CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL January 25, 2010

- 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 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 Hutson, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford, Burris, and Mayor Welch 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 Lee.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Howard Kennon, United Christian Church.

3. Journal of Proceedings:

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, January 11, 2010

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 11, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 11, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. Communications and Reports By the Mayor:

A. Recognition - Holiday House Decorating Contest Winners

Jennifer Braun-Denton, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, announced the winners of the Holiday House Decorating Contest: Ward 1 - Alexander Family and Vaughn Family, Ward 2 - Glover Family and Harris Family, Ward 3 - Schmidt Family and St. Coletta's, Ward 4 - Swain Family and Davis Family, and Ward 5 - Vlach Family and House Family. The

Reginald Lewis Family of Oakwood Court was judged as the best in the City. Checks were presented to the winners.

B. Wal-Mart Presentation to:

- 1. Sykuta School
- 2. Meadowview School
- 3. Hillcrest High School
- 4. Rich Central High School
- 5. Veterans' Commission
- 6. Youth Mentoring Group

Jason Thomas, manager of the Wal-Mart in Country Club Hills, presented checks to Sykuta School (\$1500), Meadowview School (\$1500), Hillcrest High School (\$2500), Rich Central High School (\$2500), Veterans Commission (\$1500), and Youth Mentoring Group (\$1500). Representatives of the various organizations accepted the donations and stated they would be used for various programs such as: arts, math and science programs, business programming and family reading night, veterans programming and a math and reading program.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- ♦ 972 senior driveways were completed following the last snowfall. Public Works was commended for a job well done.
- ♦ Jak's Cuisine, 4033 West 183rd Street will hold their grand opening on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 10 am
- ♦ Elected Officials and staff attended the UNCF Benefit dinner where scholarship funds were raised.
- Recently received property tax bills include the new state law requirement of 55% as the first installment.
- ♦ President Obama's State of the Union address will be telecast on Wednesday evening.
- ♦ Wesley Hutson was introduced. He came forward and shook hands with the Council.
- The City will be hosting a property tax appeal assistance seminar for Bremen Township residents. Information will be mailed to eligible households.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain announced that the residential property tax rebate program would begin on February 1, 2010, following Council approval of the ordinance. Rebates will be 23% of the City's portion of the property tax bill. 2.1 million dollars have been

set aside for this year's rebate. Applications will be mailed to each household.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 18, 2010 6:30 pm)

Alderman Ford reminded everyone of the Finance Committee Meeting that will be held on January 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm. He asked that everyone please attend.

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$1,670,858.15. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Ford explained that only 2 aldermen had attended that last Finance Committee meeting where these vouchers were discussed. A heated discussion ensued during the voucher roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Battie, Comein,

Martin, Williams and Ford.

3 Nays: Aldermen Singleton, Lockett and Burris.

Alderman Singleton state that her list of "no" votes had been sent to the Finance Chairman. Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for the following: AT & T, Chicago Lighting, Chris Mechanicals, ComCast, Direct TV, Force Enterprises, Golden Oak Landscaping, Inland Real Estate, Nextel, Verizon Wireless, US Mobile Wireless, Planning Resources, and Wal-Mart. Alderman Burris cast a no vote for Baxter & Woodman, CCHills, LLC., Kane & McKenna, McGladrey & Pullen, Planning Resources, Rosenthal Murphey, Tria Architecture, Tucker Development and Wal Mart.

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

B. Approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Year 2010 Residential Property Tax Rebate Program for the Homeowners of Country Club Hills

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-02-10, an Ordinance Providing for the Year 2010 Residential Property Tax Rebate Program for the Homeowners of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Comein. Alderman Ford stated that this would represent 23% of the City's portion of the 2008 property taxes paid in 2009. A heated discussion ensued regarding the percentage given each year since 2000 and aldermanic attendance records at Finance Committee meetings.

ROLL CALL VOTE 8 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Battie, Comein,

Singleton, Martin, Lockett Williams and

Ford.

0 Nays:

1 Abstain: Alderman Burris

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

II. Law, Ordinance and Government: Alderman Martin, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 8, 2010 6:00 pm)

No Report

II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 1, 2010 6:30 pm)

No Report

IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 3, 2010 6:00 pm)

Alderman Hutson reported that Jak's Cuisine will be having their grand opening on Saturday, February 6, 2010. He reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on January 27. He also explained that Wal-Mart has provided over 500 jobs to individuals in the region and over 2.8

City Council Meeting Jan. 25, 2010 Page -4million dollars in revenue to the City.

V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman (Committee Meeting February 9, 2010 7:00 pm)

No Report

VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 4, 2010 5:00 pm)

No Report

VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 2, 2010 7:00 pm)

Alderman Singleton announced that registration for high school age basketball and softball is currently being taken.

VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman (Committee Meeting February 9, 2010 6:30 pm)

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman

(Committee Meeting February 18, 2010 5:00 pm)

No Report

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett questioned the number of jobs that had been provided by Wal-Mart. He questioned the City's fiduciary practices (a heated discussion ensued). He reminded residents to not park in front of their neighbor's mailboxes and congratulated Frank Martin on his recent appointment as Sauk Village Chief of Police.

Alderman Martin thanked Wal-mart on behalf of the school districts. He offered congratulations to the Lewis family and reminded everyone to be aware of their children's whereabouts.

Alderman Hutson announced that the property tax appeal workshop for Bremen Township residents will be held by appointment on February 9 and February 11, 2010.

Alderman Ford stated that the revenue and expenditure reports will be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Alderman Battie stated that the 2010 Community Policing Calendar is available. The 5th Ward meeting will be held on January 26 at 7:00 pm. He also reminded residents that no parking is allowed on City streets following a 2 inch snowfall.

Alderman Comein thanked everyone who participated in the City wide Blood Drive.

Alderman Williams asked that prayers be offered for the people in Haiti. He reminded everyone of the 2 inch snowfall parking restriction, offered congratulations to the basketball programs at Hillcrest High School (named one of the top 20 in the Chicagoland area) and reminded potential developers that Country Club Hills is an excellent location in which to do business.

Alderman Burris reminded everyone that the Ward 4 Community Policing Meeting will be held on February 16, 2010. He stated that the 0% levy represents 13 million dollars in property taxes, that the property tax rebate has never been over 23%, that the theater is operating in a deficit mode and announced a town hall meeting. A heated discussion ensued and Alderman Burris was called out of order.

Alderman Ford reminded everyone that the Ward 4 Community Policing Meeting will be held at the police station.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hutson. Second - Alderman Comein.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission