



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

A regular (In-person) 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. Please be aware that facial coverings are required and social distancing must be practiced for this in-person meeting.

### 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, Alderman Glispie, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, Mayor Ford. Also present: Attorney John Murphey and City Administrator Carl Estelle.

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was not presented.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

#### A. Approval - Regular City Council Meetings Minutes 04.26.2021

Approval - 04.26.2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 04.26.2021. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Glispie, Davis, 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:**

**A. Swearing in of Country Club Hills Interim Fire Chief Michelle Hullinger**

Mayor Ford shared this was the first meeting in the Council Chambers since March of 2020. He also shared 2020 was a difficult year for the city's finances and he looks forward to better times.

Mayor Ford then introduced Interim Fire Chief Michelle Hullinger and announced she will be sworn in with the Oath of Office as the first female Interim Chief of the Fire Department in the history of Country Club Hills. He shared his pride and admiration of Chief Hullinger through her hard work and dedication.

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson along with Mayor Ford then asked Interim Fire Chief to raise her right hand and repeat after her in the swearing in Oath of Office. Chief Hullinger was given the Oath of Office and her badge pinned by her husband. Chief Hullinger then shared her enthusiasm in overseeing the men of the firehouse and looks forward to her new role as Fire Chief.

Mayor Ford then introduced Park District Board Member Jennifer Denton-Braun and announced she will be sworn in with the Oath of Office by City Clerk Hutson.

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson, along with Mayor Ford and other Park District Board Members, asked Mrs. Braun-Denton to raise her right hand and repeat after her in the swearing in Oath of Office.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson encouraged everyone to visit the flower sale at St. John's on 183<sup>rd</sup> St. Clerk Hutson shared information on the 2021 Summer Meeting schedule with copies on the distribution table. Clerk Hutson then shared that business licenses have been issued and the current applications will be mailed out by the end of the week. Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared that Hillcrest Baptist Church 17300 Pulaski will hold their monthly food drive Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**A. Public Hearing - FY 2021-2022 Budget**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Glispie, Davis, 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.

Public: There were no questions from members of the public.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget. Second, Alderman Glispie. Discussion – None.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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**B. Approval - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Country Club Hills for the Fiscal Year beginning the First Day of May, 2021 and Ending on the Thirtieth day of April 2022**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval adopting the 2021-2022 Annual Budget. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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**C. Approval - Vouchers 05.10.2021**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 05.10.2021 vouchers in the amount of \$758,875.39 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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**Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract** – Alderman Glispie, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 1.1.04**

Alderman Glispie moved for City Council to table an Ordinance Amending Section 1.1.04 Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – None.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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**Public Works and Utilities** – Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

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

Alderman Spivey shared information on the upcoming EDC Shred Day June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm

**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 Davis. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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## **9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Public: There were no questions from members of the public.

## **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 Davis. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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## **11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Davis shared the recent passing of or resident Louis E. Hobson a longtime resident who was married to his wife Carol for 50 years.

Alderman Lockett shared there were recent non-COVID related deaths. Victor Watts lost his grandson due to senseless crime and Robert James lost his son due to senseless crime as well. Alderman Lockett also shared the Mother's Day concern was a great show and he looks forward to seeing the band during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Alderman Glispie thanked the residents of the first ward and Country Club Hills for the opportunity to represent them for 8 years. He asked everyone to support newly elected Alderman John Edwards in representing the first ward and the city. Alderman Lockett also shared Alderman Glispie's years of service totaled 11 years.

Alderwoman Evans reminded everyone COVID is not over and to be safe and get vaccinated. She also shared the recent vaccinations available to those 12-17 years of age.

Alderman Spivey shared information on the June 12<sup>th</sup> Shred Day, asked everyone to wear masks, encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and thanked Alderman Glispie for his years of service.

Mayor Ford then thanked Alderman Glispie for his service and noted that in the last 8 years he never missed a City Council meeting. Mayor Ford then presented Alderman Glispie with a plaque honoring him for his service and dedication to the city.

Mayor Ford then shared everyone will relocate to the lower level for the swearing in Oath of Office for the Alderpersons.

## **12. SWEARING IN OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **A. Swearing in of Country Club Hills Elected Officials per results the April 6th Consolidated Election:**

#### **Aldermen/Alderwoman**

Ward 1 - John Edwards

Ward 2 - Vincent Lockett

Ward 3 - Lisa Evans

Ward 4 - Ricardo Spivey

Ward 5 - Anthony Davis

Mayor Ford introduced Hon. Judge Michael Stuttley and Justice Nathaniel Howse Jr.

Hon. Judge Michael Stuttley swore in Alderman John Edwards.

Hon. Judge Michael Stuttley swore in Alderman Vincent Lockett

Hon. Judge Michael Stuttley swore in Alderwoman Lisa Evans.

Justice Nathaniel Howe Jr. swore in Alderman Ricardo Spivey.

Hon. Judge Michael Stuttley swore in Alderman Anthony Davis.

Mayor Ford congratulated all who were sworn in and acknowledged Congresswoman Robin Kelly who also congratulated everyone, wished them well as they will represent their constituents for the next four years. She noted the American jobs plan and looks forward to bringing more money into Country Club Hills.

Mayor Ford then acknowledged State Rep Debbie Meyers Martin who also congratulated everyone and noted the importance of local officials. State Rep Meyers-Martin also shared she is now the Mayoral liaison for the Black Caucus and looks forward to working with Mayor Ford.

City Administrator Carl Estelle thanked everyone in attendance including the sworn in Elected Officials, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Rep Debbie Meyers-Martin, Judge Stuttley and Justice Howe.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk