

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2011**

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: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; Michael Gleason, City Treasurer and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 28, 2011**
- B. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - April 11, 2011**
- C. **Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - April 18, 2011**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 28, 2011, the Regular City Council Meeting of April 11, 2011 and the Administrative Meeting of April 18, 2011. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 28, 2011, the Regular City Council Meeting of April 11, 2011 and the Administrative Meeting of April 18, 2011 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

- A. **Proclamation - May 2011 - Motorcycle Aware Month**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the Proclamation making May 2011 Motorcycle Awareness Month. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

B. Proclamation - All About Pink Annual Scholarship Gala

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval for a proclamation honoring the All About Pink Scholarship Gala. 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 May 19, 2011 6:30 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,316,428.52. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE | 6 Ayes: | Aldermen Hutson, Battie, Comein, Martin, Ford and Mayor Welch. |
| | 5 Nays: | Aldermen Lee, Singleton, Lockett, Williams, and Burris. |

Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for Aleck Plumbing, Baker & Miller, Baxter and Woodman, Governmental Business, Kevin Electric, Odelson & Sterk, and Rosenthal Murphey; Alderman Ford cast a no vote for Baxter & Woodman, Alderman Burris cast a no Vote for Baker & Miller, Dan's Greenhouse, Kane McKenna, Lighthouse Printing, Odelson & Sterk, Rosenthal Mutphey and Slutzsky & Blumenthal.

0 Absent:

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

B. Remove Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 from the Table

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval to remove the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 from the Table. Second -Alderman Comein. Discussion - non. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

C. Public Hearing - Proposed FY 11-12 Annual Budget

Alderman Ford moved to open the floor to the public for the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 11-12 Annual Budget. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Adele Rogers, 5052 West 179th Street, inquired as to the possibility of the new Council being responsible for the passage of the budget. Mayor Welch explained that each alderman is responsible for 4 annual budgets. Alderman Lockett stated that he felt the passage of the budget should be delayed and the new Council should hold budget hearings and vote on the new budget.

Leon Williams, 18206 Ravisloe Terrace, addressed the Council and inquired as to penalties for not passing the budget prior to April 30, 2011.

Jeremiah Henderson,. 16930 Glen Oaks Drive, addressed the Council and inquired as to personnel changes and possible budget amendments.

Ken Daniels, 18531 Walnut, addressed the Council and inquired as to the remaining TAWS payments, their due dates, budget and financial oversight, and credit card expenses. It was explained that revenues and expenditures are reviewed each month through the A/P process, TAWS are based on annual property tax revenue, credit cards are used for numerous purchases for all City departments, and charges to Mr. Benny's were for regional meetings regarding the 911 dispatch center.

Kila Bivens, 4831 Summerhill Drive, addressed the Council and suggested a forensic audit.

Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive, addressed the Council and stated that he felt that the City is assisting everyone except the taxpayers, that property tax relief is needed, and that expenditures need to be cut. Mayor Welch explained that total expenditures have been cut. A heated discussion ensued.

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

D. Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-06-11, an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Burris stated concern regarding theater operations, Public Relations staffing and employee longevity; Alderman Lockett expressed concern regarding Public Relations, cell phones, and staffing at the Police Department and Fire

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Beauty Haus. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that a payment in the amount of \$3,600 would be made to Beauty Haus for signage and that the payment was contingent upon the signage being in compliance with City Code.

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.

**II. Law, Ordinance and Government: Alderman Martin, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 9, 2011 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Martin announced that a committee meeting will be held on May 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting -May 4, 2011 6:30 pm)**

A. Approval of a Resolution for Streets and Highways (BLR 14230) \$734,000.00

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-04-11, a Resolution for Street and Highways (BLR 14230) \$734,000.00. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this is a housekeeping item closing out MFT for 2008.

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 May 4, 2011 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No report.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 3, 2011 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Singleton announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence for Ms. Braxton, thanked the residents for their attendance this evening, and wished everyone a belated Happy Easter.

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that prom season is approaching and that prom should be a safe event for young people. She also reminded residents to clean their gutters and not

sweep debris into the street.

Alderman Martin wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Alderman Hutson requested that everyone keep the families of Ms. Braxton and others in their prayers.

Alderman Burriss stated that he and the other aldermen have work to do regarding the budget and that a Finance Committee Meeting should be called as soon as possible. He asked that everyone keep the tornado victims in the St. Louis and Southern Illinois areas in their thoughts and prayers.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Clifton Graham, 4920 Lake Court, thanked the Council for their budget votes .

Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive thanked the aldermen for their votes on the budget, stated that he felt the police were overpaid and made a personal comment regarding the Mayor.

Leon Williams, 18206 Ravisloe expressed his satisfaction with the budget not being passed.

Kenneth Daniels, 18520 Walnut, expressed the opinion that the Council has a fiduciary responsibility to constituents and that monies are not being spent wisely.

Ms. Rogers, 4053 West 179th Street, requested that comments be tempered and not be disrespectful.

Jeremiah Henderson, 16930 Glen Oaks Drive, commended the Council regarding the budget failing to pass.

Ms. Duplessis, 4851 Summerhill Drive, stated that she has paid over \$60,000 in property taxes in the past five years. She requested that the Council be more informed and act as a team.

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

Mayor Welch announced that a Finance Committee budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:30 pm. He also stated that he will be proposing an Aldermanic Theater Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk