

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 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, Lee, Battie, Comein, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Burriss, 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 were: Aldermen Singleton and Ford.

- 2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Father Marren, St. Emeric Catholic Church.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, February 8, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 8, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 8, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

- A. **Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Serve as, or to Appoint the Official Representative of the City of Country Club Hills to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative {South Suburban Housing Collaborative (original name contemplated)}**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval Resolution No R-03-10, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Serve as, or to Appoint the Official Representative of the City of Country Club Hills to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative [South Suburban Housing Collaborative (original name contemplated)]. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE

6 Ayes:	Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Martin and Williams.
1 Nays:	Alderman Lockett
1 Abstain:	Alderman Burris
2 Absent:	Aldermen Singleton and Ford

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

5. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain reminded everyone that the application deadline for the residential property tax rebate program is February 28, 2010. Application may also be made on-line at the City’s website.

Mayor Welch read a notice regarding procedures for possible contact with coyotes. He stated that any siting or incidents should be reported to the Police Department.

Mayor Welch stated that a letter had been received from Congressman Jackson’s office regarding the three vacant properties currently owned by Chase Bank.

Mayor Welch stated that the vacant homes list (which includes both “for sale” and foreclosed homes) is the lowest it has been in approximately 10 years. The current number of homes on the list is 238.

6. Committee Reports

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

A. Approval Vouchers

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,807,368.18 Second - Alderman Battie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Martin and Williams

2 Nays: Aldermen Lockett and Burris

Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for American Express, AT & T, ComEd, Comcast Cable, First Insurance Funding, and Inland Real Estate.

2 Abstain: Alderman Lee and Lockett

Alderman Lee abstained on Governmental-Business and voted "yes" for all other vouchers. Alderman Lockett abstained from all vouchers except those noted above.

2 Absent: Aldermen Singleton and Ford

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

B. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Inland Real Estate ("Michael's Market")

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-03-10, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Inland Real Estate ("Michael's Market"). Second - Alderman Lee. Discussion - it was explained that the City would share 80% of the 1\$ state sales tax with Inland for a period not to exceed 10 years or \$2 million, whichever comes first. Alderman Lockett inquired as to the possible extension of the TIF and Mayor Welch explained that an extension was not being considered. Alderman Hutson explained that this would bring a new tenant to the Eagle Property and provided revenues.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Lockett, Martin and Williams.

0 Nays:

1 Recuse : Alderman Burris

Alderman Burris stated that he had to recuse himself as his uncle was a former board member of Inland Real Estate.

2 Absent: Aldermen Singleton and Ford

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

C. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Installment Note Between the City and Chatham Pancake House

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-04-10 , an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Installment Note Between the City of Country Club Hills and Chatham Pancake House. Second - Alderman Lee. Discussion - Alderman Burris stated that this represents payment of an outstanding electric bill. Alderman Lockett stated that he felt this opens the door to other businesses making requests. Alderman Hutson stated that this was a difficult decision; however, the City has helped big businesses such as WalMart with incentives, and an effort should be made to assist the smaller businesses in town. Alderman Lee stated that she was in favor of providing assistance and Alderman Williams stated that this would provide assistance to a much needed business.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Martin and Williams.

2 Nays: Alderman Lockett and Burris.

2 Absent: Aldermen Singleton and Ford

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 March 8, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Martin reported that the next Committee Meeting will be March 8,

2010 at 6:00 pm.

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

Alderman Battie reported that the next Committee Meeting will be March 1 at 6:30 pm

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

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Economic Development Committee Meeting will be held on March 3, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

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

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Planning, Zoning and Development Committee Meeting on March 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

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

Alderman Comein reported a 1500 dollar savings despite the rising cost of insurance.

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

No Report

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

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Contract Compliance Committee Meeting will be held on March 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 18, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Williams stated that he and Alderman Martin will be attending a

meeting at District 227 on February 24, 2010.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett asked that everyone support the Hillcrest High School Stomp the Ground Event on Friday evening. He stated that other businesses in addition to the Chatham Pancake House are probably in need of financial assistance. He thanked the Public Works Department for the snow removal and stated that a member of the Hillcrest High School Girls Basketball Team was chosen as one of the top ten on the nation.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on March 23 at 7 pm. He also reminded everyone to be careful in the snow.

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held on March 10 at the Police Station.

Alderman Hutson reiterated Alderman Lockett's comments regarding the Stomp the Ground event at Hillcrest High School. He also reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on February 24 at 7 pm at the CRC.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone to not park in the street following a 2 inch snowfall.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Black History Program will be February 27 at Hillcrest High School at 3 pm. He also stated that the Community Prayer Service will be held at St. Emeric Church on March 13, the Spring Fling will be held on March 20 and the Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Alderman William reminded everyone that the City is rebating 2.1 million dollars with the tax rebate.

Alderman Burris stated that he had received the revenue and expenditure amounts for the theater and that these issues will be addressed during the upcoming budget process.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Ward 2 Community Policing Meeting will be held on March 17 at the Police Station and he wanted the City Manager to know that he spotted a City truck transporting a refrigerator on Sunday afternoon.

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 7:30 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission