



**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
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 7:05pm 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, Atty Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski and Atty John Murphey

**ABSENT:** None

3. **Invocation was presented by Rev. Dr. Peter Dorn**

4. **Journal of Proceedings;**

A. **Approval of Minutes –**

1. Regular City Council Meeting - January 27, 2020

2. Administrative Meeting - February 3, 2020

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting January 27, 2020 and February 3, 2020. Second – Alderman Glispie

**Motion carried via voice vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.**

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

### **B. Approval of New Volunteer Commission Appointments**

Mayor Ford introduced JoAnn Wade to present the New Commission appointees who shared a some information about themselves. JoAnn introduced Pastor William Jenkins who will join the Pastor Commission. Richard Taylor who will join the Theater and EDC Commissions. Eddie Parker and Michael Perry who will join the Fire and Police Commission.

Pastor Jenkins spoke and shared he appreciated the opportunity to serve his community living here for over 7 years, married to Gloria for 37 years, father of 4, president of the Southland Ministerial Health Network, 24 years serving as a Police Chaplin, works with 6<sup>th</sup> District Ct Judge Tommy Brewer, Registered Minister with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's Office, Pastoring for over 40 years and presently Pastors at the Becoming Word Church in Lansing, IL – 18424 Stony Island.

Richard Taylor spoke and shared he has been a resident over 16 years, married to Yvette and father of Richard III and Christian Taylor. He is honored to have the opportunity to serve and quoted Ghandi, “ The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”. Mr. Taylor has coached baseball, coached Basketball at Victory Apostolic Church. Mr. Taylor was honored to be asked by Ald. Spivey to join. Mr. Taylor enjoyed meeting and speaking with Mayor Ford and hopes to serve well and do justice to his community.

Mayor then asked the City Clerk to read a resolution for Lt. Michael Perry recognizing his over 30 years of service and dedication to his community as a resident and career fire fighter for the City of Country Club Hills.

Michael Perry shared he has been a resident for 62 years and wanted to join the Fire and Police Commission to further assist his community.

Mayor then took pictures with the new Commissioners and their families.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the new commission volunteers. Second- Ald. Glispie.

Motion carried via voice vote and hereby made a part of the original journal proceeding this date.

### **A. Approval – Resignation of CCH Fire Lt. Michael Perry Agreement**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes Resignation of CCH Fire Lt. Michael Perry Agreement. Second – Alderman Davis

**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.**

**6. Approval – Wage Schedule**

Alderman Davis motioned to table the Wage Schedule as it is need of further discussion. Second Ald. Spivey.

**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.**

**7. City Clerk’s Report**

City Clerk, Patricia D. Hutson announced the success of the City Clerk’s 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Collaboration Event held at the CRC Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> during basketball season. Clerk Hutson also thanked the CRC staff and commioners Nutall and Rosebar for their assistance over this past weekend. Clerk Hutson reminded everyone the State of Illinois has over \$2.9 Billion dollars in unclaimed funds and some of it may be yours. Clerk Hutson thanked the AKA’s of Theta Rho Chapter for stopping by last Friday to share small gift bags for women in celebration of February which is Women’s Health Month. Clerk Hutson then shared that City Hall will be closed Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> in celebration of President’s Day and will resume normal business hours on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Clerk Hutson shared the Annual Black History Play is

scheduled for Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm to 5:00p.m. Clerk Hutson shared in celebration of Black History Month a little known Black History Fact: George Edwin Taylor was the first African American to run for president in 1904

## **Committee Reports**

### **I. Finance**

**Alderman Lockett, Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting – TBA)**

#### **A. Ald. Lockett motioned for council approval of vouchers for February 10, 2020**

**Seconded by: Ald. Davis**

##### **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.**

#### **B. Approval – Theater Contract**

Ald. Lockett motioned to table the Theater Contract. Seconded by: Ald. Spivey

##### **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)**

**C. Ald. Davis motioned for council approval of the Homewood Disposal Renewal Contract May 31, 2020 to May 31, 2025. Seconded by: 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.**

Ald. Davis shared the committee looked at competitors and there are advantages with Homewood Disposal such as (2) city wide branch pick-ups and (4) city wide street sweeps, brown can recyclables with a 3% increase which is less than the competitors.

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

**Alderman Spivey, Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting – TBA)**

**A. Approval – Zoning change for Cargo Vans for Chicago, LLC II from C1 to C3  
Ald. Spivey shared the ZBA approved the zoning change however, the council was in agreement to disapprove the change. Ald. Spivey asked for clarification from Atty Murphey who advised the disapproval is brought forth in the form of a vote of yes or no.**

**Ald. Spivey motioned for council approval of the Zoning change from C1 to C3.  
Seconded by: Ald. Evans**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

0 - Abstains:

0 - Absent:

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

**B. Approval – Ordinance Amending “ Regulations for Cannabis”**

**D. Ald. Spivey motioned for council approval for the Ordinance Amending “Regulations for Cannabis”. Seconded by: Ald. Davis**

**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.**

**Ald. Spivey shared a new restaurant by the name of SeaFood Shack will be opening at 4858 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St.**

**V. Insurance, Risk Management& Personnel Alderwoman Evans, Chairman**

**(Committee Meeting – February 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm)**

**No Report**

#### **10. Public Portion of Meeting**

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

Second – Alderman Davis

**Motion Carried via voice vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.**

**The following individuals addressed the Council:**

- Joan Wolfe, resident for over 40 years, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Mrs. Wolfe shared her concerns and displeasure with the recent increase in the senior Oak Organization Annual Fee as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> from \$12 to \$36 for residents and \$24 to \$60 for non-residents. Mrs. Wolfe was one of the original founders for the

program and she has seen the fees increase over the years and has seen a decline in membership. This directly impact those who need the socialization most and cannot afford the increase in fees. This payment is due once a year and is not offered as a monthly pay item. Mrs. Wolfe would like to know what was paid in vs what was spent. Seniors get water, soda and popcorn and no longer receive food. The organization finds speakers who do not charge a fee to save money and some of them often bring food for the seniors. Oak is a place for seniors to come, get out of the house, socialize and they care and watch over each other. With the increase in fees many seniors will not renew next year and the organization may no longer exist.

- Mayor Ford confirmed the current fee of \$36 a year and shared it is a safe environment.
- Anese Nutall shared her concern of why the Oak Program is under the Park District.
- Mayor Ford shared everyone who participates in Park District programs pays additional fees to subsidize the cost and will have a discussion with Mr. Ross regarding this matter.
- Ald. Evans inquired as to the non-residents rates which Ms. Nutall shared it is \$60.
  
- Mayor shared the City absorbs the cost of staff, the bus driver, gas, vehicle, insurance, etc. and he will offer a monthly pay option and this can be worked out.
- Ms. Nutall shared members are looking at Hazel Crest which offers a program with no fees for residents and non-residents
- Ricca James, resident is a senior commissioner, 27 year resident, volunteers for her community and shared that seniors do not have as much others and she will remember this when it's time to vote.
- Dwyer Williams, resident shared his concern about the recent discrediting of the red light cameras. Mr. Williams would like Country Club HILs to be the first in the South Suburbs to remove the red light cameras. Mr. Williams suggested residents call Senator Hastings, Commissioner Sims and Rep Meyers-Martin to voice their concerns and requests to remove the red light cameras.
  
- Tom Blasak, resident for 49 years and would like to find out more about the Wage Schedule and heard the rumor that the Police Dept will have to give up their increase for the Fire Dept.
  
- Ald. Lockett shared this is the first he has heard of the increase for the seniors and the cost of living and prices increase.
  
- Antoinette Robinson, resident over 30 years shared her concerns of a rumored layoffs for the Police Department. She shared the challenges and dangers for law enforcement and believes this needs to be reconsidered because the police work and deserve their pay.
  
- Mayor Ford shared this is a rumor and he would prefer residents attend the meetings for good information.

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

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

Second – Alderman Davis

**Motion Carried via voice vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.**

## **12. Aldermanic Reports**

**Alderman Spivey** – shared this is an over 60 % increase and the he enjoys spending time with the seniors and will work hard during the next budget to resolve the increase. Ald. Spivey thanked all of the volunteer commissioners for the service especially Mr. Taylor who is always available to help him. He went on to compliment and thank the Police Dept. He has scheduled a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting Wed February 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at CCH Fire Station II on 175<sup>th</sup> St. Ald. Spivey then shared his attendance at the recent book signing event for Felecia Alford and thanked CCH Fire for coming out to the event for her book “The Fire”.

**Alderwoman Evans**- Shared she was not aware of the income and will look at the increase and pay options and acknowledged the support of the seniors. She then shared Mr. Blasiak’s concerns and she will look into that. Ald. Evans shared the wage schedule is a cap on wages which may not be applicable to union employees and supported the tabling that item. Ald. Evans then spoke on Mr. Williams concern and agrees the red light cameras are not a safety concern and will work with him on this.

**Alderman Glispie** – shared the Census takers will come around and be sure to get counted. Ald. Glispie was not sure if the elected officials have a say in the increase for the seniors. He will work with other elected official and would like to see the cost the same for everyone whether resident or not. Ald. Glispie shared the recent passing of long time resident John Ware whose viewing is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-5:00pm

**Mayor Ford asked for a moment of silence in memory of John Ware.**

**Alderman Lockett** – Ald. Lockett thanked all of the residents who came out and shared CCHills receives 14 million in property taxes, 8 million CCHPD, 3.5 million CCH Fire and leaves the city with the balance for operations. The city is obligated to manage the funds and the services cannot over exceed our budget. The previous Mayor hired police at \$65,000 making more than IL State Policemen and maxing out at \$100,000. The city cannot afford this. CCH PD and CCH Fire provide excellent, professional service and the city has to look at all services including elected officials.

**Alderman Davis** – Ald. Davis inquired as to whether the Park District increased the senior oak fees and Atty Murphey and Mayor clarified this is handled administratively as an increase within their budget. He suggested the administrator should request the Park Board. He encouraged inquiry from the Park Board who meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Ald. Davis shared there are revenues and expenditures and the city wants to be sure everything is going up and the city has to come up with additional revenues. Per Ald. Davis there is a bill inconsideration for removal of red light cameras in non home rule municipalities. Ald.



Davis thinks the red lights cameras are questionable and at \$500,000 the city will have to consider how this will impact the city. The city does not want to increase taxes and does not want to do anything to impact the city negatively.

**Mayor Ford** - Mayor Ford shared every corporate company has a starting and salary cap. He pulled the 2007 ordinance and updated it for 2020. We have to be accountable and revenues have to come in to offset the expenditures. You can't spend more than you make. This is something that has been worked on the many years. Census 2020 is coming and everyone has to be counted. The city stands to lose \$6,400 per person per year for the next 10 years. The Complete Count Committee has been formed and anyone is interested please let him know.

**Ald. Davis** asked to clarify the cap off for CCH PD was \$89,000 not \$100,000.

Mayor Ford asked Chief Kopec and AC Hullinger to share information.

**A.C. Hullinger** shared information on the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project that will be coming to CCH Fire Station II 4520 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St. to build beds for children who do not have beds to sleep in. If anyone is interested in coming out to help build beds it is Saturday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 8am to 1pm. If anyone is unable to volunteer the program is accepting new twin size bedding, pillows, comforters that can be dropped off at any time.

Interim Chief Kopec shared the participation for a grant on consolidation in the state of IL with Markham. The grant is AFFI and will fund \$40,000 for the feasibility study for cost effectiveness.

Mayor shared this is Black History Month and our program is Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> 3pm at Hillcrest and the next City Council Meeting is Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

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

**Second – Alderman Davis**

**Motion Carried via voice vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm**

**Respectfully submitted**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson", is written over a horizontal line.

**Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk**