



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, October 12, 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 7:03p.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 Glispie (on-site), Alderwoman Evans (tele-conference), Alderman Spivey (on-site), Mayor Ford(on-site). Also present: Attorney John Murphey (tele-conference)

Absent – Alderman Davis

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller(on site).

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular Meeting Minutes 09.28.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 09.28.2020. Second Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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 nearest early voting locations. Crestwood, Markham Court House Harvey City Hall and Matteson Recreation Center. Mayor encouraged everyone to vote. Mayor Ford also shared the Cook County Tax Assessor property tax appeal window is open for Bremen Township which will close October 22nd and Rich Township which close October 30th. Access is available at each respective office or online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. Mayor Ford addressed that Water Department missed reading some meters in July and August. He shared the accounts will be reviewed and credits will be adjusted by November 1st. Mayor Ford then asked everyone for their patience during this process.

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

City Clerk Hutson reminded everyone to check the city's website for updated information. Clerk Hutson shared the Police Department's recent Community Newsletter is on the website under the Police Department. Clerk Hutson thanked everyone for participating by wearing pink masks and attire as the city is participating in it's third Think Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness. Clerk Hutson 250,000 will be diagnosed and 42,000 will die from Breast Cancer annually. Clerk Hutson encouraged everyone to get their annual checkups and Breast Cancer is not just for women but men as well.

Mayor Ford then shared November is Prostate Awareness month and encouraged everyone to get their annual checkups. Mayor Ford then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Fire Fighter Dylan Cunningham of South Holland who passed away recently in the line of duty. Lastly, Mayor asked everyone to slow down and share this with everyone.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers 10.12.2020

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 10.12.2020 vouchers in the amount of \$ 679,505.44 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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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)

B. Approval - 2020 MFT Road Resurfacing Bid Proposals

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 2020 MFT Road Resurfacing Bid Proposals Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – Alderman Lockett shared D-Construction was the winning bidder at \$142,000 and they currently working in town at 183rd and will be able to start this project very soon. Mayor shared this project is for Patrick in the 3rd Ward and Arlington in the 1st Ward.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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- C. Approval - Safe Routes to School Supplemental Resolution for the expenditure of \$5,200.00 of MFT Funds

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Safe Routes to School Supplemental Resolution for the expenditure of \$5,200.00 of MFT Funds Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – Alderman Lockett shared this is for a sidewalk extension from Loretto Lane to 187th St and 187th to 188th.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

- D. Approval - Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing For the I-57/183rd Street TIF Redevelopment Plan

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing For the I-57/183rd Street TIF Redevelopment Plan Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – Alderman Spivey shared this will be established a TIF for the former Girl Scout land for CRG. Attorney Murphey shared the date for the Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday November 30th at 6pm, per the developer, if all are available and in agreement with this 5th Monday date. This schedule is per a legal time table. Mayor Ford confirmed the need for this date. Attorney Murphey shared the action date will be December 14th along with the levy.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

No Report

8. 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, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING (3 MINUTE PER PERSON LIMIT)

In order to give proper consideration to all concerns comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Theresa Lipsey, resident thanked the Mayor and council for the opportunity to speak. Ms. Lipsey shared her concerns regarding the water bills. She appreciated the Mayor's acknowledgement that he will has addressed this with his staff and mentioned it would be nice for the Mayor to send something out to the residents as the leader of this city to comfort the residents apologizing for the mistake. Ms. Lipsey thanked Clerk Hutson for explaining the water bill issue earlier in the lobby. Ms. Lipsey shared she appreciated the acknowledgement of

Breast Cancer Awareness month as she is an 8 year breast cancer survivor. Ms. Lipsey then shared she hopes this does not happen again because it was a bit of a sticker shock when she opened her bill. She asked if this will be an issue in the future. Mayor Ford shared he does not see this as a issue in the future. This is the first time this has happened since he has been in office and he has been working with staff to identify the problem to make sure this does not occur again. Ms. Lipsey shared she has spoken with Ald. Spivey about the speeding near her home ATV's and vehicles. She called the police department 4 times and went out to look for the speeders in her area. The speeder are frequenting her area near 189th St. Ald. Spivey has organized police and the mobile speed identifier. Ms. Lipsey shared in the August 4th council meeting that Mayor Ford shared the number of renters in town which was over 900 residential properties. Ms. Lipsey shared she understood the rental program was suspended and she is now concerned about the rental properties. She is a proud home owner and wanted to know if the program is suspended what is the city going to do to address the unattended maintenance of the properties that the current renters reside in? Ms. Lipsey shared there is a caucasian gentleman on her block this has to be afraid because the renters in one particular property throw trash in the middle of the street and the yard is not maintained. Mayor Ford shared this is why we need to do something different with our rentals, all renters are not bad people and everyone needs a place to stay. We cannot afford to let the renters trash while home owners suffer. Mayor will have the Building Department enforce the city codes. Lastly, Ms. Lipsey shared 4311 W. 189th is selling used cars out of his driveway. He spray paints cars in the driveway. Mayor Ford shared this gentlemen is a homeowner and we will continue to address this to a point of resolution. Ms. Lipsey shared as the diversity changes she wants to be sure the community is well maintained.

Joy Hudson, resident has a concern with the local youth. Recently she noticed youth rumbling through the mailboxes in the area around 3am ish. This is one of the reasons she requested the tree trimming on the parkway, to give her a better view when this are happening around her home and prevent youth from hanging on the tree. Ms. Hudson thanked the Mayor and the council for their time.

Debrel Adams, resident shared her concern with the water bill and lack of notification of a problem. Mayor shared he was not aware of the problem until the bills went out. The bills were late this month due to machine maintenance issues and asked Ms. Adams see the supervisor at the front desk to review and credit her account. Mayor asked if she received the robo-call regarding the late bills and Ms. Adams replied she did not. Ms. Adams will reconfirm her sign-up with the supervisor of water. Ms. Adams asked what created this and Mayor replied there was a problem with the readings that generated a \$200 bill as opposed to a \$50 bill.

Carmen Maddox, resident has water bill concerns and inquired as to whether this was an equipment or personnel issue? Mayor Ford responded this was a personnel issue related to the pandemic. The city furloughed off 46 people and this has been corrected. Carmen asked if it was a area concern and Mayor shared there were 16 routes but were not able to read all of them everything has been corrected and back to normal.

Frank Bell, resident shared he attended last week and spoke with Mr. Townsend who did not call him and does not agree with the amount due. His bill quadrupled and he needs this resolved. Ms. Bell shared his toilets are very new and Ald. Lockett asked if anyone had give him

a dye tab to check his toilets. Mr. Bell shared he was not given dye tabs. Mayor Ford asked him to speak with the supervisor in the lobby to address his concern.

Helen Myers, resident shared her on October 8th her HOA (Country Club Estates) had a company digging 18 inches and had not called JULIE and hit the cable. She asked them about it and they stopped digging, shut it down and restarted the next day. This interrupted her daughter's online classes with Emory University. Ald. Spivey advised Ms. Myers she is in the 5th Ward and Ald. Davis is her Alderman.

10. 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: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Glispie, Evans and Spivey

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

No Reports

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

0 Nays:

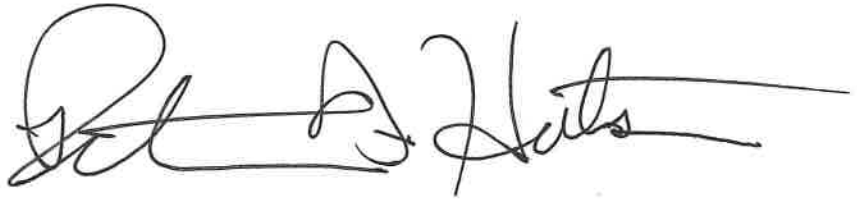
0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk