Alderman Davis moved to open the floor for the public hearing for the draft 2017-18 budget. Second - Alderman Lockett. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. The following individuals addressed the City Council

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, referred to a statement made by a resident in April of 2012 citing the need for additional comments and explanation in the budget. She commented on an increase in salary for the finance supervisor, the tax rebate to American Cinema, costs for external accounting services, and the monies in the restricted account for the Housing Authority.
- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, commented on the legislative salaries/longevity, the fact that the public hearing is held immediately prior to the vote on the budget and requested that her questions be answered.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, stated that he had not had time to review the budget and found it to be difficult to locate on the City's website.

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

Alderman Davis stated that the Council had been involved in this budget process for a considerable amount of time, the salary increase for the finance supervisor was due to her acquisition of a CPA license, commentary and explanation will be added to the final budget and that most wage increases were held to 2%.

**D. Approval - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-05-17 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - none.

**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.**

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 5 pm.

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

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class A Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Ribs & Soul  
BBQ 4844 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Evans moved for Council Approval of O-06-17, An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class A Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Ribs and Soul BBQ 4844 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - It was explained that this had been previously discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the number of licenses in this address vicinity. Mayor Ford stated that these items had not come to the Mayor office for consideration by the Mayor as liquor commissioner. He continued that the Council could authorize an increase in the number and type of licenses, but not the holder of the license. City Attorney, John Murphey explained that video gaming seemed to be the main issue. Mayor Ford stated that he had received a letter of interest regarding a possible gentlemen's club coming to Country Club Hills. Alderman Evans explained that a State and local liquor license allowed for application for a video gaming license. Alderman Lockett stated that Country Club Hills should not become like other communities with excessive gaming establishments.

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

2 Nays Aldermen Lockett and Davis

0 Absent:

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

**B. Approval - An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class A Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Frank N' & Lou's, 4044 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of Ordinance No )-07-17, An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class A Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Frank N' & Lou's, 4044 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained that this had been previously discussed. Alderman Evans explained that video gaming revenue would be as asset to the City and that it would require little or no expenditure of City resources.

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

1 Nays Alderman Lockett.

0 Absent:

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

**C. Approval – An Ordinance Amending Section 13.3.04 and 13.3.05 of Article 3 Chapter 13 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to the Classification of Liquor Licenses**

**D. Approval - An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class C (1)A Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Harvey's Corner, 18300 Cicero Avenue, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of OA No. 05-17 An Ordinance Amending Sections 13.3.04 and 13.3.05 of Article 3 Chapter 13 of the Country Club Hills City Code and

Ordinance No O-08-17, an Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class C(1) A Liquor

License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Harvey Corner, 18300 Cicero Avenue, pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills municipal Code. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Alderman Evans explained that this had been previously discussed and recommended for approval.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 4 Ayes: Aldermen Davis Glispie, Evans

and Spivey.

1 Nays Alderman Lockett.

0 Absent:

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

**E. Approval - 2017 Aldermanic Committees**

Alderman Evans moved for approval of the 2017 Aldermanic Committees, (a copy of which is attached). Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - Clarification was provided that these would become effective June 1, 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.**

**III. Public Works and Utilities**

**Alderman Glispie,  
Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting June 5, 2017 5 pm)**

Alderman Glispie reminded everyone of the committee scheduled for June 5, 2017 at 5 pm

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**

**Alderman Spivey, Chairman (TBA)**

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning Certain Property to the City of Country Club Hills, 4950 West 173<sup>rd</sup> Street/PIN 28-28-409-2019-0000**

Alderman Spivey moved that this item be tabled to the Administrative

Meeting for further discussion - Second - Alderman Lockett.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Alderman Spivey announced a committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday,  
May 25, 2017 at 7 pm.

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

- A. Approval - A Retirement Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Lieutenant Raymond Bernadisius**
- B. Approval - A Retirement Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Lieutenant Michael Kilburg**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council Approval of the retirement agreement between the City of Country Club Hills and Raymond Bernadisius and the retirement agreement between the City of Country Club Hills and Michael Kilburg. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - City Attorney John Murphey explained that these individuals had approached the City regarding retirement and that their retirement would offer considerable savings to the City.

**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.**

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Harry Evans, Park District Commissioner, commented that the Mayor stated he was unaware of some of the items and that at times, the aldermen have felt that they were unaware of agenda items.
- Clifton Graham, Country Club Hills stated that he had sent a letter of intent to purchase the Country Club Hills Theater on April 20, 2017. He distributed an



updated offer to the Council of up to 7 million dollars.

- Monica Jackson, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she was the owner of Ribs and Soul BBQ, had invested her time and money in the establishment over the past 5 years and thanked Alderman Evans for her work regarding a liquor license.,
- Shaneka Dyson, owner of Atrium Banquets , addressed the Council and stated that restricting her hours of operation would be unfortunate as she has several events already booked in advance.
- Winston Drain, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that the Council should be open to promoting the businesses of young African American women in Country Club Hills.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, apologized for his demeanor while addressing the Council regarding the budget, thanked Ms. Thurman at Parks and Recs for her efforts in promoting the swim event and expressed dissatisfaction with Tucker Development incentives and leasing. He suggested that Country Club Hills is already a “party town” and the mall should be structured differently.

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 businesses are in need of additional revenues, offered continued success to the businesses and stated that the City owed Mr. Graham some sort of response to his theater offer.
- Alderman Lockett stated that the longevity in aldermanic salaries was from Council legislation enacted in 2005/6. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Memorial Day.
- Alderman Glispie stated that branch pick up is June 10 North of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and June 17 South of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Alderman Evans stated that committee changes will be effective June 1, and that the nuisance discussion will continue as there is a residence in the neighborhood that has “club-like” activities. She stated that local video gaming revenue is available on the state’s website at [www.igb.illinois.gov](http://www.igb.illinois.gov). She stated that she is proud of the businesses that the City is supporting.
- Alderman Spivey offered condolences to the Sanders family, congratulated the business owners who had addressed the Council and thanked the economic development team.

- 10.** 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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk