



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 25, 2021 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 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 (on-site), Mayor Ford (on-site). Also present: Attorney John Murphey (tele-conference) and City Administrator - Carl Estelle (on-site).

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Dorn of St. John's Lutheran Church

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Council Meeting 01.11.2021

Approval - 01.11.2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 01.11.2021. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – Ald. Spivey inquired about the amount of his donation to a resident which was \$150.00 in the previous meeting minutes.

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 plans for the Honorary Renaming of 175th Street throughout Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest, Markham and Harvey to “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street”. This multi-municipal renaming will occur February 13th at different times and locations.

Approval - Resolution Honorarily Designating 175th Street in the City of Country Club Hills as "Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street"

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Resolution Designating 175th Street throughout Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest, Markham and Harvey to “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street”. 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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6. CITY CLERK’S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

No Report

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

City Collector's Report as of 12.31.2020

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared all documents are in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

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

City Treasurer's Report as of 12.31.2020

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared all documents are in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval of Vouchers 01.25.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 01.25.2021 vouchers in the amount of \$ 407,918.03 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)**

Approval - 2020.2021 Grant Project Summary: October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

Alderman Davis shared this is a \$200,000 grant with a local match of \$25,000. The areas will cover Indian Hill, Park Lane to Coventry Lane, 172nd Pulaski to Hill Crest H.S. Entrance, 194th - 195th Cypress to the West.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 10.26.2020 vouchers in the amount of \$ 3,034,799.20 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – Alderman Glispie asked for clarity regarding 172nd PI off Pulaski.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

No Report

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

Alderwoman Evans reminded members of the Risk Management Committee there is a meeting Wednesday January 27th at 6:00pm to review a potential carrier in preparation for the upcoming bid.

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:

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11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Theresa Lipsey, resident shared per our attendance of the 10.12.20 Council Meeting, where she shared her concerns about the Water Billing issue, she followed with an email to Mayor Ford, Chief Galvin and City Clerk Hutson regarding 4311 W. 189th St and speeding. Ms. Lipsey received a response from Chief Galvin and Clerk Hutson but not from Mayor Ford. She shared her disappointment that Mayor Ford had not responded to her email. Ms. Lipsey shared her concern with the lack of accountability by landlord for their rental properties. Ms. Lipsey shared she has lived in Country Club Hills since 2018 and she had noticed changes over the last year and a half. Ms. Lipsey has spoken with her neighbors about their concerns and encouraged them to attend the City Council Meetings and voice their concerns. Mr. Lipsey reached out to the National Home Association which owns several rental properties in Country Club Hills and they will not address the property concerns. Ms. Lipsey shared she sent Mayor Ford a 3 page email regarding 4311 W 189th selling vehicles at the property and looked at a Facebook page to see the occupant was sharing the vehicle sales at the property as well. Ms. Lipsey shared she did not believe that Mayor Ford is a Mayor for the people or for her. She shared she voted for him and now has a different opinion. Ms. Lipsey spoke with Ald. Spivey about a Stop Sign request at 189th Willow. Ms. Lipsey shared Ald. Spivey said the survey was complete and she wanted to know when the Stop Sign will be installed because the sign is needed. She has been hearing about this Stop Sign since August. Ms. Lipsey said this is a safety issue and someone is going to get hurt.

Mayor Ford shared that Chief Galvin and City Administrator Carl Estelle had been directed by Mayor to address her concerns and respond on his behalf. Mayor shared Ms. Lipsey can vote for whomever she pleases. Mayor shared he receives several thousand emails and although he may not directly respond he will have a staff member respond on his behalf.

Ald. Spivey shared he did have a study complete per his request to Chief Galvin and it was left with Jerry Townsend to complete the process by finalizing it with Mayor Ford. Ald. Spivey said per correspondence, which is on his phone, the item was continually pushed back. Ald. Spivey said he went through the proper channels with the Police Dept and Public Works. When this was brought up at the last meeting Mayor said he did not know anything about it. Ald. Spivey

shared he did not go to the Mayor he went to the departments. Ald. Spivey shared he had a yield sign on Walnut installed and there were no problems.

Mayor Ford shared a yield sign can be installed without a vote. Mayor Ford shared he has not received anything on his desk for a Stop Sign. Mayor shared a Stop Sign has to have an Ordinance. Mayor then shared to Ald. Spivey that there is a process to have the Stop Sign request complete and it starts with the Alderman contacting the Mayor and not directly contacting staff. The Mayor will have the study complete with the Police Dpt. and Public Works, the item then goes to Committee to Admin and then goes to the full Council for a vote.

Ald. Spivey requested the records show he was not telling his constituents that the Mayor was holding up the Stop Sign installation.

There was ongoing conversation with Mayor Ford an Ald. Spivey and Mayor Ford shared again he has directed City Administrator Carl Estelle to complete the request.

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

Ald. Spivey shared there was a bedroom fire in the 4th Ward at 18729 Oakwood caused by the use of a space heater. Ald. Spivey issued a check that will be picked up tomorrow at the front desk.

Ald. Lockett asked everyone to keep Rosemary Gage and her family in your prayers because she recently lost her husband, Bobby Duka, and Rosemary passed earlier this week.

Ald. Davis asked for prayers for Alice Jessup's family, of 186th and Becker, she recently passed.

Mayor Ford asked for prayers for, longtime and highly admired Southwood Middle School teacher, Mr. David Pope who recently passed away.

Mayor Ford shared he understands everyone is running for re-election however, received two campaign literatures which has the city address and phone number on them. He asked everyone to please refrain from using the city address and phone number on political literature. Ald. Spivey asked if you put out a calendar it represents the city. Ald. Glispie shared you should be able to use your cell phone. Ald. Spivey shared as Aldermen they represent the City and should be able to use all methods. Mayor shared when you are campaigning you have to use your own information with your literature. Ald. Evans said what needs to be discussed is the difference between campaign literature and sharing information. Mayor Ford shared cell phone numbers can be used instead of City Hall. Ald. Evans shared she thinks it's better for residents to call City Hall instead of calling her and referring the resident back to City Hall and they should have the Alderman's phone number as well. Mayor Ford shared this has not be done this way in the past and he has set up a meeting with Attorney Murphey on Wednesday and they will resolve these concerns.

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:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk