

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
August 9, 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, Ford, and Burris 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 Williams.

2a. Invocation - The invocation and a commemorative prayer for a Chicago firefighter was given by Pastor Blackmon.

**3. Journal of Proceedings:**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, July 26, 2010**

**B. Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - August 2, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of July 26, 2010 and approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of August 2, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 26, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of August 2, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Welch requested a motion for approval of commission appointments. Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Myrtle Morgan, Senior Commission; Deborah Hillyer, Electrical Commission; Quentin Morgan, Senior Commission; and Tonya Hambrick, Youth Commission. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Approved Via Voice Vote. These individuals introduced themselves to the Council and

expressed their eagerness to serve the community. Mayor Welch commented that there are still openings on some commissions.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- Mayor Welch stated that Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. had visited his home on Sunday and stated that he was impressed with the appearance of the City of Country Club Hills.
- The Mayor asked that homeowners continue their maintenance efforts. He stated that the vacant homes list numbers 288, which was the average prior to the recession and encouraged residents to call the police should they see any suspicious activity at vacant homes.
- Mayor Welch encouraged parents to be involved in their students lives and encouraged participation in back to school activities.
- Updated MFT 5 year plan street lists were discussed at the last Administrative Meeting and additional funding may be received at both the federal and state levels.
- Mayor Welch congratulated Mike Gleason for a job well done at the St. Emeric Picnic and pig roast held last Saturday.
- Mayor Welch stated that the Tax Anticipation Warrants are on the agenda for approval this evening as the State of Illinois owes the City monies and Cook County property taxes are anticipated to be late. He stated that the City is monitoring finances and that layoffs may be possible in the fall.
- Mayor Welch stated that the remodeling of the lower level of City Hall should be completed by September 1 and cable broadcasts will then resume.

## **5. City Clerk's Report**

No Report.

## **6. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman**  
**(Committee Meeting August 19, 2010 6:30 pm)**

- A. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,305,000.00 2009 Tax Anticipation Warrants in Anticipation of the Collection of Taxes for the Year 2009, by the Council of the City of Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois for General Corporate Purposes**



**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman  
(Committee Meeting August 10, 2010 7:00 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting August 19, 2010 5:00 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

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

Alderman Hutson stated that the Palomino Baseball Team, with a 9 and 5 record, will be presenting their trophy to the City at a future City Council meeting.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting August 10, 2010 6:30 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,  
Chairman  
(Committee Meeting August 19, 2010 5:00 pm)**

No Report.

**7. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Lockett reminded residents that curfew is enforced and parents should encourage their children to pay attention to curfew.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on August 24 and thanked residents for their attendance at a recent picnic.

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting is scheduled for August 11 at the Police Station.

Alderman Hutson stated that each alderman had received the 5 year MFT street plan and would review the plan to determine street repair needs.

Alderman Ford invited all aldermen to the Finance Committee Meeting on August 19 at 6 pm.

Alderman Battie stated that Congressman Jackson and his wife were in attendance at the Mayor's home on Sunday.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on August 25 at the CRC. He also asked that people not throw garbage in the parks.

Alderman Burris requested clarification regarding the possibility of United Liquor moving from their current facility to a storefront in Heritage Plaza. Mayor Welch explained that the City cannot tell a business where to move. Clarification on the question of a liquor license and the possible use of TIF dollars will be provided by the City Attorney. It was explained by the City Manager that there had not yet been any official request from the business.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion approved Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive addressed the Council and stated that 2 residents of Country Club Hills had recently been shot and requested that the Council do something about these issues.

(The Chief of Police attempted to clarify Mr. Tolbert's misinformation from the floor)

- Kenneth Daniels, 18530 Walnut, requested clarification regarding the T.A.Ws interest rate and stated that the City's budget management perspective needed to be reviewed regarding office supplies, overtime and COLA raises.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch clarified that the individual had not been shot in the back (as Mr. Tolbert had stated) and that the shooting had been ruled proper. The other individual had been shot in Hazel Crest and it was suspected that the incident was gang related.

Mayor Welch clarified that overtime in the City's water budget cannot be avoided as water breaks cannot be predicted. The costs for office supplies in the budget is often due to paper and copying costs. He stated that raises were received by all elected officials and were part of the budget process.

Alderman Burris stated that he felt that salaries for non-union employees should have been frozen and the overtime in the Fire Department budget should have been reconsidered.

Alderman Lockett stated "Go Sox".

**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 7:50 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk