



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, October 25, 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 masks are required, 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 7:03p.m. The in-person meeting was called to 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

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present: City Administrator Carl Estelle and the City Executive Team

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor James King of United Christian Church 4531 W. 180<sup>th</sup> St., CCHills.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

#### Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 10.11.2021

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 10.11.2021. 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.

#### **MUNICIPATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:**

##### **Approval - Water Supply Strategy, Burns & McDonnell Agreement**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Water Supply Strategy Agreement to be conducted by Burns & McDonnell. Second, 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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##### **Approval - Country Club Hills Small Business Grant**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Country Club Hills Small Business Grant. Second, 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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### **Approval - Swearing In of Fire and Police Commissioners**

Edward Glispie

Michael Perry

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the swearing in of Fire and Police Commissioner Edward Glispie and Michael Perry. 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.

Edward Glispie and Michael Perry were sworn on by City Clerk Patricia D.Hutson with the Mayor Ford, the City Council and all in attendance.

### **Approval - Pastoral Commissioner**

Pastor James King, United Christian Church

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the swearing in of Pastoral Commissioner Pastor James King. 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.

Pastor James King was sworn on by City Clerk Patricia D.Hutson with the Mayor Ford, the City Council and all in attendance.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson thanked all of the pastors on the Pastoral Commission and extended the opportunity for Pastor King to share information on the COVID testing and vaccine shots at United Christian Church.

Clerk Hutson then shared the following:

October is Fire Prevention Month - As Fire Prevention Month comes to a close this is a reminder the City of Country Club Hills does require certain placements of Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Fire Extinguishers per Building Department Ordinance. Please remember to change the batteries or replace the equipment according to recommendations. Time to Fall Back ....Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> and a great time to change those batteries.

The City is kicking off a Campaign to promote the Code Red Reverse 911 and Constant Contact (email) database. The contact lists will keep residents informed should any EMERGENCY, POTENTIAL Health Hazard occur or it can be used for general notification. The fastest way to get into the system is to go



to the city website.... [www.countryclubhills.org](http://www.countryclubhills.org)  
you can enter your information as a guest or opt to set up a login.

There's a link to get started and

### Upcoming Events

October 22<sup>nd</sup> was Think Pink Day

As October which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month comes to a close Friday city staff participated in "Think Pink Day" in the spirit of supporting those who are battling, survivors and those who have earned their angel wings due to Breast Cancer. Today the council is wearing pink in support. Breast Cancer and all forms of Cancer are an ongoing battle and we ask everyone to please donate towards Cancer research.

October 30<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12noon - EDC Shred Day at the Theater Parking Lot(Ald. Spivey will expound on this event)

October 30<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 6pm Halloween Event at the Theater (East side in the Semi-circle)

Halloween Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Trick or Treat Hours are 4pm to 7pm

Masks and social distancing are appreciated and all children should be accompanied by a parent or adult

The sleigh is coming....our beautiful sleigh will be in place in the lobby of City Hall.. beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> the City of Country Club Hills will begin accepting donations of non-perishable food items (no expired items please) and the city will also accept NEW hats and gloves in children and adult sizes for children.

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

**City Collector's Report as of 09.30.2021**

Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared the Collector's Report is 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 09.30.2021**

Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared the Treasurer's Report is in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let the Treasurer know.

Ald. Edwards had a questions regarding the Theater balance and Mayor Ford shared he would have the Treasurer respond at a later date.

**OMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Approval - Vouchers as of 10.25.2021**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$589,516.72 for 10.25.2021 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 – 11.04.2021 5:30pm)

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

**Approval - 2021.2022 Resolution for IDOT MFT Maintenance**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the 2021.2022 Resolution for IDOT MFT Maintenance in the amount of \$420,750.00. 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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**Approval - 2021 Crown Castle Lease Agreement Amendment**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of 2021 Crown Castle Lease Agreement Amendment including a \$3,000 signing bonus and 2.8% annual increases. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

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Alderman Davis also shared the 183<sup>rd</sup> St project will be wrapping up as the permanent lights are in place and the temporary safety drums will be removed. Also, there has been an ongoing 8 mile Invest in Cook project replacing sidewalks on Pulaski Rd.

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

Alderman Spivey shared the EDC Shred Day Event is Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12noon at 4150 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St. He also shared that Bellarina's Culinary opened at 4245 W. 167<sup>th</sup> last week and the Mayor, his team and Commissioner Tom Hill and Jennie Betton were in attendance. Lastly Ald Spivey shared that Big Lots should be in place by January 2022.

**Education, Parks and Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman**  
(Committee Meeting – 11.04.2021 5:00pm)

Alderman Edwards shared he is working with Hillcrest's coordinator and he is in need of someone who can explain investments to the youth. Lastly, he shared he will attend the Parks and Rec board meeting Thursday.

**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: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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**11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Ronald Winston, resident had a couple of questions about Parks and Recs. He would like to see softball return and bring in a small stream of revenue. Also, he knows the snow is coming and he would prefer if we can find a resolution for the snow mounds at the end of resident's driveways as the snow is plowed. Mr. Winston also spoke about the lack of expansion of the roads on 183<sup>rd</sup> St. Lastly, Mr. Winston would like to see technical and physical after school programs. Mayor Ford shared his interest for the men's softball team and IDOT is working on the expansin of 183<sup>rd</sup> St.

Helen Myers, resident thanked Pastor King for his prayers during the meeting. Ms. Myers asked if occupancy laws and city ordinances work parallel? There was low level conversations as the council was in need of point of clarity. Ms. Myers shared to obtain a certificate of occupancy one needs to have running water, electricity and heat. She then asked about the laws and safety laws because she has received incorrect information from the Building Commissioner. Ald. Lockett shared there is an issue with her heating and Ms. Myers shared she is not going to discuss her personal issues. Ald. Lockett shared we cannot help if we don't know what the concern is. She was not told to bring it to the public. Ms. Myers shared this is a public health and safety crisis. She does not have heat in her home and she is being stopped from putting heat in her home. She shared she is a disabled woman and she belongs to an HOA. She shared her HOA does not have the right to stop her from putting heat in her home. She said she spoke with the State of IL. She said she is attached to an elderly woman and she could possibly blow her house down if her house blows down. Mayor Ford shared Attorney Murphey will respond. Attorney Murphey responded if this is an HOA issue it is not a city issue. Ms. Myers said she spoke to the state and this is a health crisis because there is no heat. Ald. Lockett shared it is not the city it is your HOA. Ald. Lockett asked is it the HOA that will not allow you to put the HVAC unit in your home? Ms. Myers said she cannot have it installed without the permit and she received a permit today. She said the environmentalist sent the permit in today. Ms. Myers said the problem is the unit cannot be installed for building structure. Mayor Ford then shared the Building Commissioner cannot force the HOA to accept a unit that goes against their bylaws. Ms. Myers said she wants a ticket to be issued for the no heat violation. Ald. Lockett said she has occupancy already. There was ongoing discussion with Ms. Myers and the City Council Members. Mayor Ford then shared Ms. Myers can speak with the attorney after the meeting.

Leroy Barnes, resident asked about the Committee meetings...are residents invited? Regarding the IDOT and MFT maintenance is this how the cameras will be funded? Regarding the development last Wednesday 6:18am there was an 18 wheeler on his block. Mayor Ford shared the 18 wheeler was an isolated incident and that should not happen again. Also Mayor Ford shared during tonight's meeting the council passed an item that includes a license plate camera reader.

Zachary Dumas, resident shared he is waiting for a response from the project manager per previous council meetings. He shared he didn't believe the information was shared when the project started because if so residents would have responded as they are responding now. Lastly, he shared if there is a meeting planned to please let the residents know.

Margaret Clark, resident, who works for Walmart and asked who is responsible for the Walmart potholes. Ald. Lockett shared that is Walmart's responsibility. Ms. Clark then asked for a small business grant app and Ald. Lockett shared it will be available after the meeting.

## **12. MOTION TO CLOSE 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: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards



0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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### **13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Ald. Edwards shared he would like Country Club Hills to share information with Bremen Township to be included in their news booklet. He shared 171<sup>st</sup> and Appletree and Peartree is in need of street repairs. He shared at 177<sup>th</sup> Hillcrest the lights are out for 3 months. In Ward 1 tree trimming and potholes are a problem in Ward 1. He then shared we need to have our programs up and running and asked about a financial discrepancy under the Theater account.

Ald Spivey thanked Director Agpawa for the driveway and street resurfacing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Ald. Spivey then shared he is working with a gentleman who can set up a STEM program and share it with the recreation center.

Ald. Evans shared the Senior Snow Removal Application was in the October water bills and there is a cut off number of applicants and date for the program per staffing and safety. Ald. Evans shared she will have a Town Hall meeting for follow up CUBES discussion Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm with a project manager. Ald. Evans shared the packets will be available after the meeting.

Mayor Ford shared the Small Business packets will be shared by the Aldermen.

Ald. Lockett asked everyone to wish the City Clerk a Happy Birthday. He then asked for prayers for the Southland and the country. He said the gun violence is terrible, be careful while you're shopping. Ald. Lockett then shared there are opportunities for candy Saturday and Sunday in Country Club Hills.

Ald. Davis shared his concerns about the snow at the end of the driveway in his ward as well. Ald. Davis then inquired about issuing tickets to Walmart for the potholes to encourage them to take care of the potholes. Ald. Davis also shared he would enjoy softball as well.

Mayor Ford shared he will have the city inspectors check the Walmart parking lots tomorrow. Mayor then shared his interest for softball and other competitive sports programs for adults and youth in Country Club Hills. There was ongoing conversations about this subject with the Mayor and the city council. Mayor shared he would love to see activities and camaraderie as opposed to the recent violence experienced everywhere.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

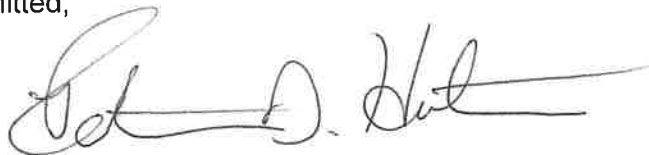
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0 Absent:

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The Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk