



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – JAMES W. FORD, MAYOR

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 7:05p.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

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), Alderwoman Evans (tele-conference), Alderman Spivey(tele-conference), Mayor Ford(on-site). Also present: Attorney John Murphey, (tele-conference), Pastor Dorn, St. John's Lutheran Church-invocation (tele-conference)

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Dorn of St. John's Lutheran Church, 4247 W. 183rd St., Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - 07.27.2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 07.27.2020. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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 spoke about the storm earlier today. He shared there are quite a few trees down, some in the streets blocking traffic, heavily in the 3rd Ward and we are waiting for Com-Ed to come out for repairs. Public works and the Police Department are clearing the streets and residents are Mayor advised everyone to check their home for person property damage. Mayor shared his own fence is down and again urged everyone to check their property for damage. Mayor Ford then shared there were riots and looting in the city of Chicago last night and early this morning due to misinformation from social media. The City of Country Club Hills was prepared at 4:00am this morning for any possible looting. There was intel shared that looting was scheduled for Country Club Hills today at 3:00pm and precautions were made in preparation. At this time most stores are closed and hopefully there will be no issues. Mayor Ford shared he and Mayor Agpawa met regarding the areas of 159th St., 167th St and route 30 has been cut and mowed with help from Senator Michael Hastings who set up a meeting with IDOT who came out and cleaned up trash and cut the previously unmaintenanced areas.

- A. Approval - Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds. Mayor Ford shared the documents were submitted for reimbursement and this official Resolution is required as well. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Closing Hours Ordinance

Mayor Ford shared this Ordinance is needed to change the hours of operation of businesses during COVID-19. After COVID-19 we will resume normal hours. We are trying to work with the State of Illinois to make sure the numbers stop increasing and to reduce the number of people congregating in one place. We have had issues with our bars having more than the capacity of their businesses. This ordinance will let them know they will no longer be able to over-congregate and close the businesses at a proper time.

Ald. Spivey asked what time are we looking at, are there any other surrounding suburbs that are having issues and can he share which bars we are having problems with not being in compliance? Ald. Spivey shared Sweetz is in his ward and asked if VIP was in Ald. Lockett's ward? Mayor shared this is for all bars in the city that has a liquor license. Ald. Spivey asked El Cortez too? Mayor responded El Cortez is not open until 12am, they operate within the guidelines of our Ordinances. Mayor shared other towns have these changes some time ago and we are the last ones on board with this. Mayor shared Markham, Harvey and Calumet Park have reduced hours and when those areas closed everyone migrates out to Country Club Hills because our bars are open until 2am or longer. This causing issues in the neighborhoods because some bars have outside venues and play loud music that can be heard all throughout the neighborhoods. Country Club Hills has a noise ordinance that says 10:30pm is the last time to play music outdoors. Ald. Spivey said he has checked with surrounding areas and other towns are paying close attention to their bars by going out to the capacities of their patrons. Mayor shared to Ald. Spivey if you want specifics to give him a call. Ald. Lockett requested an amendment to the ordinance to extend the closing hour until 1am on Saturday, Seconded by Ald. Davis. Ald. Spivey asked if this was for Friday and Saturday? Ald. Evans asked Ald. Lockett what time the drive throughs stay open and he responded usually 1am. Ald. Evans asked if the amendment should be for Friday and Saturday? Ald. Lockett and Mayor Ford responded no, only for one night which is Saturday. Ald. Spivey asked to be recognized and asked if we make it Friday and Saturday until 1am and Ald. Lockett shared let's go back to the original 12am for both nights. Mayor shared there are specific reasons why these time frames were presented. Ald. Spivey responded let's stick to the 1am Saturday if we are going to strongly arm them. If the businesses are not abiding by the guidelines and ordinances then we have to stay on top of them. Ald. Spivey asked if we are phase 4 and that is 50% capacity and Mayor Ford responded no 50 people or less.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Closing Hours Ordinance with amendments to close at 12am on Friday and 1am on Saturday.

Attorney Murphey asked for clarification. City Clerk Hutson shared the original ordinance has been revised and emailed earlier today, the packets and copies are updated. Attorney Murphey asked if the extra hour is for the two pouring licenses or just restaurants? Mayor shared it is for restaurants with drive throughs? Attorney Murphey shared class A may serve until 1am on Saturday going into Sunday and he will revise it while the voting is occurring and then email it. Ald. Davis asked if this is ok to vote on as amended and Attorney Murphey responded yes I did not change the guts and it is ok. Ald. Spivey had a question for Attorney Murphey. Attorney Nelson-Jaworski sent an email as she had some concerns with the original ordinance to protect the city from any legal action. Ald. Spivey asked Attorney Murphey if he responded to her concerns? Attorney Murphey responded she emailed him around 3pm that she thought the ordinance was incomplete but he had already revised the ordinance and will further revise it. Mayor shared if Tiffany had concerns she should have reached out to all of the Aldermen. Ald. Spivey responded she did all of them.

Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion -

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans-as amended and Spivey-as amended

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Lockett shared for the record he as not contacted by Attorney Nelson-Jaworski via phone or email and Ald. Glispie shared he was not contacted either.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson encouraged residents to check their eligibility for any available monies from I-Cash through the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. This needs to be an annual basis to see if there is money out there for you at www.2illinois.gov. Also, request your mail in ballots early by going to the website www.cookcountyclerk.com or the front counter. Please keep in mind postage is more than .50. Lastly, Clerk Hutson reminded residents let today's weather remind you to go to the city's website www.countryclubhills.org or front counter to sign up for the Code Red Emergency Alert system.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval - Vouchers 08.10.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 08.10.2020 vouchers in the amount of \$399,213.77 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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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)

Ald. Spivey shared he recently attended a soft grand opening at Sweets Addict Cafe at this past Saturday from 11am to 5pm along with Commissioner Tom Hill.

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

(No Report)

9. 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: 5 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Theron Bradley, BR Bar asked for clarification of the new ordinance on hours to comply and understand what is going on. He asked what was voted on is different than what is on paper? Mayor responded except item A. Mr. Bradley went on to read that area and Mayor clarified the closing time of 1am on Saturday and Friday at 12am. Mr. Bradley asked if bars are to cease selling alcohol at those times because as he reads the ordinance it states to stop selling and not to close the establishment. Mr. Bradley shared alot of his sales come in after 1am with Doordash, Ubereats and grubhub which is food and he is asking if he needs to close for those orders as well. Mayor shared restaurants that do not serve liquor that have drive throughs will close according to the hours in the ordinance. There was continued discussion regarding this matter and Mayor asked Attorney Murphey to clarify Mr. Bradley's concerns. Mr. Bradley asked about video gaming and Attorney Murphey shared a copy of the ordinance will be sent to the Illinois Gaming Board and the machines will turn off according to the times that are set in the ordinance. Mr. Bradley asked how long this ordinance will stay in place and Mayor responded until the COVID-19 pandemic is over and the Governor changes his Executive order. Mr. Bradley asked if this will stay in place in stage 5 and Mayor and Attorney Murphey responded yes. Attorney Murphey shared this ordinance will stay in place as it states until further action by the Mayor and the City Council. Mr. Bradley asked if this is happening with other communities or just Country Club Hills. Alderman Lockett responded we are home ruled and surrounding communities having nothing to do with this as this is for Country Club Hills. Mr. Bradley shared Chicago is doing this per crime and he researched and found only Harvey has made changes per crime pre COVID-19. Mr. Bradley shared as a business owner and sitting on the Economic Development Committee to try and bring businesses in this is a pushing customer to Matteson,

Richton Park, Orland, Tinley etc. This will impact staff by layoffs, some businesses have taken out PPP loans and without the ability to pay employees they will have to repay and lay off employees if they do not meet the pay requirements. Mr. Bradley has almost 10 employees that live in Country Club Hills. Mayor shared he is interested in savings lives as he is working with the State, the Governor and 17 Mayors in the southland. Cal Park and Harvey have this in place, Markham is working on it along with others. There was ongoing discussion and as a Mayor he is responsible for over 16,000 residents and the businesses are not in compliance. Mr. Bradley asked for clarification on the capacity. Is it 50 people or 25% of the capacity. Mayor shared he clarified this with the building dept. Mr. Bradley asked if his capacity is 75 he can have 50 and Mayor shared it is 50 or less. Mayor shared he will give Mr. Bradley a copy showing 50 people or less.

Terrance Brown, manger Aces Cafe asked for clarity on the hours of closing which was responded to by Ald. Lockett of 12am on Friday and 1am on Saturday.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE THE 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: 3 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Glispie and Evans

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Spivey

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Spivey - No Response

Alderwoman Evans - No Report

Alderman Glispie - No Report

Alderman Lockett - Alderman Lockett reminded everyone during COVID-19 to please fill out your Census 2020, it quick and easy and continue to be safe. There is a 14 day quarantine if you travel to Wisconsin and other states. Also, free lunch assistance is available and today is the start of Rental Assistance through the Illinois Housing and Cook County for rental or homeowner assistance. During today's storm there is a lot of damage especially with branches. Please bring all branches to the curb and contact public works.

Alderman Davis - No Report

Mayor Ford shared if any residents need face coverings to contact city hall. We received 20,000 face masks this past Saturday and we will plan a giveaway in the future.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk