

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
April 12, 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 and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

Absent was Alderman Lee.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Reverend Tiller.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

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

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

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

A. Approval of Commission Appointments

1. **Amy Bozzo - Public Access Cable Commission**
2. **Alyson Bozzo - Blood and Organ Donor Commission**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Amy Bozzo to the Public Access Cable Commission and Alyson Bozzo to the Blood and Organ Donor Commission. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. Amy and Alyson Bozzo introduced themselves to the Council and stated they would like to give back to the

community, as had their friend Matthew.

B. Proclamation - Comcast Cares Day 2010

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval declaring April 24, 2010 as Comcast Cares Day in Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

C. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the PACE System Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-05-10, a Resolution Adopting the PACE System Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this plan pertains to those drivers of PACE vehicles. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch stated the following:

- The Mayor received an email misstating various facts regarding the City's financial situation. He explained that the State of Illinois is 8 months in arrears regarding monies owed and that it is becoming apparent that property tax monies will not be received in a timely fashion. The City will pursue a line of credit should its use be necessary.
- Mayor Welch requested that a Model Resolution Opposing Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund be passed by the Council and then forwarded to the governor and state legislative leaders.
- The "Keep Your Home" Seminar will be held on May 15, 2010 at Hillcrest High School.

5. City Clerk's Report

No Report

6. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 22, 2010 6:30 pm)**

A. Lay Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 on the Table

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval to lay the budget for Fiscal year 2010-2011 on the table. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Ford stated that the draft budget represents revenues of approximately \$40 and expenditures of approximately \$37 million. Alderman Ford explained that budget meetings have been held on March 29 and April 10 and a meeting will be held on April 17. The public were encouraged to attend. The draft budget may be reviewed at City Hall and is available on-line at the City's website www.countryclubhills.org.

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

0 Nays:

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 May 10, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Martin reported that a Committee Meeting was held earlier this evening and 4 ordinances will be brought forward at the next administrative meeting.

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 3, 2010 6:30 pm)**

A. Approval of a Resolution for Construction on State Highway (Illinois Department of Transportation)

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-06-10, a Resolution for Construction on State Highways Within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this allows City workers to perform work on state highways within the corporate boundaries of the City of Country Club Hills without obtaining permits on each occasion.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

B. Approval of Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Baxter & Woodman, Inc., in the Amount of \$15,000

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of the Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Baxter and Woodman, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion -It was explained that this will allow Baxter & Woodman to update the City's Pavement Management Program for the maintenance of City streets and will guide the City's street maintenance efforts for 2010-2014.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

C. Approval of a Resolution for Improvement (BLR 09111) Authorizing \$15,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-07-10, a Resolution for Improvement (BLR 09111) Authorizing \$15,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that this will allow the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds to update the City's Pavement Management Program for the maintenance of City streets and will guide the City's street maintenance efforts for 2010-2014.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

D. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment Adding Article 4 “Illicit Discharges and Connections” to Chapter 16 “Stormwater and Floodplain Management” of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-05-10, an Ordinance Amendment Adding Article 4 “Illicit Discharges and Connections” to Chapter 16 “Stormwater and Floodplain Management” of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that this is a requirement of the EPA and provides for penalties and consequences for illicit discharges and connections.

ROLL CALL VOTE 8 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Martin, Williams, Ford,
and Burris.

1 Abstain: Alderman Lockett

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

E. Approval of Bid Recommendation - Mowing of City Properties

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval to award the bid for mowing of City properties to Kinsella Landscaping in the amount of \$46,401. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the bid be awarded to Kinsella Landscaping in the amount of \$46,401.

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

3 Nays: Aldermen Lockett, Ford and Burris.

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

F. Rejection of Bids Received - Mowing of Rights-of-Ways and Ditches

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval for the rejection of all bids received for the mowing of Rights-of-Ways and Ditches. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Due to the range in the bid results, it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that these bids be rejected and the item be re-bid.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 5, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson announced the opening of 2 new businesses: Dream to Dance Studio and Doss, Attorney at Law/Brokers.

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 13, 2010 7:00 pm)**

A. Approval of an Ordinance Rezoning Property Generally Bounded by Interstate 80 (I-80) on the North, Cicero Avenue on the East, 167th Street on the South and the BP Pipeline on the West, Commonly Known as Parcel 18 (“Prime/Gatling Subdivision”)

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-05-10, an Ordinance Rezoning Property Generally Bounded by Interstate 80 (I-80) on the North, Cicero Avenue on the East, 167th Street on the South and the BP Pipeline on the West, Commonly Known as Parcel 18 (“Prime/Gatling Subdivision”). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this would allow for proper zoning for construction of the proposed PADS

facility.

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

0 Nays:

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 Approving a Preliminary Plan and Granting Certain Variations From the City of Country Club Hills Zoning Ordinance (Lot 18 - South Suburban PADS)

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-06-10, an Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Plan and Granting Certain Variations From the City of Country Club Hills Zoning Ordinance (Lot 18 - South Suburban PADS). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this would grant the necessary variances for construction of the PADS facility.

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

C. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Property (Future Lot 18 in Prime/Gatling Subdivision) From the City of Country Club Hills to South Suburban PADS.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-07-10, an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Property (Future Lot 18 in Prime/Gatling Subdivision) From the City of Country Club Hills to South Suburban PADS. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this was necessary in order to PADS to continue the planning for this project.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: 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
(Committee Meeting May 6, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Insurance and Risk Management Committee Meeting will be held on May 6, 2010 at 5 pm.

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 4, 2010 7:00 pm)**

No Report.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 13, 2010 6:30 pm)**

No Report.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 15, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Williams stated that School District 227 has selected Donna Leak as the new superintendent.

Mayor Welch requested that a Model Resolution Opposing Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund be passed by the Council and then forwarded to the governor and state legislative leaders.

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-08-10, a Resolution Opposing Reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund. Second - Alderman Hutson. Discussion - it was explained that this requests that the Governor and the members of the Illinois General Assembly reject any diminution of funds to municipalities.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Lee

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

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Ward 2 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 21 at 7 PM. He suggested that the City budget in a different manner and defer some projects to a later date in an effort to save monies.

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 14 at 7 pm.

Alderman Martin offered his congratulations to Amy and Alyson Bozzo, reminded everyone to pick up after their pets, and requested a moment of silence in honor of Ernest Anderson.

Alderman Hutson stated that he can be reached at 708-307-2770.

Alderman Ford stated that the Ward 4 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 20 at 7 pm. He reminded everyone that the Finance Committee Meeting will be held on April 22 to review vouchers.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone that the Public Works Committee meeting will be held on May 3 at 6:30 pm. He also stated that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 27 at 7 pm and that Saturday, April 24 is Comcast Cares Day here in Country Club Hills.

Alderman Comein stated that additional applications to volunteer for Comcast Cares Day were available. He stated that the recently held Blood Drive was successful and reminded everyone that the Community Policing Meeting for Ward 3 will be held on April 28 at 7 pm.

Alderman Williams reminded residents to maintain their lawns and homes and stated that he will be hosting block clean-up picnics throughout the summer. He requested that residents report suspicious behavior to the police department and commented on the street improvements beginning throughout the Ward.

Alderman Burris invited residents to attend the budget meetings and view the process. He stated that comments made regarding statements at a recent town hall meeting were incorrect. He announced that he will be hosting a meeting on April 27 at the Flossmoor Public Library. Assistance will be provide in the tax appeal process for Rich Township.

Mayor Welch had the Chief of Police address the City Council regarding trespassers in the Marylakes and Marycrest areas (squatters). The building departments will be inspecting every vacant home in the City to insure there are no others. A letter will be sent to all homeowners.

Mayor Welch stated that the individual involved in the shooting in the Nob Hill area over the weekend had been arrested.

Mayor Welch stated that he and the City Manager will be traveling to Springfield during the week to address the issues of grants and monies owed the City.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Roosevelt Cory addressed the Council and stated that his grandson had been the victim of aggressive behavior at school. He stated that the City is doing a good job but suggests that the city "slow down on the spending."

Steve Bressler addressed the Council and stated that as he mows properties within the City he would be happy to report suspicious activities to the Police Department.

Alderman Hutson moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Martin. 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 7:57 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission