

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
March 8, 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, 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 were: Aldermen Lee and Singleton.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn, St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Pastor Dorn reminded everyone of the Community Prayer Service to held at St. Emeric Church on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 11:00 am. He also announced that the current week is Lutheran Schools Week and invited everyone to an open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 10 am to 2 pm.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, February 22, 2010**

**B. Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting, March 1, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2010 and approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 1, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 1, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

**A. Approval of Commission Appointments**

1. **Jennie Betton - Economic Development Commission - Ex-officio**
2. **Cecelia Murphy - Historical Commission**
3. **Dorothy Smith - Blood and Organ Donor Commission**
4. **Curtis Thomas - Senior Citizen Commission**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Jennie Betton - Economic Development Commission - ex-officio; Cecelia Murphy - Historical Commission; Dorothy Smith - Blood and Organ Donor Commission; and Curtis Thomas - Senior Citizen Commission. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Ms. Betton, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Thomas addressed the Council and expressed their enthusiasm and eagerness to serve as volunteers on the appointed commissions.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- April 24 will be Comcast Days in conjunction with the Matt Welch Scholarship Foundation. Homes of seniors will be attended to. The Housing Authority and other commissions will participate in the event.
- A severe dog bit incident occurred and the dog has been declared vicious and put down. Residents are asked to contact the police department if they suspect dog breeding in their neighborhood.
- Congratulations are extended to the Hillcrest High School girls Basketball team on placing second in their division at the state tournament in Bloomington.
- 30 scholarships have been given by the Matt Welch Scholarship Foundation for high school and college tuition for students. Additional scholarships will be distributed at the end of August.
- The number of vacant homes ( both for sale and foreclosures) numbers 243 in Country Club Hills. Mayor Welch stated that this number is an indication of a recovery in the housing market.

**B. Recognition - Police Explorer Cadets**

Deputy Commander Chris Orozco and Police Chief Regina Evans recognized Cory Goodrich, Wade Hutson, Andre Jones, Isaac Rodgers, Derrick Singleton, J. Wilson and Michael Wolfe as recent graduates of the Explorer program. Recognition was given to staff mentors in the program: Bonnie Jones, Orlando Leon, Chief Evans, and Derrick Singleton.

Mayor Welch introduced Police Cadet Derrick Singleton to those present.

Mayor Welch announced that the Spring Fling Arbor Day celebration will be held on March 20, 2010.

Mayor Welch requested a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Alderman Lockett's grandmother.

**C. Proclamation - Arbor Day - March 20, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval Proclaiming March 20, 2010 as Earth Arbor Day in Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

**5. City Clerk's Report**

No Report

**6. Committee Reports**

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

**A. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Tax Increment Allocation Revenue Note (Prime Development Partners, LLC Note #2)**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-04-10, a Resolution Approving a Tax Increment Allocation Revenue Note (Prime Development Partners, LLC Note #2). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Ford explained that this note is payable only from TIF revenues if and when they are generated from the Prime Project and in no way represents a general obligation of the City.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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



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

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting April 1, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Insurance and Risk Management Committee Meeting will be held on April 1, 2010 at 5 pm.

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting April 6, 2010 7:00 pm)**

No Report

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

No Report

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

Alderman Williams reminded everyone that the Schools and Education Committee will meet on March 18, 2010 at 5 pm.

**7. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Lockett thanked everyone for their expressions of condolence and offered congratulations to the Hillcrest High School Girls Basketball team.

Alderman Martin offered congratulations to the Hillcrest Girls Basketball team and the Police Explorer Cadets. He reminded everyone to attend their local school board meetings and reminded residents to clean up after their pets.

Alderman Hutson requested a moment of silence in recognition of Alderman Lockett's grandmother.

Alderman Ford offered congratulations to the Police Explorer Cadets and reminded residents that the Community Policing Meeting for Ward 4 is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone that the Public Works Committee meeting will be held on

April 5 at 6:30 and the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on March 23 at 7 pm.

Alderman Comein stated that this is Girl Scout Recognition Month. He announced that the Senior Police Academy will be held from March 31 to May 12 and that registration is required. He also stated that the Fire Department is seeking interested youth for the Fire Cadet Explorer Program.

Alderman Williams reminded residents to report vicious animals to the Police Department and offered his congratulations to the Hillcrest Girls Basketball team.

Alderman Burris offered congratulations to the Hillcrest Girls Basketball team, requested a copy of the ComEd bill for the Chatham Pancake House, reminded Maple Estates homeowners to be alert as there have been recent break-ins, commented on the City's bond indebtedness and stated that he desires to see the number of vacant homes reduced to zero.

Mayor Welch stated that a recent residential burglary had resulted in a fatality in Hazel Crest. Chief Evans addressed the Council and reminded residents to be cautious and secure their homes and property.

Alderman Hutson moved that the floor be opened to the public. Second - Alderman Martin. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. The following individuals address the Council:

- Derrick Willis, 19161 Canterbury stated that he did not approve of the decision to provide a loan to Chatham Pancake House in order to pay their electric bill.
- James Craig, 178<sup>th</sup> & Cypress, addressed the Council, and stated that the assistance offered to Chatham Pancake House was an example of a positive change.
- Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive, addressed the Council and offered his congratulations to the Police Cadets. He stated that the residents have a right to speak, commented on the tax levy from a few years ago, and requested the City cut the budget and lower taxes.
- Clifton Graham , 4920 Lake Court, addressed the Council and expressed his concern with the process and fine amounts for the red light cameras.

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

## **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 7:48 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission