



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, June 14, 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 – NINA GUZZO, RECORDING SECRETARY

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

Excused as Absent – City Clerk, Patricia D. Hutson

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE - PASTOR ANTHONY TILLER

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Temple Ministries, 4330 W. 180th St. in Country Club Hills

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - 05.17.2021 Administrative Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval - 05.24.2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the meeting minutes of the Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes 05.17.2021 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 05.24.2021. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

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 his appreciation to the residents for the patience during the 183rd street construction project. He also shared the area is looking much better and this is a shared project with Hazel Crest and the State of Illinois.

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

No Report

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval - Vouchers 06.14.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of 06.14.2021 vouchers to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval - An Ordinance Repealing O-7-20 & Amending Closing Hours 13.3.06

Alderwoman Evans moved for City Council approval of Ordinance O-10-21 Repealing O-7-20 & Amending Closing Hours 13.3.06 -. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of Proceedings this date.

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

A. Approval - Lowest Responsible Bid for the 2020 CDBG Road Project

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Acceptance of the Lowest Responsible Bid for the 2020 CDBG Road Project - Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – None

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Spivey shared the recent Shred Day went well and it was a great turnout.

Education, Parks and Rec. – Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Edwards shared that Markham, Oak forest and Matteson have summer camp programs. Alderman Edwards then asked for clarification on the roles and responsibilities of his Parks and Recs committee. He shared that our youth need options and he would like to know his committee's relationship with the community.

8. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Harry Jones, resident shared his disappointment to hear that two members of the City Council have rented the theater with \$2million dollars of loss already. He shared he will file a lawsuit if this happens again. He shared the obligation should be to the people. Mr. Jones then shared his frustration that the fire hydrants have not been painted nor flushed in quite some time and that crime is out of control. Mr. Jones then share that there is not a permanent person in charge, Mayor Ford doesn't have tenacity no more than 3 blind mice and the police don't follow rules.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards shared his commitment of respect, and truthfulness to the residents. He then shared he is working on a career day for the students of S#144 and SD#160. He asked Ald. Davis about the eastside theater gate lock and private security for events. Ald. Davis then shared he would like to meet with Mayor Ford and Chief Galvin regarding crime in the 1st Ward.

Alderman Spivey shared there was a fire at the park in Premier Estates and there will be a meeting with Provincetown to address the fire. Ald. Spivey also shared LaNisha Tyson will hold a concert this Saturday for Father's Day.

Alderwoman Evans – No Report

Alderman Lockett shared he was confused as to what elected official rented the theater. He shared the Mother's Day show was free to the public and security was there. He then shared there will be a concert on July 4th.

Mayor Ford shared the same group that performed for Mother's Day will perform on the 4th of July.

There was ongoing conversation regarding the concert performances.

Alderman Davis shared his complaints about the city employee responses to residents and there were several instances where there is a lack of communication regarding employees respecting residents.

Mayor Ford shared the customer service is in need of improvement and he will schedule training for staff in the near future.

Alderman Edwards inquired as to how the residents would know the performances were free and he would like flyers for the 4th of July event and information on jobs to share with residents.

Mayor Ford shared Amazon is scheduled to open in August and flyers will be available. Mayor shared \$800,000 in grants will be used for the 183rd St. project from Cicero to Pulaski.

Public Works Director, Jerry Townsend shared there will be enhancements for additional street lights by the end of July.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk

Nina Guzzo, Recording Secretary