



**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, November 25, 2019  
7:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes**

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. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street at 7:04pm The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

**2. THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans, Spivey and Mayor Ford

Also present were: City Clerk, Patricia D. Hutson and Attorney John Murphey, Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski and a parliamentarian from the Stuttley Group.

**ABSENT: NONE**

**3. Invocation was presented by Pastor Bedo Harris**

**4. Journal of Proceedings;**

**A. Approval of Minutes –**

1. Regular Council Meeting - November 11, 2019

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2019. Second – Alderman Glispie

**Motion carried via voice vote**

**5. Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

Mayor Ford invited Com-Ed External Affairs Manager Bonita Parker to the podium for a special presentation. Ms. Parker presented Mayor with a mock check in the amount of \$86,648.00 which represents savings to the City of Country Club Hills with the recent swap out and installation of LED street lights through Com-Ed's Street Smart Program. Mayor Ford accepted on behalf of the councils and the city of Country Club Hills.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Patricia D. Hutson wished everyone a safe, fun filled and Happy Thanksgiving. She reminded everyone of this special time of year for giving to those in need. Clerk Hutson complimented Reindeer Lane on 183<sup>rd</sup> St and announced the special visitors coming to Country Club Hills December 7<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Mr. and Mrs. Claus, followed by the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Clerk Hutson shared a reminder of the SD#228 Senior Luncheon December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Hillcrest H.S.

**7. City Collector's Report**

City Collector, Patricia D. Hutson shared the Collector's Report with a total of all funds as of 10/31/19 \$1,185,546.14.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer, Debbie McIlvain shared the Treasurer's Report where revenue exceeded expenses in the amount of \$382,708.70 as of 10/31/19.

**9. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance**

**Alderman Lockett, Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting -TBA)**

- A.** Ald. Lockett motioned for council approval of vouchers for November 11, 2019 and
- B.** November 25, 2019. Second – Ald. Davis

**ROLL CALL:**

5	-	Ayes:	Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey
0	-	Nayes:	
0	-	Abstains:	
0	-	Absent:	

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

- C. Approval of Ordinance #O-13-19 to Levy and Taxes May1, 2019 beginning and ending April 30, 2020.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the 2019-2020 Tax Levy. Second by Ald. Glispie.

**ROLL CALL:**

5 - Ayes: Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 - Nays:

0 - Abstains:

0 - Absent:

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

- D. Approval of Resolution #R-11-19 to reduce the amount added to the Levy for Loss and Cost. Second- Ald. Glispie.

**ROLL CALL:**

5 - Ayes: Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 - Nays:

0 - Abstains:

0 - Absent:

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

**II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract Compliance**

**Alderman Glispie, Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting - TBA)**

**No Report**

**III. Public Works and Utilities**

**Alderman Davis, Chairman**

(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Reoprt

**IV. Economic Development & Planning, Zoning & Development**

**Alderman Spivey, Chairman**

(Committee Meeting - TBA)

**A. Approval of S.V. Development**

Ald. Spivey moved for Council approval of concept development for S.V. Development.  
Second- Ald. Lockett.

**ROLL CALL:**

5	-	Ayes:	Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey
0	-	Nayes:	
0	-	Abstains:	
0	-	Absent:	

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

**B. Approval of Ordinance Amendment #OA-09-19 for Cannabis Zoning.**

Ald. Spivey moved for Council approval of Cannabis Zoning OA-09-19. Second-Ald. Lockett.

**ROLL CALL:**

5	-	Ayes:	Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey
0	-	Nayes:	
0	-	Abstains:	
0	-	Absent:	

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

**C. Approval of Ordinance Amendment #OA-10-19 for Cannabis Taxes. Alderman Spivey motioned for Council approval of OA-10-19 for Cannabis Zoning. Second-Ald. Lockett.**

**ROLL CALL:**

5 - Ayes: Ald. Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey  
 0 - Nays:  
 0 - Abstains:  
 0 - Absent:

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

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderwoman Evans, Chairman  
 (Committee Meeting - TBA)**

**No Report**

Mayor Ford made a statement on his view of the City of Country Club Hills opting in on Cannabis. Mayor Ford shared the State of Illinois put this law in place. If the City of Country Club Hills had OPT'D out the City will still have to deal with the concerns of Cannabis. As a city we should use the revenue to assist the with its revenue.

**10. Public Portion of Meeting**

Alderman Lockett moved that the floor be opened to the public.

Second – Alderman Glispie

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote

**The following individuals addressed the Council:**

- Dwight Taylor, resident for 20 + years with Evangelism of Grace for Country Club Hills introduced a community based organization which is the Evangelism of Grace. The organization met with a representative with Census 2020 and will schedule ongoing meeting to inform residents of how to engage in community activity. Mr. Taylor would like to encourage residents to participate.
- Harry Willliam Jones Jr., resident publically apologized to Ald. Davis to all members on the diocese except for Ald. Evans regarding inflammatory information shared during the recent Mayoral election. Mr. Jones shared his view to the elected officials regarding the current budget shows the revenues are down by \$1.5 million, the city overspent by \$1.1 million and the long term debt is \$86.2 million. He shared the Theater lost \$344,000 in 2018, \$430,00 in 2017 and \$527,000

2019 per the city's audit. Mr. Jones shared he will pay for literature to show that under Ald. Spivey's leadership the Theater has continually lost money.

- Deshawn Jointer-Pitts, resident shared her disappointment in SD#144 as her son, who is autistic, is a student is not safe at the school or on the buses. Ms. Pitts questioned the policies of the school as he is mainstreamed and placed in a normal setting. As he was in this setting he was bullied and she needs assistance dealing with this matter. She would like some direction from the Mayor or Council. Mayor Ford shared Prarie Hills is in Markham and she would have to share her concerns with the City of Markham and SD#144.
- Zenah Taher, business owner in the City of Country Club Hills shared her letter of concern requesting assistance for her businesses. Mayor Ford shared she will have to come back on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Administrative meeting for discussion.
- Gregory Hatchett, resident voiced his concern for more Police presence in the community. He shared there was an incident at his home last night where he and his wife were almost killed in a rain of gun fire at his home. His wife was in the living room at 9:37pm last night their home was riddled with bullets and the count was approximately 99 shell casings. He and his wife moved here from Chicago 3 years ago and he is asking for more Police presence. Ms. Hatchett initially thought it was firecrackers and she crawled to the bedroom to wake her husband. Their video surveillance showed 2 vehicles with 2 individuals exiting each car and they pulled up, stepped out and sprayed their home with bullets. She extended invitation to drive past their home 4700 W. 177<sup>th</sup> St. to see the bullet holes. Mrs. Hatchett then thanked Country Club Hills PD, Chief Galvin and Deputy Chief Richmond for their sincere concern and commitment. Mr. Hackett was concerned as he was told the entire force was at his home and there were only 5 officers. She also shared the noise was so loud an officer heard the shots at the station and called for assistance.
- Hosea Gray, resident shared he too was concerned about the shooting and voiced his concern on an ongoing gang problem in Country Club Hills. Mr. Gray suggested the City use the Redlight camera revenue to purchase camera on the main arteries to capture vehicles as they exit. Mr. Gray also stated he does not see progression with Logistics. He also wanted to know how many taxing bodies there are for the development. Mr. Gray shared his concerns with the Cannabis ordinance.

#### **11. Motion to Close the Floor to the Public**

Alderman Lockett moved that the floor be opened to the public.

Second – Alderman Davis

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote

#### **12. Aldermanic Reports**

**Alderman Spivey** – Ald. Spivey shared his sincere concern to Mr. & Mrs. Hatchett. He then thanked the residents and viewers of Country Club Hills. He also thanked various sponsors who came out to support his 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Drive held at the Provincetown Club House Assn.

**Alderwoman Evans**- Ald. Evans will speak with Mr. Taylor after the meeting regarding the Evangelism of Grace. She then addressed the concerns of Ms. Pitts who had left the meeting. She then shared to Mr. & Mrs. Hatchett there are gangs everywhere and often times crimes are being committed in the City and retaliation then follows crime back to Country Club Hills. She shared Country Club Hills is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest holder of section 8 voucher recipients in Cook County. Ald. suggested residents utilize all resources i.e. Ring doorbells, use the Neighborhood app and use caution when answer your doors. Ald. Evans then shared her view on Cannabis to not assume the negative as it is highly self regulated and she encourages the acceptance for its potential source of revenue.

**Alderman Glispie** – Ald. Glispie sympathized with Ms.Pitts concerns regarding SD#144 and shared he is willin g to work with Markham and SD#144 to assist her with her concern. Ald. Glispie sympathized with Mr. & Mrs. Hatchett on the shooting at their home. Ald. Glispie encouraged them to stay in Country Club Hills. Ald. Glispie addressed Mr. Gray’s concern and advised him the Logistics development is taking place and he will invite everyone to the ground breaking.

**Alderman Lockett** – Ald. Lockett sympathized with Mr. and Mrs. Hatchett. He then commended the Country Club Hills Police Dept and assured everyone of their expertise and professionalism. He then shared the shooting at 167<sup>th</sup> & Pulaski was an isolated incident. He then assured Mr. Gray the Logistics is here and we anticipate the ground breaking. Ald. Lockett then shared the upcoming Cook County Board of Review Tax Appeal Forum scheduled Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm here at City Hall for Rich and Bremen Townships sponsored by the Country Club Hills Housing Authority Commission. He then shared family reading night at Sykuta School Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:00pm, Sykuta Book exchange, Sykuta New Book program Nov 25-Dec 17<sup>th</sup> as the school is looking to collect 400 new books to share with students during the winter break. He then commended the Country Club Hills Police Dept.

**Alderman Davis** – Ald. Davis extended a personal apology to his colleagues. He shared, When you run for office you are open to criticism. Ald. Davis extended his sincere concern and apology to Mr. and Mrs. Hatchett and commended the Country Club Hills Police Dept. He also shared if you see something say something. Ald. Davis encouraged the Hatchett’s to stay in Country Club Hills. He then addressed Ms. Pitts concern and shared he will help in any way he can. Ald. Davis stated he is not against the Tax Levy he thought it warranted more conversation. He then wished everyone a Happy Thankgivng.

**Mayor Ford** - Mayor Ford shared his sincere concern for the Hachetts and concurred that Country Club Hills is the safest in the south suburbs. The city is moving in the right direction to develop the undeveloped land in Country Club Hills. Mayor spoke with a developer recently in Scottsdale, Arizona who will come to Country Club Hills for possible developmet.

**13. Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett.**

**Second – Alderman Glispie**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Respectfully submitted**



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**Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk**