

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 11, 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, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford, and Burris constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Also present were: Deborah McIlvain, City Clerk and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

Absent was: City Treasurer, Michael Gleason.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Blackmon.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - September 27, 2010

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of September 27, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 27, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Approval of Appointment of Commission Chairmen

**Alesia Allen - Youth Commission
Anese Nu'tall - Public Access Cable Commission
Leon Holloway - Electrical Commission**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Alesia Allen,

Chairman of Youth Commission; Anese Nu'tall, Chairman of Public Access Cable Commission; Leon Holloway, Chairman of Electrical Commission; Winston Hutson, member of Public Access Cable Commission; and Kenneth Leftridge, member of Plan Commission. Second - Alderman Lee. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. Winston Hutson introduced himself to the Council and stated that he was looking forward to having fun and trying new things on the Cable Commission. Ms. Nu'Tall stated that she has been on the Cable Commission for a few years and was looking forward to support from the commission members.

B. Presentation - Comcast - Comcast Cares Day

Representatives from Comcast presented the Country Club Hills Youth Mentoring Program a check in the amount of \$4,300 representing participation in the Comcast Cares Day held last April. Alderman Ford announced that the fall session of the youth mentoring program has 45 participants. Mayor Welch thanked Alderman Ford for his efforts and suggested that Comcast produce a program on the Youth Mentoring program and its nomination for the Governor's Cup.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- The U.S. Census Bureau announced that our area achieved 78% participation which is one of the highest in the country.
- The house at 18725 Baker has been demolished and the property has been liened.
- A meeting will be scheduled with the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Department and Housing Authority to discuss ideas and suggestions regarding the possible marketing of the vacant homes in Country Club Hills. When developed, plans will be brought forward to the Council at a future administrative meeting. The City has been inspecting vacant homes prior to purchase and issuing citations and liens in advance of transfer of ownership.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Deborah McIlvain, announced that early voting for the November election will be held October 12 - 28.

6. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman
(Committee Meeting October 21, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Ford announced that the Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 6:30 pm

**II. Law, Ordinance and Government: Alderman Martin, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 8, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Martin announced that the Law, Ordinance and Government Operations Committee Meeting will be held on November 8 at 6:30 pm

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

A. Approval of Castle Dargan Lakes Subdivision Paving Project Bid Recommendation

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of the Castle Dargan Lakes Subdivision Paving Project Bid in the amount of \$207,587.00 to Iroquois Paving. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that the developer was given the opportunity to complete the paving projects in the subdivision.. As the developer did not comply, the project will be paid for utilizing the builder's letter of credit. Alderman Burris requested that the fence project in Ward 4 be moved forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford
and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

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

Alderman Hutson stated that the paving for the parking lot at Michael's Fresh Market is underway, Fashion Plus will be locating on 167th Street and the new State Farm office is open in Coopers Grove.

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm. City Manager Henrietta Turner mentioned that St. Colletta's has requested a fence variance that will be brought before the committee.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting October 21, 2010 5:00 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

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

Alderman Singleton stated that she will be rescheduling the committee meeting as November 2 is Election Day.

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting October 21, 2010 5:00 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2010 at 5 pm. Mayor Welch also mentioned that the Electrical Commission is interested in pursuing solar power possibilities. They are being referred to Districts 227 and 228.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman BUrris requested that the Premier Estates Fence be placed on the next Administrative Meeting agenda, announced that his next town hall meeting will be October 28, requested information on a recently filed lawsuit regarding a bank robbery, stated that he is waiting for

additional revenue and expenditure numbers regarding the theater, and reported a dead tree and pothole in Ward 4.

Alderman Williams encouraged residents to participate in or attend the fall Park District football and recreational programs.

Alderman COmein stated that the City-wide branch pickup will be October 23, the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon will be November 11, congratulated the winners of the beautification awards, and reminded everyone to be careful as it is getting dark earlier in the evening.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on October 26 2010 at 7 pm and the Public Works Committee Meeting will be November 1 at 6"30 pm

Alderman Ford reminded everyone that the Ward 4 Community Policing Meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month and that he had submitted a request regarding the pothole.

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held October 13 at 7 pm at the Police Department. She also requested that fencing in Ward 1 be addressed.

Alderman Singleton reminded residents to wear reflective clothing when jogging.

Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence on the passing of Donald Lavender's mother, reminded everyone that CEDA is accepting applications for senior utility assistance, those homeowners with missing roof shingles due to storm damage should contact their insurance companies, and requested an update on sidewalk repairs and fencing projects in Ward 2. Mayor Welch stated that fence projects in Ward 2 will be delayed until the completion of the widening of Pulaski.

Alderman Ford moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Williams. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive inquired as to what measures the City is taking to address budget concerns.

Kenneth Daniels, 18530 Walnut, inquired as to whether the home ownership program being addressed by the Housing Authority will be discussed with residents.

Alderman Ford moved to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch stated that the home ownership program, when finalized, will be presented to the residents.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk