



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, September 14, 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 7:02p.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), Mayor Ford(on-site). Also present: Attorney John Murphey, (tele-conference), Pastor Dorn, St. John's Lutheran Church-invocation (tele-conference)

Absent: Alderman Spivey

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor William Jenkins of Flesh Becoming Word Church, 18423-25 Stony Island, Lansing, IL

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 08.24.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 08.24.2020. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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 the city's newest restaurant Hook & Reel is open and will hold their grand opening ceremony Friday September 18th. Mayor also shared Wing Stop will be coming to Country Club Hills in the near future as well. Mayor Ford shared the Logistics project is making progress and the 2nd building is expected to open early November. Mayor shared there is a Southland Black Chamber of Commerce soliciting businesses in Country Club Hills and the Southland. The Black Caucus of Mayors has schedule a meeting with this entity to find out who they are and where they are from as they have solicited 4 businesses in Country Club Hills to join their Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ford was upset that the Southland Black Chamber of Commerce solicited businesses without contacting the Mayor and they are operating without a solicitor's license. He did find that this entity is based out of Peoria and claims to be the premiere Black Chamber for this area. The Black Chamber has contracted with Hook and Reel to hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and this cannot happen because the City has a Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission that will promote the Ribbon Cutting. Mayor lastly shared last Saturday Hillcrest Baptist Church had a fantastic Food Giveaway Program and gave away 14 skids of boxes of meats. This Saturday 10am to 1pm the City will give away face masks, book bags, 2020 Census officials will be on site along with Voter Registration at the Pavilion.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared early voting begins October 19th and the local sites are Markham Courthouse and Matteson Community Center. All voters have the option of early voting, mail in ballot or tradition in person voting. Branch pick up dates are set for October 10 – South of 183rd St., October 17th – North of 183rd St and Street Sweeping is October 12th – South of 183rd St. and Oct 19th – North of 183rd St. This information will be shared on Facebook and the website. City Clerk Hutson reiterated the upcoming mask, book bag etc. giveaway and thanked our partners i.e. Com-Ed, AT&T Pioneers, U.S. Census, SD#160, Grande Prairie Library for their assistance.

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

Mayor shared the financial status of the City. The City has been working with Cook County on the CARES Refund Program to obtain \$520,000 in monies spent since COVID-19 began. The city has spent \$2.1million. Payroll for the city totals \$600,000 every two weeks. The \$520,000 will help but we are still struggling financially. We are also waiting to see what happens with the taxes from residents and businesses who have not paid taxes due to COVID. The finance committee will look at cost cutting measures moving forward in the future. Mayor has asked staff to limit spending at this time.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers 09.14.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 09.14.2020 vouchers in the amount of \$431,700.13 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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B. 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 approval of an Ordinance Amendment Amending Ordinance 05-20 Adopting the Annual Budget For Year Commencing May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2020. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – Mayor Ford shared the \$437,000 lawsuit payment and the \$1million bond payment was not previously included.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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C. Windsor Estates Agreement 09.14.2020

Alderman Lockett moved to table for the next City Council per recommendation of Attorney Murphey. Windsor Estates has discussed the agreement but has not signed it at this time. There is additional language that needs to be included in the agreement. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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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)

No Report

**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: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Leora Bell, resident thanked the Council for making the right decision when the plasma center was not allowed to come to Country Club Hills. Hazel Crest has a plasma center on 183rd St and the area has panhandlers and inebriated individuals that frequent that plaza.

11. 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 Evans

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

- Alderman Spivey - Absent
- Alderwoman Evans - No Report
- Alderman Glispie - No Report – Alderman Glispie has some things to discuss privately
- Alderman Lockett - Alderman Lockett reminded everyone COVID-19 is still alive. Please fill out your Census 2020 we would love to reach 100%.
- Alderman Davis - No Report

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

0 Nays:

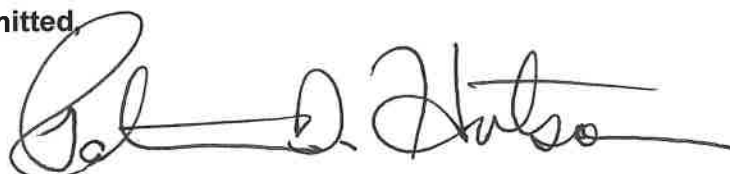
0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk