



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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, please be advised masks and proof of vaccination per Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders are required for admittance, 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 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 and lead by Mayor Ford.

2. ROLL CALL – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, and Mayor Ford. Also present were City Treasurer, Deborah McIlvain, City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

Alderman Edwards was not present during roll call and arrived at 7:05pm

Excused as Absent – Alderman Davis

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Temple Church International Nationwide Ministries of Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 01.10.2022

B. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 01.24.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 01.10.2022 and 01.24.2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

A. Pastorial Commission Swearing-in for Pastor Llewellyn Dixon of Jubilee Faith Community

Mayor Ford shared information on the upcoming vehicle light repair program schedule for Thursday February 17th from 9am to 12pm sponsored by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims. The event will be held at the Country Club Hills Police Station. The event will also provide vaccine shots and COVID testing as well. Mayor Ford then shared CCHPD held resting for new officers Saturday February 12th. There were over 25 applicants and the city looks forward to more officers joining the force. Mayor Ford also shared information on a Virtual Contractor's Outreach Fair with Clayco to be held Friday February 18th from 5pm to 6pm in coordination with State Rep Debbie Meyers-Martin and the information will be on the city Facebook page. Mayor Ford thanked Jerry Townsend for his work towards the city receiving \$300,000 from Cook County from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor shared this will enable the city to complete much needed street repairs throughout the city.

Mayor Ford announced the city will swear in Pastor Llewellyn in as a member of the Pastoral Commission. Mayor Ford then introduced and invited Pastor Llewellyn Dixon of Jubilee Community Church to the podium to share information about himself. Pastor Dixon shared he has been pasturing the church for 2.5 years and was preceded by Pastor Michael Russell who pastured for many

years. Pastor Dixon shared he and his late wife Angela Dixon have five children and he prays to continue to serve with his heart.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the swearing in of Pastor Lelewellyn Dixon as a member of the Pastoral Commission. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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Mayor Ford then asked Clerk Hutson to join him, Pastor Dixon, Chaplin and Chairman of the Pastoral Commission Pastor Tiller to swear-in Pastor Dixon. Clerk Hutson asked Pastor Dixon to raise his right hand and repeat after her for the oath. All was complete and Pastor Dixon was congratulated by all in attendance.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared upcoming City Events 2022 Polar Plunge Special Olympics CCHPD the Flyer will be shared via website & social media. City Hall will be closed Monday February 21st in observance of President's Day and will resume normal business hours Tuesday February 22nd. Property Tax Rebate Applications are being accepted on the lower level of City Hall with the Building Dept through February 28th. (Please include the following)

1. Completed application form inclusive of all info
2. 2022 Tax bill or Mtge Statement W/\$0 bal,
3. Copy of your State issued DL or ID
4. Owing no monies to CCHILLS

In Celebration of Black History Month we honor and celebrate those who have paved the way. Clerk Hutson acknowledged city Attorney John Murphey for his article written in 2019 about Rosa Parks and offered all who were interested a copy if they would like. Clerk Hutson continued by sharing she would like to share a little know Black History Fact:

Doris A. Davis was the first black City Clerk of a major city (Compton) elected in 1965.

Clerk Hutson then shared a local Black History Fact: *Miller Green Freedom Rider documented in "Breach of Peace", "Freedom Rider Museum", "and Smithsonian Museum"*

Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared, Black history is yesterday, today and tomorrow. *Every day we have an opportunity to impact our community and leave a legacy of service to our residents.*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers as of 02.15.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,548,779.61. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Edwards inquired about the planters. He wanted to know if this for a recent installation or if this was a past due invoice. Alderman Lockett, responded this was a past due invoice.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

B. Approval - An Ordinance Increasing Fees for the Office of the City Clerk, Water Department, Building Department and Police Department

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Fee Increases for the Office of the City Clerk, Water Dept, Building Dept and Police Dept. Alderman Lockett shared the city has not increased fees for many years and the fees are low in comparison with the surrounding municipalities. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – Alderman Edwards inquired as to when the ordinance goes in to effect March 1st or 30 days. He also asked if it was possible for seniors to get a discount. Alderman Lockett shared the fees are for everyone with no age differences. Mayor Ford shared the fees are as of March 1st.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

C. Approval - RESOLUTION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17600 CRAWFORD INSIDE OF THE CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS TO REDEVELOP.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 3 OF THE COUNTRY CLUB HILLS CITY CODE, "SALE AND CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.3.29, "REPORTING DISTURBANCES OCCURRING ON OR ABOUT A LICENSED PREMISES"

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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)

No Report

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

A. Approval - An Ordinance Approving the Annexation and Development Agreement for MV Terminals

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Approving the Annexation and Development Agreement for MV Terminals O-5-22. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – Alderman Edwards inquired as to what Ward this development will be in once it is annexed into Country Club Hills. Alderman Lockett and Mayor Ford shared and agreed it will be the 3rd Ward because it is on the West side of Cicero.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

B. Approval - An Ordinance Annexing the Unincorporated Parcels to the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Annexing the Unincorporated Parcels to the City of Country Club Hills. Second, Alderwoman Evans O-6-22 . Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

C. Approval - An Ordinance Zoning the Newly the Annexed Property from "M" to "C-4" for MV Terminals

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Zoning the Newly the Annexed Property from "M" to "C-4" for MV Terminals. Second, Alderwoman Evans O-7-22. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

D. Approval - An Ordinance in Support of the Class 6B Application for MV Terminals

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance in Support of the Class 6B Application for MV Terminals. Second, Alderwoman Evans O-8-22. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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Alderman Spivey invited the MV Terminals team to approach the podium and introduce themselves. Owners Vlad and Milos were in attendance along with their architect Randy and Mr. Foley. Alderman Spivey thanked them for coming out. Mayor Ford shared he looks forward to working with them in the future.

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

Alderman Edwards shared he attended Hillcrest H.S. today for their Black History Exhibition, Activity Wall and they will have an assembly on February 24th at 1:00pm and all are invited. Alderman Edwards shared the exhibit was a beautiful outlet of characters and history. Alderman shared he will attend the Park District meeting Thursday. He also shared he is coordinating Career Day with SD160 to be presented in March.

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 Edwards. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Cheryl LeBlanc, resident shared her concern regarding multiple attempts to contact the Public Works Dept. via phone and email. She contacted Director Agpawa, Lenda and Mike Kuta. She shared has lived in her home for over 30 years and is now a retired teacher and administrator, has paid her taxes and maintained her property. She shared on November 28, 2021 raw sewage entered her home. She called her plumber Jimmy, who also does work for the city, he informed her the city line was backed up. She called and spoke with Lenda who said she would send an email to Director Agpawa. She then went to the Operation Center and spoke with Mike Kuta and Derrick and they came out, took pictures of the black slug and sewage and determined that they needed to call Sevrpro per perform the cleaning for the entire lower level of her home. Servpro came out and removed the floors and the walls. She then shared her clothes, shoes and etc were all affected by the backup. Ms. LeBlanc tearfully continued to share she has not had any contact to correct this since November 30th and there has been no work to restore her home. The city referred her to a man by the name of John Turner from National Catastrophe Solutions o determine the cost of restoration. He advised her to go to floor and décor and she has not heard from anyone and that was January. She called Mike Kuta who said they were working on it. She shared as of today February 15th the lower level of her home is still in disarray and the Servpro bill is outstanding and they will not return until the city pays them. Servpro says they have sent bills to the city and they have not been paid. She shared her downstairs toilet is disconnected, the floors and walls are gone and she has dirt and dust in her home and she has sickle cell. She also shared she found out today that her sister has cancer and she needs her home restored. She shared she has pictures and this was not the first time she has had a backup in her home. She pleaded for help to resolve this matter. Mayor Ford shared the \$7,000 Servpro bill has been paid and there was a meeting this morning to discuss the remaining restoration plans. Mayor Ford shared full restoration per Servpro will be approximately \$20,000 and they were looking at other proposals as well. Mayor Ford then shared to Ms. LeBlanc he would like to discuss the restoration with her and her insurance company because some of this could be insurance related. Ms. LeBlanc then shared she will not use her insurance because she should have to pay a deductible and have this go against her as a homeowner because this was not her fault. Mayor said ok. Mayor asked her to see his staff before she leaves regarding a response.

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 Edwards, Discussion – none.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4	Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
	Nays:	0	
	Abstains:	0	

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards shared he will have a meeting March 3rd at 5:00pm for his Education, Parks and Recs Commission. He then shared there will be a Career Day Event in March they dates will be confirmed between March 18th and March 25th. He also shared his support for Ms. LeBlanc and the restoration resolution.

Alderman Spivey shared he received a message from Ms. LeBlanc and Alderman Lockett asked that everyone let the city staff resolve Ms. LeBlanc's concerns because Alderman are policies and purse strings and not city business.

Alderwoman Evans shared her Law and Ordinance meeting will be held Thursday March 3rd at 5:30pm. She also shared the Ordinance for controlled sales is to work with the city and establish a partnership as a preventative measure. Lastly, Alderwoman Evans shared MV Terminals development will not be an eyesore to those traveling on Cicero.

Alderman Lockett shared Happy Belated Valentines Day and South Suburban College will hold an Art Design Show Art Exhibition tomorrow 6-8pm. Also he asked everyone to stay safe and get ready for the snow on Thursday. Lastly, he asked that residents do not call their Alderman or City Hall regarding snow removal.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

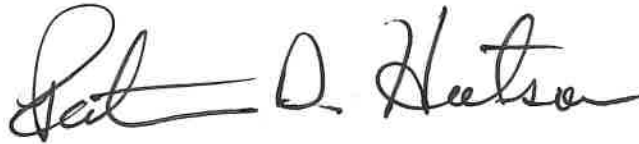
Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a distinct "D".

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk