



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, August 24, 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 the COVID-19 public health emergency, this meeting is available remotely for elected officials via tele-conference per Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive 2020.70 issued March 16, 2020.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The 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 Davis (tele-conference), Alderman Glispie (on-site), Alderwoman Evans (tele-conference), Alderman Spivey (tele-conference), Mayor Ford(on-site). Also present: Attorney John Murphey (on-site)

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by resident and EDC Commissioner Tom Hill.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - 08.10.2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 08.10.2020. 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 shared updates of COVID-19. As of today there have been 490 cases with 30 deaths in the City of Country Club Hills. The city's numbers are currently at 28.6% and the numbers are continuing to decrease. The city is currently experiencing some issues with some of the vendors in town that are not complying with the current ordinance. Census numbers are at 71% which is higher than Hazel Crest and other municipalities in the Southland. There will be an event coming up to help increase our Census numbers. Mayor shared he has received 20,000 masks from Dr. Willie Wilson and there will be another mask give away for residents. Mayor Ford shared his appreciation for the generosity of Dr. Wilson for Country Club Hills and other surrounding municipalities in the Southland. Mayor shared he has suspended issuing licenses and certificates of occupancies to rental property owners. There have been overwhelming issues with the 915 rental properties including 145 section-8 properties. The number of rentals is higher than any of the surrounding municipalities. Mayor is determined to make sure all municipalities have their fair share and Country Club Hills should not bear the burden of such a high number of rentals. Mayor thinks the African American communities are being targeted and that is not fair. Mayor shared with the Aldermen that they may receive calls about this but he is sticking to this plan. Mayor Ford then asked for a motion for item A.

A. Approval - Ordinance Declaring Special Hours of Operation During COVID-19

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance Declaring special Hours of Operation During COVID-19 and requested an Ordinance No. City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson responded Ordinance No. O-07-20. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Mayor Ford asked Attorney Murphey to share the back ground on this Ordinance. Attorney Murphey responded there was an original Ordinance passed two weeks ago and on the first weekend of the enforcement the Country Club Hills Police Department received pushback from several businesses saying the Ordinance only changed the time of alcohol sale but not the closing of the business. The city municipal code says during the hours that alcohol is prohibited the business has to close. However, the Police Chief that this revision would make it very clear for the businesses that the alcohol must cease and the business must close at the times designated in the Ordinance. Attorney noted on page (2) sub section B. consistent with 13.3.06. Lastly, the drive-thru's was removed because the drive-thru's are already socially

distanced and there was no need to include them on the Ordinance. Mayor Ford shared the bars can stay open until 1am Saturday night into Sunday morning. Attorney shared information regarding Waukegan and The City of Chicago having concerns with business closing hours. Alderman Lockett inquired as to what is a Class-E Liquor License, which was responded to by Attorney Murphey as a Special Event's Liquor License. Mayor Ford confirmed we have not issued any Class "E"'s. There was various discussion on this subject matter.

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.

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

City Clerk, Patricia D. Hutson encouraged residents to apply for assistance through the Illinois Housing Development Authority assistance programs for renters and homeowners. Today is the first day for homeowners to apply for up to \$15,000 in assistance for missed mortgage payments from March 2020 through December of 2020. The portal address is ema.ihda.org. City Clerk Hutson also shared, the Office of the Cook County Clerk has automatically mailed out applications for mail in ballots per a law that was issued by Governor Pritzker in June requiring applications to be mailed out to anyone who voted since 2018 to present. This was issued due to COVID-19. If you complete and return your mailer you can check with the Cook County Clerk's office to confirm their receipt. If you go online www.cookcountyclerk.com and complete your request via email you will receive an email confirmation and you need not take any further action, only wait for your ballot to arrive. City Clerk shared as Mayor Ford mentioned we have 20,000 mask and a date will be set in September for a mask give-away, Voter Registration and Census event. The information will be in the September water bill. City Clerk Hutson lastly shared Hook and Reel, 4029 W. 167th Street had a soft opening yesterday and had some communication issues with their invitation for the elected officials. However, City Clerk Hutson shared the names of all of the elected officials in case they would like to stop by and introduce themselves.

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

C. City Collector Hutson shared the City Collector's Report 07.31.2020 is in the elected officials packets if there are any concerns to let her know.

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

- D. City Collector Hutson shared the City Treasurer's Report 7.31.2020 is in the elected officials packets if there are any concerns to let her know .

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- E. Approval - Vouchers 08.24.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 08.10.2020 vouchers in the amount of \$ 644,251.93 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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- F. Approval - AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-05-20 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council to table the approval of the Ordinance Amendment Amending Ordinance No. O-05-20 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Year Commencing May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021 until the next City Council Meeting. 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)

G. Approval - IDOT Resolution for Street Maintenance

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of an IDOT Resolution for Street Maintenance. Alderman Davis shared this is a housekeeping issue and this will involve \$450,000 in MFT Funds for Arlington at 178th Patrick at 182nd. The streets were picked based on a C-Map assessment. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

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

Alderman Spivey shared he was contacted by the Legislative Liaison of Cook County regarding the City's completion of the CARES applications and an IGA, Ordinance or Resolution. Alderman Spivey shared the Liaison attempted to contact Mayor but there was no response. Alderman Spivey also shared Attorney Tiffany has assisted other municipalities with these resolutions and applications. Mayor Ford shared this was passed at the last City Council meeting and the CARES applications have been submitted recently. Mayor also shared he had no knowledge of anyone reaching out to him regarding the applications.

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

(No Report)

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Clifton Graham, resident shared maybe the bars can open earlier? There was ongoing discussion on this matter. Attorney Murphey shared the bars can open at 9am. Mr. Graham shared maybe city can have a program for the renters as a rent to own. Lastly Mr. Graham inquired as if there is any stimulus monies coming in and any information for small businesses? Alderman Lockett replied the city has not received any monies and Mayor shared we have shared information with registered businesses.

Leora Bell, resident shared the renter option to own has been tried and it failed.

Jessica Sims, inquired as to when the Closing Hours Ordinance will go into effect. Mayor Ford replied it is now in effect upon closing.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to close 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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13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis shared he would like to remind the residents Richtownship Appeal window is open 08/22 through 09/06. He also confirmed Country Club Hills is a prime area for landlord because the pay rates with Section8 are higher and suggested to contact Section8 regarding lower the pay rates.

Alderman Lockett – Alderman Lockett expounded on the \$15,000 assistance program for which one is a grant and it has a lot of qualifications. He also encouraged everyone to complete their

Census 2020. Lastly, Alderman Lockett asked everyone to pray for his Aunt, Melody Banks who is in the hospital suffering from COVID-19. Also, he encouraged all seniors to apply for their homeowners exemptions up to 3 years previously.

Alderman Glispie – Alderman Glispie shared 70% for the Census is good but we can do better. Alderman Glispie shared he went to Brementownship and their office was not open. City Clerk Hutson shared she was recently in contact with their office and not exactly sure of the hours.

Alderwoman Evans – Alderwoman Evans shared the Illinois Housing Development Authority program states you had to been current as of February and late after March. Alderwoman Evans also shared the investors do target certain areas. South Holland had a moratorium which was recently lifted.

Alderman Spivey – Alderman Spivey thanks Jerry Townsend of Public Works for picking up branches in the 4th Ward.

Mayor asked Attorney Murphey to look into the rental program suspension.

14. 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:

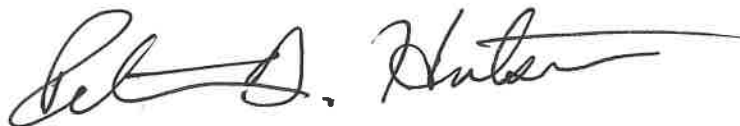
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0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk