



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, June 28, 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 7:03p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

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 Spivey, Alderman Edwards, Mayor Ford. Also present: City Administrator and Carl Estelle, Police Chief Galvin, Fire Chief Hullinger and PW Director Jerry Townsend.

Excused as absent – Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Adron Robinson of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 06.14.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 06.14.2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

Approval - Administrative Meeting Minutes 06.21.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Administrative Meeting Minutes 06.21.2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Ald. Edwards shared the meeting minutes were incorrect because the minutes reflected that Ald. Lockett shared that Ald. Davis did not think the council had the need for a Legislative Attorney at this time. Ald. Edwards said he called Ald. Davis and he said that was not his sentiment. After various conversation Clerk Hutson agreed to remove the statement from the meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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 information and the flyer on the 4th of July concert and fireworks scheduled for Sunday July 4th. The gates will open at 4:00pm, the concert will start at 5:00pm and the fireworks will begin at dusk approximately 8:30pm

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson asked everyone for a moment of silence in memoriam of long time resident, Veterans Commissioner, Fire and Police Commissioner Ernest Powell, long time resident Jack Whetstone Jr. and Ms. Mia Erica McDonald, resident and 5th grade Meadowview student.

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

City Collector's Report as of 05.31.2021 per City Collector Patricia D. Hutson

Clerk Hutson shared the report is in the Aldermen's packets and there were any questions to please let her know.

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

City Treasurer's Report as of 05.31.2021 per Deborah M. McIlvain

Clerk Hutson shared the report was in the Aldermen's packets and if there were any questions to please let the Treasurer know.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Vouchers 06.28.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Administrative Meeting Minutes 06.21.2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

Approval - 2009 Bond Ordinance - "An ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,250,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City; providing for the levy and collection of property taxes to pay the principal and interest on the bonds; authorizing the deposit of the taxes into a designated escrow account; and authorizing the sale of the bonds to Stifel Nicolaus."

Approval - Tax Escrow Ordinance 2016 - "An ordinance authorizing the deposit of taxes levied by the City to pay the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, of the City, into a designated escrow account."

Approval - Tax Escrow Ordinance 2017 - "An ordinance authorizing the deposit of taxes levied by the City to pay the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, of the City, into a designated escrow account."

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Approval - 2009 Bond Ordinance, Approval - Tax Escrow Ordinance 2016 and Approval - Tax Escrow Ordinance 2017. Second, Alderman Spivey.

Discussion – Alderman Spivey asked of the PMA Securities representatives along with the attorney could provide a brief overview of the plan for the 2009 Bond and the 2016 and 2017 Tax Escrow.

Andrew Kim, Director of PMA Securities, Inc shared information on the refunding plan which will refinance the bond. Mr. Kim shared the current documents are an estimate and the city will lock in the interest on July 13th. The current estimated savings is \$584,000 between now and January 1, 2030. This would be a robust savings for the city and a breakdown is on page 9 of the city PMA financial packet.

Attorney Harding, accompanied Attorney Gordon of Chapman and Cutler, LLP, shared there will be a minimum savings of 3% and a current anticipated savings of 11% interest. If the savings do no merit a savings they will not move forward with the sale. With this plan the County will collect the bond money from the tax levy and send it directly to the B&Y Mellon Bank of New York.

Alderman Edwards asked to be recognized and shared he would have liked to have seen the old bonds vs the new bonds in comparison. He then asked how it moved from the committee without a quorum. Ald. Edwards also shared he has no prior knowledge of the bonds and the tax escrows.

Mr. Kim shared they made a presentation to all in attendance to explain they are not extending the bonds.

Alderman Lockett shared the city is giving permission to shop the market for a better rate to lower the payment and save money. If there are no savings we not proceed.

Mayor Ford shared we have met several times prior to tonight's meeting which was prior to Ald. Edwards time on the council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 2 Ayes: Alderman Lockett and Spivey

1 Nays: Alderman Edwards

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, 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

Education and Parks & Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Edwards inquired as to how he can move forward with the Parks and Recs committee. Alderman then asked Mayor Ford if he can have an unofficial meeting and Mayor Ford agreed.

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 Spivey. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Clifton Graham, resident inquired as to quorum and the vote for the 2009 Bond, 2016 tax escrow and the 2017 tax escrow.

Ricky Crim, resident inquired as to how the city will resolve the murky muddy area behind his home on Summerhill Dr. There were trees behind his home and the trees were removed and now it is a muddy mess. Mayor Ford shared this was a new development by the CRG Group and they are going to demolish the old Girl Scout building and build a Logistics development on that site including a berm to separate the building from the residents. Mayor Ford shared this

development will offer 300 jobs and Mayor offered to show Mr. Crim the drawings in his office. Mayor shared there will be a berm behind the houses on Summerhill per the project plans.

Lakeeta Wallace, resident asked if the city can have a curfew for fireworks and gunshots for the 4th of July. Ms. Wallace also wanted to know if the city can live stream meetings to allow residents to hear what is going on in Country Club Hills.

Mayor Ford shared in the State of IL fireworks are illegal and the city will try to monitor it as best as we can and we do have a noise ordinance in place. Mayor Ford shared we will try to minimize the noise and fireworks if possible.

Maya Crim, resident shared her concern regarding a timeline for the berm. She share she has lived in Country Club Hills for 15 years and the rear of her home has never looked s terrible. Also, she spoke for a friend who lives at 172nd st off Pulaski north of Hillcrest. There are lots of potholes on the street and it looks terrible. I the winter the street is often forgotten and isn't plowed until a call is placed to public work nd the residents cannot get out. Mrs. Crim shared there l a dangerous intersection leading into the Appletree subdivision as well.

Mayor Ford agreed there are lots of potholes on 172nd St off Pulaski and it is scheduled to be repaved this summer and the city will review the dangerous intersection and survey it for improvements.

Ald. Spivey shared the name of the development is the CRG.

Ald. Edwards shared he was on 172nd Street and he was assured it would be taken care of.

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 Edwards. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards shared he has spoken with law firms and other business as he prepares to have business professionals speak with students of the surrounding school districts in the fall. Ald. Edwards inquired as to why residents have to go to other municipalities for summer camp instead of Country Club Hills. He then asked if we have plans for fall programs for residents.

Mayor Ford shared the Parks and Recs programs and building availability are limited due to layoffs and post covid concerns. Mayor Ford shared baseball is in action with limited team activity and the city looks forward to basketball in October and the city is gradually working to bring programs back for residents.

Ald. Spivey wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July holiday. He also asked everyone to attend the city's 4th of July event on Sunday. Ald. Spivey then shared he will hold a 4th Ward meeting July 15th - 7pm at the Fire Station on 175th St.

Mayor Ford shared information on the 2021 Back to School Rally that will be held Saturday August 21st from 10am to 2pm. Mayor shared all Aldermen will have a table with customer table cloths that Alderwoman Evans will order. Ald. Spivey and Mayor Ford shared ongoing conversation about the bookbags and items the Aldermen will provide on that day.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

2 Absent: Alderman Davis and Alderwoman Evans

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk