



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and in light of the Governor's most recent Declaration lifting Mask Mandates, Mayor James W. Ford has determined that fully in-person meetings will be conducted.

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 7:04p.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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Davis, Alderman Spivey and Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present was City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

Excused as absent were Alderwoman Evans and City Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Lelewellyn Dixon of the Jubilee Faith Community Church in Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from 02.28.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 02.28.2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 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 he along with Clerk Hutson and City Administrator Estelle recently attended Lobby Day in Springfield and met with State Rep Debbie-Meyers-martin and Senator Michael Hastings. The team spent time with them and a host of others. There were great sessions and met with other African American legislators across the state of IL. He also shared his excitement for the upcoming IML (Illinois Municipal League) Conference where most municipalities attend as a team because there is a lot to learn that will benefit the city. He would like the aldermen to attend the conference in the fall.

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

Clerk Hutson shared historical information on Women's History Month and the declaration on Women's History by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Clerk Hutson also shared she attended SD#160's Community Forum on the financial state of the district. Superintendent Dr. Meighan shared a State of the District address on the financial status of the district, goals for Destination 2025, the information will be shared on their new website which includes an area that shares city community events. Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared she along with Mayor Ford and City Administrator Carl Estelle, recently attended Lobby Day in Springfield to learn the process of obtaining funding for city projects, upcoming House Bills and Senate Bills that may impact the City of Country Club Hills along with networking with Legislators.

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

City Collector's Report as of 02.28.2022 Per City Collector Patricia D. Hutson

Clerk Hutson shared the Collector's Report is in the Alderman's packets and if there are any concerns to please let her know.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - City Vouchers as of 03.28.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$350,225.83 for 02.28.2022 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans

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)

Alderman Edwards shared Alderwoman Evans next Committee meeting will be held Thursday April 7th at 5:30pm at city hall.

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

No Report

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

Alderman Spivey thanked Dr. Willie Wilson for his generosity and the EDC Chair and Vice-Chair along with residents for their assistance at Falcon with the recent event that occurred in Country Club Hills. Mayor Ford also shared his appreciation to the Country Club Hills Police Department for orchestrating a smooth process for the participants. Alderman Spivey thanked the Police Department as well. Alderman Lockett shared out of all of the events that day by Dr. Wilson Country Club Hills was the most organized.

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

Alderman Edwards shared all elected officials should have received a letter from Hillcrest H.S. requesting assistance to purchase 300 t-shirts for high school seniors. He asked elected officials to donate if they can and he will follow up with Hillcrest for more detailed information. Alderman Edwards then shared he too attended SD#160 Community Forum on and there is a need for more teachers in the district and he and the Superintendent have agreed to work together on upcoming projects. Alderman also shared he attended the Park Board Meeting where they discussed revenues and expenses. Lastly, he visited the rec center and is hopeful both sides of the gym can open for the youth, basketball rims are up on 175th st, thanked the Police Department for their attention and response after a recent carjacking on his block and he asked Mayor Ford for assistance in organizing a neighborhood watch. Alderman also shared he would like to continue previous discuss on assisting resident with obtaining video doorbell systems.

Mayor Ford inquired as to how donations can be made for the t-shirts at Hillcrest. There was ongoing conversations and Alderman Edwards will reach out for more information and get back to everyone.

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 Edwards. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans

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

10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Lily Gibson, resident and President of her association, inquired if there is an ordinance for Air BnB's. Mayor Ford responded no there is not an ordinance regulating Air BnB's.

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 Edwards. Discussion – none.

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards shared his next Education, Parks and Recs Commission Meeting will be held Thursday April 7th at 5:00pm and he will have visitors from the local school district. He also shared Baseball signups are ongoing and they are looking for volunteers. If you are available to please contact Mr. Ross the Rec Center.

Alderman Spivey shared he is hopeful that Public Works can begin to repair some of the potholes on his list.

Alderman Lockett shared his congratulations to the South Suburban College Men's Basketball team for a successful 33 and 0 undefeated season and winning the National Junior College Championship. He shared this is a historical moment for a Junior College to win the championship and be undefeated.

Alderman Edwards shared one of the assistant coaches is one of our very own Fabian Chatman who attended Southwood.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone to wear your masks and keep your distance because COVID is still out there.

Alderman Davis shared information on a free Food Give-A-Way at Cornerstone Church tomorrow 4101 W. Flossmoor Rd. Alderman Davis also shared he has received several calls,

seen video footage regarding afterhours activity near 186th Marycrest (lake area) . He asked to have the area secured with a chain link if possible. Mayor Ford shared the city is in the process of installing cameras and he will have Public Works secure the area tomorrow and have the Police Department provide extra coverage as well.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderwoman Evans

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk