



## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Monday, December 13, 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 7:05p.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 Davis, Alderman Edwards, Mayor Ford. Also present was City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

Absent during Roll Call – Alderman Spivey

Alderman Spivey arrived at 7:08pm

### **3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE**

Invocation was presented by Rev. Peter Dorn Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church and School of Country Club Hills.

### **4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS**

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 11.08.2021

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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 the city will host a luncheon for the seniors at the Resource Center on Flossmoor an Cicero Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> form 11:00am to 1:00pm

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

Winter Festival/Santa Visit was held Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall... Per note from Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and the elves ...they send their sincere appreciation to the Country Club Hills Fire Department for their courteous and safe transportation to City Hall to visit the residents and to participate with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

City Hall will be closed to the public Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> . City Hall will be closed Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas Holiday and will resume normal business hours on Tuesday December 28<sup>th</sup> . City Hall will be closed Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the 2022 New Year. The 2022 Meetings schedule will be released in the online format Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>

The Clerk's Office Update: Records Management Disposal and retention project... would like to thank Mayor Ford, a great intern, Director Agpawa, Mike Kuta and the Public Works team, Jerry Townsend on the completion of Phase 1 of a massive Records Disposal project which was approved by the State and will work with each department on Phase 2 ultimately planning on an annual disposal day in June of each year.

Also, we are 95% complete with our codification system which is on the city website under Municipal Codes. Click on Municipal Codes and it will take you to a site where all of our codes are available to print, email, copy or view. Previously it was shown as a pdf where you would have to scroll up and down and was not always user friendly. This format has been in place since February and it is in a look up style. I do have additional items that will be added in the coming months. Clerk Hutson wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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

**A. City Collector's Report as of 10.31.2021**

City 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**

**A. City Treasurer's Report as of 10.31.2021**

City Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain shared the Treasurer's Report is in the Aldermen's packets. Treasurer McIlvain shared the October revenue was \$5,276,116.15, the expenses were \$1,765,452.75 and the revenues exceeded the expenses by \$3,510,452.75. Treasurer McIlvain shared if there are any questions to please let her know.

Alderman Edwards asked to be recognized and reiterated his question from a previous meeting regarding the Treasurer's Report and the amount of money in the Theater fund. Mayor Ford shared he previously asked Alderman Edwards to meet with him in his office regarding this matter. Alderman Edwards asked about the difference in the amounts charged for the use of the theater. Mayor Ford shared during COVID the pricing usage fees varied upon the requestor i.e. a youth organization, church etc as many entities were struggling financially and the city was trying to be more flexible and provide assistance. Alderman Edwards thanked the Mayor for his response

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**A. Approval - Vouchers 12.13.2021**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$540,870.38 12.13.2021. Vouchers to be issued when monies are available.  
Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**B. Approval - 2021-2022 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval the e 2021-2022 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**C. Approval - 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance O-23-21 Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**D. Approval - 2021 Resolution for Loss and Cost**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2021 Resolution R-16-21 for Loss and Cost. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**E. Approval - 2021 Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**F. Approval - Purchase of Two Compact Trucks for the Building Department Agreement**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the purchase of two compact trucks for the Building Department. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**G. Settlement Agreement**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a settlement agreement previously discussed in the Executive Session December 6, 2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

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

**A. Approval - Ordinance Amending 15.6.07 Limitations of Off-Street Parking in Residential Zoning Districts**

Alderwoman Evans moved for City Council approval of Ordinance Amendment OA-03-21 Amending 15.6.07 Limitations of Off-Street Parking in Residential Zoning Districts to limit off-street parking in residential zoning District. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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 - 2021 CDBG Resolution and Certification of Agreements**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Resolution R-17-21 the 2021 CDBG Resolution and Certification of Agreements accepting the \$300,000 grant for streets improvements. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**B. Approval - Ordinance renaming 981.5 feet of Lavergne Ave North of 183d St to Grace Dr. for the purpose of the Cubes Building Residential Zoning Districts**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Ordinance O-25-21 an Ordinance renaming 981.5 feet of Lavergne Ave North of 183<sup>rd</sup> St to Grace Dr for the purpose of the Cubes Building Residential Zoning Districts. This is in place to avoid trucks in the residential area by changing the name to Grace Dr. those using gps direction will avoid the residential area will be directed to 183<sup>rd</sup> St for access to the Cubes. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**C. Approval - Nob Hill Water Tower Power Wash Agreement**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Nob Hill Water Tower Power Wash Agreement in the amount of \$27,750.00. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

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

**A. Approval - Presentation of the Business of the Month Awards**

Alderman Spivey along with EDC Chairman Tom Hill and Co-Chair Jennie Betton shared their appreciation to the following businesses in the City of Country Club Hills for their service, professionalism and dedication to the residents and others who utilize their business services. Co-Chair Betton asked Mayor Ford and Alderman Spivey to share the floor and join her and Chairman Hill as they presented the businesses with Certificates of Appreciation and acknowledgement on behalf of the Economic Development Commission, the Economic Development Commission, Mayor Ford and the entire City Council. The following businesses were announced and presented and a photograph was taken by all who were in attendance to accept their certificates. Miracles Revealed, Le Club Boutique, The Atrium, 7 Day Quick Lube, Little Hearts Learning Center and Flower Unlimited.

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

Alderman Edwards shared he has met with SD#227, SD#228 and several Career Day presenters as he prepares for Career Day along with Black History Month programming in early 2022. Alderman Edwards also thanked the CCHPD and the Fire Department for their donation of educational booklets for students in #144 and #160 to enjoy over the holiday season.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0



Absent: 0

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#### **10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Thomas Ketchum, representing the South Suburban Action Conference which is a grass roots organization and is the voice for residents, introduced himself and shared he will return during another meeting in the future to discuss working with the City and the Council on beneficial programs for residents.

Dorothy Barnes, resident, shared he disappointment with the Cubes project, the removal of the trees on Lavergne, the lack of adequate landscaping, the lack of notification for residents and the decision entire making process with this development project. Ms. Barnes also shared her concern about the renaming of a portion of Lavergne. Mayor Ford shared the renaming is only for a certain portion and will avoid the usage of trucks in the residential areas for Fawn Ridge and Churchill Downs. Mayor Ford shared this information had been communicated to residents, residents from Churchill Downs and Fawn Ridge were in attendance and the developer has a landscaping plan that will be acceptable for residents. Mayor Ford also asked Ms. Barnes to see City Administrator Carl Estelle to set up a meeting to show the plans to Ms. Barnes.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

#### **12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

**Alderman Davis wished his colleagues and everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.**

**Alderman Lockett asked for a moment of silence for Kevin and Yvette Hester on the loss of their daughter. Alderman Lockett then congratulated the Midwest Hawks 6U Cheer Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their performance in Florida. Mayor Ford invited the teams on behalf of the Mayor and City Council to attend a City Council Meeting followed by a Pizza party and asked Alderman Lockett to organize the date. Alderman Lockett wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.**

**Alderwoman Evans wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.**

**Alderman Spivey wished his colleagues and everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Alderman Spivey then asked for recognition for residents Joan Wolfe and Ms. Harris who recently passed away. Alderman Spivey also thanked the first responders for their dedication and service to the residents.**

**Alderman Edwards wished his colleagues Happy Kwanza. Alderman Edwards thanked Alderwoman Evans for assisting him with moving his meetings forward and reminded everyone his next Education, Parks and Recs meeting will be held January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Nays: 0

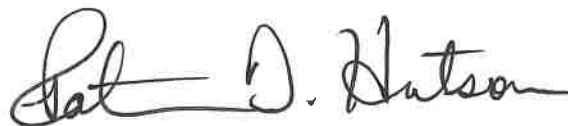
Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk