

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
December 13, 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; Michael Gleason, City Treasurer and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Alderman Thomas Comein.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - November 8, 2010**
- B. **Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - November 15, 2010**
- C. **Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - December 6, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 8, 2010, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of November 15, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of December 6, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 8, 2010, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of November 15, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of December 6, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

- A. **Approval of Proclamation - December, 2010 as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of a Proclamation for December, 2010 as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion

none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote

B. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant - New Bus

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-17-10, a Resolution Authorizing Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant - New Bus. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this had been discussed at an administrative meeting and would provide for the replacement of an existing vehicle.

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.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- The Cricket store was robbed over the weekend.
- Public Works handled the recent snow removal very well. Warming shelters are available at City Hall, the Police Station, and the Fire Stations.
- Mayor Welch thanked the employees that participated in the Christmas event at St. Colletta's earlier in the evening.

Mayor Welch recognized Public Works employee Mark Johnson for his diligence in alerting the police to a possible robbery in progress while on his way to work earlier in the week. Mr. Johnson was recognized with a medal and a plaque.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance:

Alderman Ford, Chairman

E. Approval of a Resolution Directing the County Clerk to Reduce the Amount Added to the City's Levy for Loss and Cost

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-18-10, a Resolution Directing the County Clerk to Reduce the Amount Added to the City's Levy for Loss and Cost. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - this is done on an annual basis and was discussed at the Administrative Meeting.

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

1 Nays: Alderman Burris

0 Absent:

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

F. Approval of a Resolution Extending the Line of Credit with First Midwest Bank

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-19-10, a Resolution Extending the Line of Credit with First Midwest Bank. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion- it was explained that this would extend the due date for payment of the City's line of credit.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Battie, Comein, Martin, Ford and Mayor Welch.

6 Nays: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Singleton, Lockett, Williams and Burris

0 Absent:

Motion Failed.

G. Approval of Provincetown Fence Proposal

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the Provincetown Fence Proposal from Region Fence Sales. Second - Alderman Battie. Discussion - it was explained that this was a

fence for an area in Ward 4, not only for an area in Provincetown and that this had been previously discussed.

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

1 Nays: Alderman Lee

0 Absent:

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 January 10, 2011 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Martin announced that the Law, Ordinance and Government Operations Committee Meeting will be held on January 10, 2011 at 6:30 pm

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting - January 3, 2011 6:30 pm)**

A Public Works and Utilities Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting January 5, 2011 6:00 pm)**

A. Approval of an Ordinance Providing for a Liquor License for Michael's Market (Package Sales - Class C)

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-21-10, an Ordinance Providing for a Liquor License for Michael's Market (Package Sales - Class C). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this was discussed at the Administrative Meeting.

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.

B. Approval of an Ordinance Providing for a Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License se Requirements) For Cordnel/Zenah Taher, 4031 West 183rd Street Unit A (Package Sales -Class C)

Alderman Hutson moved for Council of Ordinance No O-22-10, an Ordinance Providing for a Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) For Cordnel/Zenah Taher, 4031 West 183rd Street Unit A (Package Sales -Class C). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that the issuance of this license was subject to licensing requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 Ayes: Aldermen Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams and Burris.

4 Nays: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie and Ford

0 Absent:

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

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting December 14, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Lockett announced that the Planning Zoning and Development Meeting scheduled for December 14 at 7 pm will be rescheduled..

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting January 13, 2011 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Comein reported that a significant decrease in workers compensation claims has been experienced over the past 9 months.

Alderman Hutson announced that he could be reached on his cell phone (708-307-2770) , to have a safe and happy holiday, and “God Bless our Troops.”

Alderman Ford announced that the Youth Mentoring program will be singing Christmas carols at the Victory Centre on Saturday, December 18. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Alderman Battie wished everyone happy holidays, commended the Public Works Department for a job well done, and wished the Mayor happy birthday.

Alderman Comein wished everyone a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. He encouraged safety while traveling and at home during the holidays and reminded everyone to not drink and drive.

Alderman Williams wished everyone happy holidays and encouraged residents to contact their aldermen and encourage their aldermen to rescind the votes they had cast this evening.

Alderman Burris wished everyone a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. He stated that the City is holding the line on taxes and has no vehicle sticker tax; however, the levy has increased. He announced a town hall meeting on December 16.

Alderman Hutson moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Lockett.
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 and requested an explanation regarding borrowing and projected borrowing.

Cliffton Graham, 4920 Lake Court addressed the Council and suggested that property taxes are “too high” and that he feels the City is engaged in “wasteful spending.”

Mr. Daniels, 18530 Walnut Avenue, addressed the Council and suggested a 2% decrease in City spending, inquired as to the allocation of the increased sales tax revenue and any budget surplus.

Alderman Hutson moved to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Comein.
Discussion - none. 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.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk