

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, October 27, 2008**

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. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Dwight W. Welch, Mayor.
  - a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

**2. THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Also present were Deborah McIlvain, City Clerk; Michael Gleason, City Treasurer, and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

Absent was: Alderman Lillian Lee.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn of St. John’s Lutheran Church. Pastor Dorn also gave a special invocation for the family of Jennifer Hudson.

**3. Journal of Proceedings:**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting – October 13, 2008**

**B. Approval of Minutes – Administrative Meeting – October 20, 2008**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13, 2008 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 20, 2008. Second – Alderman Comein. Discussion – Alderman Singleton stated that she had given her corrections for the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting to the City Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13, 2008 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 20, 2008 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

**A. Businesses of the Month:**

**1. Ultimate Arch Salon – Preeti Patel**

Ms. Patel was introduced. She explained that this is their second location and that the store specializes in eyebrow arching and other cosmetic services. Ms. Patel gave the location, telephone number, and hours of operation. Ms. Patel concluded by stating that she is delighted to be a member of the Country Club Hills business community.

**2. CCH Tech and Trade Center**

Ken Carmen was introduced. He stated that CCH Tech and Trade has been located in Country Club Hills Heritage Plaza for approximately ten years. The Center is an alternative education center that has a policy of “no rejection and no refusal” for incoming students. They serve 130 students from the South Suburban area. Mr. Carmen concluded by stating that they are grateful to the City and the community for their support.

**3. Public Storage – Dee Hudson – not present at the meeting**

**B. Recognition – Country Club Hills Police Explorers – Governors Hometown Award**

This item has been tabled.

**C. Approval of Resolution Agreeing to Indemnify the State of Illinois for Photo Enforcement Equipment Attached to IDOT Facilities**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-16-08, a Resolution Agreeing to Indemnify the State of Illinois for Photo Enforcement Equipment Attached to IDOT Facilities. Second – Alderman Comein. Discussion – It was explained that this had been discussed at the Administrative meeting and was recommended for approval by the full Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 9 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson,  
Battie, Comein, Singleton,  
Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

Mayor Welch announced the Haunted Hills Harvest Fest will be held Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31 from 6 – 10 pm. He encouraged the aldermen to volunteer their time at the event and commended the staff for the success of the event last week.

Mayor Welch announced that Trick or Treat hours on Friday, October 31 are from 3 – 7 pm.

Mayor Welch stated that a presentation had been made to the Illinois Gaming Board on the site at 167<sup>th</sup> and Crawford earlier today. The presentation was well received. Mayor Welch stated the City's proposal is superior to other communities with a concise distribution and revenue sharing plan.

**5. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain announced that October 30, 2008 is the deadline for early voting. She reminded everyone that the polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

**6. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance Committee**

**Alderman Watts, Chairman**

**A. Approval of Vouchers**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$757,950.46. Second – Alderman Comein. Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes 7 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Martin, and Williams.

Nays: 2 – Aldermen Lockett and Ford

Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for Jim and Becky's, Midwest Suburban Publishing, and Planning Resources. Alderman Ford cast a no vote for JV Cook, JHSLLC, and Peerless Fence.

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

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

**B. Approval of an Ordinance Further Amending an Ordinance of the City of Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing the Issuance of a Taxable General Obligation Line of Credit of Said City**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No. OA-10-08, An Ordinance Further Amending an Ordinance of the City of Country Club Hills, Cook County Illinois Authorizing the Issuance of a Taxable General Obligation Line of Credit of Said City. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion – it was explained that this would extend the line of credit to December 2009.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Ayes 8 – Aldermen Watts, Hudson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Abstain 1 – Alderman Lockett

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this Date.**

**II. Law, Ordinance and Government Alderman Ford, Chairman**

No Report.

**III. Public Works and Utilities: Alderman Battie, Chairman**

**A. Approval of the Public Works Emergency Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement**

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of the Public Works Emergency Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement. Second – Alderman Watts. Discussion – it was explained that this would provide for Public Works Mutual Aid in the South Suburban Region.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Ayes 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

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

**B. Approval of A Resolution Requesting the Cook County Assessor's Office to Share Geographic Information System with the City of Country Club Hills**

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-17-08, a Resolution Requesting the Cook County Assessor's Office to Share Geographic Information System with the City of Country Club Hills. Second – Alderman Watts. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide GIS data to the City at no cost.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Ayes 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings This Date.**

**C. Approval of Rejection of All Bids for the 2008/2011 Snow and Ice Maintenance Program**

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of the Rejection of all Bids for the 2008/2011 Snow and Ice Maintenance Program. Second – Alderman Watts. Discussion – it was explained that these bids were over budget and it was recommended that they be rejected.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**                      Ayes 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this Date.**

**IV. Economic Development                                      Alderman Hutson, Chairman**

Alderman Hutson reported on the new businesses opening in Country Club Hills: D & D Gourmet Popcorn, Kingston Jerk Chicken, Ultimate Arch Salon, Shred-a-Doc, Bolzano’s Pizza, Sonic, and McDonald’s.

**V. Planning, Zoning, and Development      Alderman Lockett, Chairman**

**A. Approval of An Ordinance to Rezone Property Owned by Prime/CCP Development Partners, LLC from a C-4 Commercial Zoning Classification to C-5 Planned Commercial Development District**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-17—08, an Ordinance to Rezone Property Owned by Prime/CCP Development Partners, LLC from a C-4 Commercial Zoning Classification to C-5 Planned Commercial Development District. Second – Alderman Watts. Discussion – it was explained that this had been discussed at the administrative meeting and was recommended for approval by the full Council to provide for future development on the property located at 167<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**           Ayes 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

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

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management           Alderman Comein, Chairman**

No Report

**VII. Community and Park Activities       Alderman Singleton, Chairman**

**A.     Approval of Rejection of All Bids for Stelter Living History Farm – Phase I – Archway Development and Perimeter Fencing**

Alderman Singleton moved for Council approval of the Rejection of All Bids for Stelter Living History Farm – Phase I – Archway Development and Perimeter Fencing. Second – Alderman Watts. It was explained that due to the high cost, it was recommended that this project be re-bid at a future date.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**           Ayes – 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this Date.**

**B.     Approval of Rejection of Bid – Stelter Farm Barn Roofing Project**

Alderman Singleton moved for Council approval of the Rejection of Bid – Stelter Farm Barn Roofing Project. Second – Alderman Watts. Discussion – It was explained that only one bid was received and that this project will be re-bid.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes 9 – Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

Nays 0

Absent 1 – Alderman Lee.

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this Date.**

**VIII. Contract Compliance**

**Alderman Martin, Chairman**

No Report

**IX. Special Committee**

**– Schools and Education Alderman Williams, Chairman**

No Report

**7. Alderman Reports**

Alderman Lockett offered his condolences to the family of Jennifer Hudson. Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval to offer a celebration event on the night of the Presidential Election at the City Pavilion. Mayor Welch stated that he would have staff and the City attorney investigate the cost and logistics of such an event. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Alderman Singleton invited parents to participate in the Halloween event and to attend with their children.

Alderman Battie thanked the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Police Department for the extra attention given to areas throughout the City.

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone to be careful while Trick or Treating on Halloween night.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone to be safe on Halloween nights and also reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.



Alderman Williams reminded residents to have their fireplaces serviced for the winter season. He stated that he was pleased with the passage of the Photo Enforcement Agreement and reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Watts. Second – Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting tapes by the Cable Commission

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Snug Hugs for Kids is an annual event designed to help underprivileged children obtain much-needed winter clothing and outerwear; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort has donated thousands of pounds of new coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and boots to these children through the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois, which serves more than 40,000 children and their families in the Chicago land Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society provides adoption, foster care, day care, residential treatment, child and family counseling, research and professional training programs in the Chicago area and 40 counties throughout Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Snug Hugs for Kids challenges employees and volunteers, as well as community leaders, to participate in this cause, thereby furthering the efforts to help those in need within our own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, drop boxes will be located at different locations throughout the Chicago area from November 1-December 5, 2008, in order for people to donate clothing;

**THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 1 -DECEMBER 5, 2008, AS SNUG HUGS FOR KIDS DAYS IN COUNTRY CLUB HILLS.**

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**Dwight W. Welch, Mayor**

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**Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk**