



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, August 09, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's ongoing Executive Orders Covid-19 Masks and Social Distancing are required for this in-person meeting. Also, be advised seating is limited and building capacity orders will be followed and enforced.

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 7:06p.m. The in-person 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 Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present: City Administrator and Carl Estelle, Police Chief Galvin, Fire Chief Hullinger, Dir. Dwone Ross, Dir Eric Booker, Special Projects Coordinator Director Jerry Townsend and Chief/PW Roger Agpawa.

Excused as absent – Alderman Spivey

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Ministries International Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 07.26.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 07.26.2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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 a flyer for employment opportunities with Amazon including information on their \$1,000 sign on bonus. Mayor Ford then shared there is a housekeeping item in the form of a resolution to accept a \$50,000 grant for the removal of vacant and abandoned properties.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Resolution R.07.21 to accept the \$50,000 grant for removal of vacant and abandoned properties. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – Alderman Edwards shared he did not think it was fair to ask for approval of an item that he just received. Mayor shared this is a housekeeping item.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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Mayor Ford then shared he has received several calls regarding newly installed cameras in Country Club Hills. Mayor shared this is part of a trail based camera system to identify license plates. This trial program will assist the Police Department in identifying stolen and pursued vehicles when they enter and exit Country Club Hills.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson reminded everyone of the Back to School Rally Saturday from 10am to 1pm at the Theater Campus. Clerk Hutson congratulated Hillcrest Baptist Church and Pastor Adron Robinson on his 12th anniversary with the church. Clerk Hutson shared that Pastor Robinson and the church have been a benefit to residents and non-resident especially during COVID by providing food to those in need. Clerk Hutson wished all returning student well as they head back to school. Clerk Hutson announced the Bidy Basketball registration started today through September 3rd and the forms are on the information table. Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared at the intersection of 183rd & Pulaski the final traffic lights have been permanently installed for the additional turn lanes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers as of 08.09.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers for 07.26.2021 in the amount of \$832,377.18 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

B. Approval - Resolution to Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement (Illinois Council of Police--Administrative/Community Service Officers (Clerical), 05.01.19-04.30.2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Resolution R.08.21 to Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement (Illinois Council of Police--Administrative/Community Service Officers (Clerical), 05.01.19-04.30.2023. Second, Alderman Davis. Alderman Lockett shared this is a collective bargaining agreement for the administrative staff at and the Community Service Officers. These employees have worked without a contract for the last 3 years and in this contract staff will receive a 2% increase April 30th 2023 with no retro pay.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

Alderwoman Evans shared there was discussion during the last committee meeting regarding a stop sign at Glen Oaks and Briar Gate in the 1st Ward and a traffic study will be done for that area. Also, the committee is working on a fireworks ordinance and a mailbox ordinance. Alderwoman Evans was advised by Mayor Ford and Ald. Lockett that the city has a recent mailbox ordinance. Alderwoman Evans will review the ordinance at a later date. Alderwoman Evans shared due to the construction water was turned off for some residents and this will occur again next Wednesday the 11th from 7:30am to 2:00pm for residents on Lavergne from Summerhill to 180th. Alderwoman Evans announced the next meeting is TBA.

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

A. Approval - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FORD CREDIT MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of a Resolution R.09.21 authorizing the execution of lease purchase agreement with Ford Credit Municipal Finance. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion- Alderman Davis shared this is for a new 2019 bucket truck. This truck will be used to replace led lights, trim trees, place flags, water the hanging baskets etc. The previous vehicle was a van that broke down and the city was renting a vehicle and recently spent \$5,500 to rent a power lift truck for tree trimming service. Alderman Davis shared this is a budgeted item, it's more economical to move forward with the lease purchase agreement and the city will own the truck after five years with payments totaling \$22,000 a year and the city will own the truck after 5 years.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

A. Approval - A Resolution Authorizing A "First Amendment To Redevelopment Agreement By And Between The City of Country Club Hills and LPC CCH I. LP" (I-80/I-57 Tax Increment Financing District)

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Resolution R.010.21 authorizing a "First Amendment To Redevelopment Agreement By and Between The City of Country Club Hills and LPC CCH I. LP" (I-80/I-57 Tax Increment Financing District). Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

Alderman Edwards shared he has communicated with SD#228 and SD#160 Superintendents and they are working on a Career Day. Alderman Edwards is concerned that Parks and Recs has softball and pay referees. He does not understand how he is Parks and Recs Chair and he does not know what is going on in Parks and Recs. Also, Alderman Edwards was not aware that Biddy Basketball registration started today and he does not know where the money from the Parks and Recs activities are going. Alderman Edwards shared he has asked Mayor Ford several times what his roles and responsibilities are for Parks and Recs. Alderman Edwards asked Attorney Murphey to define his roles and Mayor Ford shared that was not for the attorney to determine and the criteria have not been set and it takes time but he will work on it. Alderman Edwards shared and you are the Mayor and Mayor Ford shared yes and you are the Alderman. There was ongoing dialogue between Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford regarding this matter and the basketball hoops in the parks. Mayor Ford invited Alderman Edwards to come to his office and they can further discuss this matter.

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 Evans. Discussion – none.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Dr. Cornell Darden Jr., President and CEO of the Southland Black Chamber of Commerce and Industry shared this is the largest Black Chamber of Commerce in the State of Illinois. Dr. Darden shared he had a recent conversation with Mayor Ford and they were scheduled to meet and discuss the business license for Deborah Reeves. Dr. Darden then shared in the past Mayor Ford has disrespected the Black Chamber of Commerce by sending a letter to businesses in Country Club Hills with false information and lies about the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ford asked Dr. Darden to repeat his statement about the lies and Dr. Darden continued to speak about the information sent out about the chamber and the businesses. Dr. Darden shared he would like to know how the ordinance gives the Mayor indiscriminate discretion on who gets a business license. Dr. Darden then shared he does not understand how the ordinance makes businesses join the Chamber of Commerce which does not exist and the Country Club Hills Chamber of Commerce does not exist. Dr. Darden questioned how the city can force businesses to join a not for profit association prior obtaining a business license is unconstitutional and the city council needs to review the ordinance that allows the Mayor to issue a business license on how he feels and it needs to be repealed.

Mayor Ford shared the information he shared about Dr. Darden came from the newspaper article and he did not lie about what he shared. Mayor Ford shared the information shared about his criminal activity came from the newspaper article. Mayor Ford then shared Dr. Darden does not have the right to do business in Country Club Hills without a license and you do not have a license.

Deborah Reeves, resident, shared she is the co-owner of Kreations by Kaysh 4005 W. 175th St. Ms. Reeves shared she had spoken with Mayor Ford twice regarding opening a business in Country Club Hills and Mayor was supposed to call her back and she had received a return call. Ms Reeves shared she contracted for a unit at 19040 S. Pulaski and gave the landlord \$14,000.00 and put an excessive amount of money into the property after speaking with A.J. Ms. Reeves said she has been calling since June 6th and left several messages with the

Mayor's assistant Ms. Rodriguez and received 1 call back from Mayor Ford with no resolve. Ms. Reeves then asked Mayor Ford where they stood. Mayor Ford asked Ms. Reeves if she had a lease? Ms. Reeves shared she does not have a lease because she has to give the landlord what she is trying to do. Ms. Reeves shared she asked Mayor about body contouring and Mayor said he didn't want that on every corner. Ms. Reeves said she then asked Mayor Ford about teeth whitening and Mayor Ford told her African Americans don't get their teeth whitened. Ms. Reeves shared that Mayor Ford told her he would call and she has not heard from him. Ms. Reeves shared the lease requires she state the type of business she is opening and she is trying to meet with Mayor Ford to confirm what type of business she can open. Ms. Reeves shared when she spoke with Mayor Ford he asked for her certification in teeth whitening and she has obtained that although it is not required in the State of Illinois. Ms. Reeves shared she came back with the certification and Mayor Ford told her he didn't know of any African Americans that get their teeth whitened. Ms. Reeves shared per their discussion Mayor Ford was going to contact the landlord and Ms. Reeves has not heard anything. Mayor Ford said he understood and her time was up. Mayor Ford she needed to be certified and he has not seen her certification. Ms. Reeves shared she has obtained it and had not been give the opportunity to meet with Mayor Ford to show her certifications. There was ongoing conversation between Ms. Reeves and Mayor Ford regarding this matter. Ms. Reeves shared she has invested \$20,000, she has her certifications and she is a resident. Mayor Ford shared he understood, he is a resident but the time limitation has exceeded what is allowed. Mayor Ford advised Ms. Reeves to make an appointment with the Mayor. Ms. Reeves shared she did but no one has called her back. Mayor Ford asked the audience to please refrain from commenting out of order or they would have to be removed. Ms. Reeves began to cry and there were comments shared and some audience members left the meeting room and some were asked to leave as they continued to speak out of order. Mayor Ford shared he has a lot of things going on and he will get back with Ms. Reeves regarding this matter.

Harry Evans, Parks Commissioner, shared he wanted to touch on some points brought up by Alderman John Edwards regarding Parks and Recs. Mr. Evans shared there is never any information shared giving an opportunity correlate with what is going on in City Hall. Mr. Evans shared there is a flyer about Biddy Basketball and he had no information on Biddy Basketball. Mr. Evans shared there has been minute activities and no one knows what is going on and bills and still being issued. Mr. Evans shared no one knows what is going on in the building and the head persons is still being issued. Mr. Evans shared he does not understand why there are bills for a building that has been shut down. Mr. Evans shared that Mayor Ford is not communicating and as Mayor shares to residents their time is up it could possibly his time that's up.

Merlyn Bell, resident, shared he has been a resident since 2008 and lives in the Castle Dargen subdivision and has experienced a tremendous amount of flooding in his home and on his block. Mr. Bell shared for example Cicero Ave is at 721 Ft above sea level and his home sits at 700ft. His home is a block from Cicero and the water runs down with a 20ft drop and the water floods his basement and his walls are beginning to erode his foundation. Mr. Bell showed he researched according to the state the water should run off naturally and it was a developer issue by which the berm on 187th street sits higher than the properties and this is what is causing the problem. Mr. Bell has come before the council to help with a resolution to this problem. Mr. Bell shared this problem effect everyone resident but because he is at the bottom of the hill he gets it five times worse. Mr. Bell shared he has done all he could by planting trees, landscaping and when it rains he can't cut his grass because of the flooding. Mayor Ford asked Mr. Bell for his address and he responded with 18701 Marycrest Dr. and Alderman Davis is his Alderman. Mayor Ford asked Alderman Davis if he was familiar with this concern. Alderman Davis shared he is familiar with Mr. Bell's home. Mayor Ford shared the city will look into his concerns.

Harry Williams Jones Jr., resident, shared to Mayor Ford that persons speaking before the council have 3 minutes not 2 minutes. Mr. Jones shared to the audience you have seen a display of dysfunctional government under the leadership of Mayor Ford. Mr. Jones shared he looked at the contracts for the theater and most are signed by not dated. There are no procedures or accountability for the money and no one knows nothing. Mr. Jones shared the city has an attorney and he does not have the ability to review the contracts. Mr. Jones shared the city is losing more money. Mr. Jones shared he was disappointed with Alderman Lockett because when the white mayor was there he was screaming and hollering about the theater and with a black mayor he is running away with the money. Mr. Jones shared we have hired an assistant Fire Chief that is a convicted felon full time and now has two other full time jobs. Mr. Jones shared the fire hydrants have not been painted in 30 years or flushed in 2 years. Mr. Jones asked when do we put the people first. Mr. Jones shared the property on Flossmoor recently had a new roof and a new AC unit installed. He questioned why this was done for an unused building. Mr. Jones shared Mayor does not have the ability to find his way out the door or lead a municipality. Mr. Jones then shared to the young lady interested in opening the business to get a lawyer and file a lawsuit.

Mayor Ford shared the Theater season for 2020 did not open and there were no contracts for review. The Theater season for 2021 is not open but there have been rental agreements and there was no money for him to walk away with because there was no money to be made. Mayor Ford shared he is not doing this job for the money.

James Muhammad, resident, shared he has lived in Country Club Hills for 26 years. Mr. Muhammad questioned what was the council's ability to review the agreements and what is their oversight of the theater and how it functions. Mr. Muhammad then shared he read the housing grant and questioned if residents have a say or can recommend the houses. Mr. Muhammad questioned the amount of \$50,000 and Mayor Ford shared it is on page 2. Mr. Muhammad shared he hopes the city does not follow the Welch way. Mr. Muhammad questioned why the basketball hoops were not installed because he has noticed more basketball set-ups in the streets. Mayor Ford shared the reason the hoops have not been installed is because the Delta Virus has been attacking the youth and we are trying to mitigate the spread and keep our youth separated. Mayor Ford shared with the second wave is here and he is trying to avoid large crowds of young people and keep the city as safe as possible. Mr. Muhammad asked the Mayor to let his guards down and help the young lady with her business license.

Jackie Hollis, resident, shared she is a resident for 44 years and Ms. Hollis thanked Mayor Ford for responding to her email and clarifying new rentals were not being issued at this time. Ms. Hollis then questioned the existing rentals because the previous tenants next to her moved out, the company made renovations and then a city inspector came out to inspect. Ms. Hollis questioned the process because she thought the inspection should have occurred before the new occupants moved in. Ms. Hollis also shared she saw the rep from the rental company work on the house while the tenants were occupying the property. Ms. Hollis asked whether we are following procedures and she called and emailed AJ and has not received a response. Mayor Ford thanked Ms. Hollis and shared it is difficult to track every rental at this time and the city appreciates the assistance of its citizens. Alderman Lockett and Mayor shared Jerry Townsend will be able to address her concerns.

Danielle Baxter regarding DeBorah Reeves and inquired to when Mayor Ford if a date could be set for the appointment for Ms. Reeves since they were both in attendance. Mayor Ford shared

he does not schedule his appointments his secretary does and she will have her call Ms. Reeves.

Diamond Randall shared she lives in Country Club Hills, would love to get her teeth whitened and also shared regarding Ms. Reeves she feels this is a dictatorship instead of a democracy style government. Ms. Randall shared there is a business three stores down and it isn't know what type of business they're running. Ms. Randall shared there is a sign in the window that says book an appointment before coming in. Mayor Ford shared we have already agreed to contact Ms. Reeves.

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 Evans. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Davis shared Mr. Bell's house is near Boat Werks and he keeps his house immaculate. Ald. Davis shared it is near Cap Ct. and it may be a similar issue as the Cap Ct. houses with the water concerns. Mayor shared he will have the engineers look into it. Ald. Davis then shared his concerns regarding Mr. Evans statement about Bidy Basketball. Ald. Davis shared if we are allowing Bidy Basketball inside the gym we should consider outside. He shared he has notice that there are more and more hoops being placed in the streets. Ald. Davis then shared everyone hears the concerns of the lady with the business license concern. Ald. Davis shared we have committees and suggests to share or allow the committee to look into this and remove some of the hostility. Ald. Davis shared he received the FOIA responses from Mr. Jones' inquiry and shares some of his concerns. Ald. Davis then shared he had not attended the event at the theatre but he understood they sold liquor and he thought only the city could sell liquor. Mayor Ford shared he was correct and the renter broke the rules and he had

no idea until the concert was over. Ald. Davis shared there should be penalties because the liabilities fall on the city. Ald. Davis also shared the rental fees were inconsistent and raised eyebrows. Ald. Davis shared in the documents he reviewed per the FOIA there should be ticket revenues to the city and he looks forward to seeing this on the revenue side. Mayor Ford shared his appreciation regarding the basketball hoops and it can definitely be discussed and we can make it happen. Mayor shared this can be discussed in an Admin meeting. Mayor Ford shared he is not opposed to comments he would like communication. Mayor Ford shared all rentals are not the same it depends on the needs of the renter and while operating in the Pandemic we did not charge large amounts.

Alderman Lockett shared he would like to see the violence around the world to stop. Alderman Lockett then asked for a moment of silence for Chicago Police Officer Ella English who lost her life in a recent shooting. Alderman Lockett then shared his recognition for Mr. Charles Trotter who recently retired from 22 years of service to the Country Club Hills Police Department as a Community Service Officer. Alderman Lockett share Mr. Trotter is a one of a kind, great guy , loves God and will truly be missed by all.

Alderwoman Evans shared she has received calls regarding the Cubes in the 3rd Ward and she is trying to schedule a meeting with the project manager or the developer to address residents concerns. Alderwoman Evans shared the Saturday hours have been changed to 7am and they are moving the work away from the residential area and hopefully this not disturb the residents as much. Alderwoman Evans then addressed the dirt mound behind the houses on Summerhill Dr. and shared the dirt will be removed by November. Alderwoman Evans then shared she received a concern from a resident as to the water drainage at his property due to the construction. Alderwoman shared the water will be directed to a retention pond and the access water will be directed into the city sewer system. Alderwoman shared the total completion date is April 2022 and then the landscaping will be beautifully finalized with trees. Alderwoman Evans shared she again would like to set up a meeting for the project manager to address residents concerns regarding air quality etc. for this development. Alderwoman Evans then shared for the resident regarding the business as chair of the Law and Ordinance Committee that her committee will develop an ordinance to establish procedures to open a business to avoid these concerns in the future and it should be on the website available for the public. Alderwoman Evans shared the city has an intergovernmental agreement with the Parks meaning the Park District, who is their own taxing body, they will turn that money over to the city to manage the Park District. Alderwoman Evans shared the Park District has meeting once a month and are available to the public and has very little discussion. She shared the Park District votes to send the \$64,000 to the city, attorney fees and secretarial fees. Alderwoman Evans shared she has traveled to other Park Districts and the city has a subpar and the Park District give the city a lot of money for subpar programs under the control of one man. Alderwoman Evans shared other park districts are fully operational and ours is not and we need to do a better job. Alderwoman shared to the gentleman regarding freedom of speech it was an amendment.

Alderman Edwards shared he would like to address this while the attorney is here that Legislators, Executives and branches of government have rights. Alderman Edwards shared he was voted in to represent Ward 1 and fight for the people so when he sees a lady crying from his Ward who already has a business in the city, with 47 people laid off we are turning down a business he then said not we but one person. Alderman Edwards shared as aldermen we need to use our legislative power to get what is needed for our residents. Alderman Edwards shared that Mayor Ford said in July the basketball rims would be opened. Alderman Edwards shared to the Mayor that you have to keep your word. Alderman Edwards also shared that Mayor Ford addresses the virus and Hazel Crest has parades and free concerts on Wednesdays, back to

school events and day camp. Alderman Edwards shared to the Mayor that you send me emails saying we are a team, but how can you say that when you govern without any input from the Aldermen. Alderman Edwards shared he attended the last concert and he saw the selling liquor at two bars. He shared it is time to take the council to another level. He shared he has asked for rental information and not received anything. He has received various rental amounts for the theater. Alderman Edwards shared there was a gentleman who asked for a stop sign and it was installed without going before the Law and Ordinance Committee. Alderman Edwards shared his next meeting will be Tuesday the 17th at 5:00pm

Mayor Ford asked Alderman Edwards as an elected official when he saw that liquor was being poured what did you do? Alderman Edwards said he told the other alderman. Mayor Ford asked why didn't you bring that to the attention of the Police. Alderman Edward shared he was not sure if it was approved or not.

Mayor Ford addressed Alderwoman Evans regarding business procedures that it is already in place and on the website. He shared it is a matter of people following procedures and shared she can pick-up a package. Mayor Ford shared as for the young lady we still do not know what type of business she is interested in having at that location because she has changed 2-3 times. Mayor shared what he asked her was have you done a survey or looked at the demographics to find out how teeth whitening goes over in our community. Mayor Ford shared he did not say that black people do not get their teeth whitened. He said he told her she needs to know the demographics of your town before you start your business. Mayor Ford then shared the landlord does not know what business the young lady wants to start. Mayor Ford shared there have been parties hosted at that site and is it a business or a lounge. He shared as a city we need to know. Mayor Ford shared there are two parts to government it is the aldermen and the executive branch which is the Mayor. He shared we all have our responsibilities and some things fall within the executive branch and because he is the Mayor he has the right to do certain things that you don't have the right to do because you are aldermen who are the policy and the purse strings and the executive branch makes thing happen. Mayor Ford asked Alderman Edwards to let's be professional because when he was speaking the Mayor listed and he would like the same. Mayor Ford shared the procedures for rentals are in place. Mayor Ford shared the city does not have a lot of vacant businesses in town and the process is working. Mayor Ford shared the city just had an \$80 million dollar project to come to town and the business is working and it is offering jobs to residents. Mayor Ford then addressed the \$64,000 from the Park District it has addressed most of the parks in the city by providing new equipment. There are some parks that have yet to be addressed and the city is working on it. Mayor shared he would like better communication with the Park Board to address concerns.

Mayor Ford then announced the city wide meter replacement program, You will receive a letter from Calumet City Plumbing to schedule an appointment to replace your meter. Replacing the meter will improve reading efficiency and accuracy. To date the city has replaced 3,500 meters and this will complete the project.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Spivey

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "H".

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk