



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4200 W 183rd St. Country Club Hills, IL  
60478

Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, Cook County, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:06p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor. Due to COVID-19 public health emergency, this meeting is available remotely for elected officials via tele-conference per Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020.70 issued March 16, 2020.

- 1a. Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance

### 2. ROLL CALL – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett(on-site), Alderman Glispie(on-site), Alderman Davis(tele-conference), Alderman Spivey(on-site), Mayor Ford(on-site). Also present: Rev. Willie Blackmon- invocation (tele-conference).

ABSENT: Alderwoman Evans

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE:

Invocation was presented by Rev. Willie Blackmon, Pastor of Grace Community Church, 4050 Flossmoor Rd, Country Club Hills, IL.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 07.13.2020. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:**

Mayor Ford shared he participated in a conference call with Maria Pappas and she shared a list of 90 residential properties owned by seniors in Country Club Hills that are eligible for to file for their Senior Homeowners Exemptions and Senior Freeze Exemptions. There are monies available for these property owners. Mayor Ford provided all elected officials with a copy of the list, which is sorted by Ward, to contact their constituents for notification and assistance. Mayor shared this is critical that we reach out to these residents as soon as possible. Alderman Lockett shared the exemptions can go back as far as (3) years. Also, Mayor Ford wrote a letter to Cook County Board President Preckwinkle regarding the 90 day extension on Cook County property tax collection will severely impact the municipality. She responded there is \$51mil in CARES ACT money available for municipalities. There is \$520,000 allocated to Country Club Hills. Ald. Lockett shared the distribution is in very poor taste as the Federal Government sent this money in March and Cook County has held on to the monies until July. \$462mil has sat in the bank collecting interest while municipalities have been struggling. Municipalities now have to apply following the strict guidelines to apply for the allocated monies available. Mayor Ford shared COVID-19 is still ongoing and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

**6. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Patricia Hutson shared please remind everyone to complete the Census 2020 as this is beneficial for Country Club Hills. Clerk Hutson then congratulated Louise Shines on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday as her family recently celebrated her July 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a drive through on July 18<sup>th</sup> escorted by Country Club Hills Police Department. Her family sent their sincere appreciation to Country Club Hills for their assistance. City Clerk Hutson shared she is in the process of preparing packets for businesses that will include information on COVID-19 guidelines per Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders along with information on how to apply for PPP via SBA.gov until August 8th. The city is mandating facial coverings, hand washing, social distancing, lobby signage and each business will be provided signage designating the maximum number of patrons per 6ft of distancing that is to be posted in the window of the business. The packets will be hand

delivered by representatives from the Police Department and the Building Department to each business in the coming days. City Clerk Hutson will work with Leora Bell, resident on the application documents for the packet. City Clerk Hutson shared the next meeting will be an Administrative Meeting on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and encouraged all interested parties to check the city website for the agenda and public participation information.

Mayor Ford shared he has heard there will be information coming from the State that may reduce the number of bars open unless there is a patio area to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus. Alderman Spivey inquired as to whether permits will be granted to those restaurants that do not have patio areas to create one. Mayor Ford responded no the city will not.

**7. CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY COLLECTOR**

City Collector's Report 06.30.2020 - Collector Hutson shared the report is in the Alderman's packets.

**8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – DEBORAH M. MCILVAIN, CITY TREASURER**

City Treasurer's Report 6.30.2020 - City Clerk Hutson shared the report is in the Alderman's packets.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee** – Alderman Lockett, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting 08.06.2020 12:00P.M.)

- D. Approval of Vouchers 07.27.2020 - Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Approval of 07.27.2020 Vouchers in the amount of \$352,742.08. Second, Alderman Davis.  
Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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

Alderman Lockett shared these vouchers will be paid as monies are available.

E. Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the Amended Budget 2020.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance Adopting the Amended Budget 2020.2021, Ald. Lockett shared the original budget need to be fully balanced and this amendment reflect a balanced budget, Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – none.

Mayor Ford shared this balanced budget will make the city eligible to refinance bonds.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes :Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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**Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract** – Alderman Glispie, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

**Public Works and Utilities** – Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

**Economic Development & Planning, Zoning & Development** – Alderman Spivey, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Spivey shared yesterday was the EDC Shred Day at the Theater parking lot, there was a record number of participants, the Commissioners Betton and Hill did a fantastic job, State Rep Debbie Meyers-Martin along with Mayor Agpawa of Markham came out and it was a great day. Alderman Spivey then shared in March there were four businesses scheduled to receive the Business of the Month Award. Due to his absence and then COVID-19 the plans were put on hold. He would like to schedule time with Eric Booker to deliver the awards and video the presentation for What A Taco, United Liquor, Country Pantry and the Guitar Store at their sites to allow social distancing and to stay within the guidelines of the number of people in City Hall. Mayor Ford shared he prefers they come to City Hall and the next City Council Meeting is August 10th. Alderman Spivey will speak with the Commissioners and the businesses and contact the Mayor or the City Clerk to schedule the presentation. Alderman Spivey shared there is a new bakery business in the city and the owner is a resident of Country Club Hills. The business is Sweets Addict at 4048 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and she would like to schedule a grand opening in September. Alderman Spivey inquired about a ground breaking ceremony for Logistics. Mayor Ford shared it is not a ground breaking but a social media sharing opportunity as they put the first wall up the 3<sup>rd</sup> building which will be 800sq.ft. Due to COVID-19 Mayor and Mr. Martel agreed to elected officials only along with Mr. Martel and his rep will take photo's Friday at 8:00am. Eric Booker will be on site to take pictures for the city. Alderman Spivey asked if the Commissioners will be able to participate and Mayor Ford responded no, they will not. Mayor shared there will be elected officials, Martel representatives, newspaper rep as we are trying to keep the numbers down and limit the number of people we will draw. There was ongoing conversation on the subject including the invitations will go out Wednesday. Alderman Spivey shared State Rep Meyers-Martin has information on rental assistance and small business loans [staterepdebbiemeyermm@gmail.com](mailto:staterepdebbiemeyermm@gmail.com).

**Insurance, Risk Management, and Personnel – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman**  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report per Alderman Lockett

**10. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public.  
Second by Alderman Glispie. Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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**11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Leora Bell, resident offer assistance to any property owners applying for the Senior Exemption form as they will go back 3 years and an application must be filled out for each year. She recently helped her sister get \$5,000.

Alderman Lockett inquired as to whether seniors have to apply each year and Mayor responded yes they must apply annually.

Jennie Betton, resident commended the EDC Commission on a great Shred Day yesterday and encouraged everyone in attendance to come out and participate in the events. Commissioner Betton shared the City Clerk was absent due to a previously scheduled family event. Commissioner Betton shared this was the last free Shred Day and residents are requesting another Shred Day. The cost for the Shred Day will be \$450.00 for 3 hours if the city is interested. Commissioner Betton requested a copy of the letter to businesses along with a business list as she is working with her bank contacts for loan assistance information. City Clerk Hutson will provide an updated list at a later time and the letter to businesses after the meeting.

**12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Approval to close the floor to the public. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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### 13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis shared Cornerstone Christian Church, 4101 Flossmoor Rd will hold its monthly Food Pantry Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. recipients and volunteers are welcome. Mayor will have Eric Booker share this information on Facebook.

Alderman Lockett – Alderman Lockett encouraged everyone to complete their Census 2020 information as we aspire to reach our 100% goal. These dollars directly impact our city and monies for first responders etc. Also, COVID-19 numbers are increasing in the State of IL and please wear a mask, keep your distance and follow the guidelines. Alderman Lockett shared yesterday was his sister's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and he would like everyone to join him in wishing her a Happy Birthday, then he asked for a moment of silence for his aunt Barbara Jean Walker, longtime Southland resident, 46year member of Christ Temple Baptist Church who passed away Friday along with U.S. Congressman John Lewis who was a pillar in the fight for civil rights. Alderman Lockett also shared G-4 is coming. G-4 is a stronger version of the swine flu.

Alderman Glispie – No Report

Alderman Spivey – Alderman Spivey shared he has not had a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting due to COVID-19. He will work with Eric Booker to have questions emailed to him and he will respond via a Zoom and Channel 4 to provide responses. He addressed the speeding in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and asked the police department to install a speed enforcement tool in the area. The speed enforcement tool is not working but the police department will have it repaired. He also has a list of potholes to be repaired. Alderman Spivey inquired as to picnics and block parties. Mayor Ford shared the parks will remain closed and we cannot allow gatherings of large groups of people at this time. Ald. Spivey asked about First Midwest Bank and Mayor Ford shared they will not reopen the drive through and the lobby with a projected date of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Spivey shared Ms. Dyson the owner of the Atrium is present this evening and would like to speak with the Mayor after the meeting.

Commissioner Betton shared she has observed the local bars are overcrowded and something needs to be done. Mayor Ford shared information will be shared via the packet and the city will take the necessary steps to close businesses if needed.

Mayor Ford shared he has issued a letter to staff regarding flying out of Chicago to any of the States listed with high COVID-19 numbers will have to self-quarantine or test and retest in 8 days per the letter before coming back to work. Mayor shared driving is permissible at this time.

Alderman Lockett asked for prayers for the Lilly family of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward as Boris Lilly was recently murdered in Riverdale.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Spivey**

**0 Nays:**

**0 Abstain:**

**1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk**