



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, June 23, 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.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance and lead by Mayor Ford.

2. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was not presented at this meeting.

3. 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 7:06PM. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present was the Administrative Team and City Attorney John Murphey.

Excused as Absent – City Administrator Carl Estelle and City Treasurer, Deborah McIlvain

5. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Administrative Meeting 04.18.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Administrative Meetings Minutes for 04.18.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

Fire and Police Commission Swearing Ceremony

Mayor Ford asked the members of the Fire and Police Commission to come forward as the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Country Club Hills Fire Department prepare to be sworn in.

Swearing in of Scott W. Stegenga, Country Club Hills Deputy Fire Chief

Mayor Ford asked Clerk Hutson to swear in Scott Stegenga as the Country Club Hills Deputy Fire Chief. Clerk Hutson proceeded to swear in Scott Stegenga with the Oath of Office as Deputy Chief of the City of Country Club Hills. Clerk Hutson then presented Deputy Chief Stegenga with a Certificate of Oath to commemorate the swearing in and Deputy Chief Stegenga was pinned by his wife. Mayor Ford asked Deputy Chief Stegenga to say a few words. Deputy Chief Stegenga thanked the Mayor and the City Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of the City of Country Club Hills. shared he brings a wealth of experience from the Village of South Holland and looks forward to working with Chief Hullinger and the department to do their best. He also shared there are two names on every uniform. The one on the front is the last name of the person and on the back is the city. The one on the front is where you come from and who you are and the one on the back is who you are protecting and sworn to serve. He promises to never disgrace either one. Mayor Ford extended the opportunity for family photographs.

Swearing in of Michelle M. Hullinger, Country Club Hills Fire Chief

Mayor Ford asked Clerk Hutson to swear in Interim Fire Chief Michelle M. Hullinger as the Country Club Hills Fire Chief. Clerk Hutson proceeded to swear in Interim Fire Chief Michelle M. Hullinger with the Oath of Office as Chief of the City of Country Club Hills. Clerk Hutson then presented Chief Hullinger with a Certificate of Oath to commemorate the swearing in and Chief Hullinger was pinned by her daughter Keagan. Mayor Ford asked Chief Hullinger to say a few words. Chief Hullinger shared she looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Country Club Hills in her official leadership role as chief along with Deputy Chief Stegenga to serve the residents of Country Club Hills. Chief Hullinger also share as many know in public service you miss out on many momentous family occasions and she shared her appreciate to her family for their sacrifices over the years. Chief then thanked Deputy Chief Stegenga for coming aboard to his new Country Club Hills Fire family.

Mayor Ford introduced Fire Chief Michelle M. Hullinger as someone who has come up through the ranks and shared he is proud to announce that she is the third female professional Fire Chief in the State of Illinois. Mayor Ford shared he appreciates her service, is an excellent leader and has a wonderful vision for the Fire Department. Mayor Ford again extended the opportunity for family photographs in additional to City Council and a group photo with all Fire Department members in attendance.

Chief Hullinger shared that all Fire Fighters are also Paramedics and there is a labor intensive certification process. Chief then shared they have to recertify every four years inclusive of additional training. Chief shared the State of Illinois recognizes them for their years of service and she would like to recognize those in the department who have achieved certain

benchmarks. Chief shared department members also utilize their station time to hone their skills in preparation of service to those in need. Chief Hullinger and Deputy Chief Stegenga then proceed to present EMS Certificates Recognition to department members who serve the residents of the City of Country Club Hills and neighboring communities by providing kindness, care and compassion to people in their homes. Certificates were presented to Firefighter/Paramedic G. Porter 5-years, Lt. R. Rodriguez 15-years, Lt. S. Wilson 15-years, Capt. D. Dangoy 20-years, Chief M. Hullinger – 20 years. Mayor Ford congratulated all of the recipients and shared a special congratulations to Lt. Wilson is home grown and he has known him since he was a little boy living in the neighborhood.

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

City Clerk Hutson shared information on the upcoming Primary Election Tuesday June 28th is on the City website inclusive of Voter information links.

Voter Information - <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections>

City Website... www.countryclubhills.org Employment opportunities, Theater, Water, Police Department...check out this month's newsletter

If you have specific questions please contact her via phutson@countryclubhills.org

Does the State of Illinois owe you money?? Illinois State Treasurer's Office will be in the lobby of City Hall Wednesday July 20th from 9am to 1pm to search for I-Cash

Com-Ed will also be in the lobby to share energy efficiency tips for residents during the same time on July 20th.

City Hall will be closed Monday July 4th in observance of the 4th of July Holiday and resume normal business hours on Tuesday July 5th at 8am

4th of July Fireworks Sunday July 3rd.....gates open at 6pm.... Fireworks start at dusk

Employment opportunities are on line..... Summer youth Intern employment program is in progress and interns are working in each department as the department heads are providing them with professional and life skills training opportunities as they prepare for their continued education.

Clerk Hutson shared a note from Police Chief John Galvin that has been shared via Social Media to residents reminding them that fireworks are illegal and asking them to leave fireworks to the professionals and extending the invitation for everyone to watch the professional fireworks that the city is providing.

Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared as LGBTQ month comes to a close we recognize all of our community members and shared that love is love.

8. PUBLIC HEARING FOR A&R PROPERTIES, LLC(TCI TRANSPORTATION)

A & R Properties, LLC (TCI Transportation) Packet

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Open the Floor for the Public Hearing of A&R Properties, LLC (TCI Transportation) for Annexing, Zoning and Class 8 Support . 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.

Karen Kulczycki with SVN, Attorney Namit Bammi and owner Ryan (via phone from California) proceeded to share information on the plans for A&R PROPERTIES, LLC(TCI TRANSPORTATION). Ryan shared he and his brother have been I business since 1978 in the trucking industry. He shared their business plan is to repair trucks and train drivers at this site. He shared they are purchasing the property and would like to annex it into Country Club Hills and put the property on the tax roll and provide employment opportunities and provide economic growth to the city.

Alderman Edwards asked if this new development is near a residential area and Karen responded no as shared on their site plan and the construction area will be fenced in for safety.

Mayor Ford extended the opportunity for questions from members of the public and there were no members of the public with questions regarding this matter.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Close the Floor for the Public Hearing of A&R Properties, LLC (TCI Transportation) for Annexing, Zoning and Class 8 Support . Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion –none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Vouchers as of 06.23.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,268,858.80 for 06.23.2022 when funds 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.

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

Ald. Evans shared the next Law and Ordinance Committee will meet 06.30.2022 at 5:30pm

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

Approval - The purchase of (2) 2021 Ford F-550 Super Duty Trucks upfitted with snow plow equipment for DPW

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to purchase of (2) 2021 Ford F-550 Super Duty Trucks upfitted with snow plow equipment for DPW. 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)

Approval - Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation and Development Agreement (Regis-Berkeley - A&R Properties, LLC/ 173rd St. West of Cicero Avenue) O-10-22

Approval - Ordinance Annexing Certain Property to the City of Country Club Hills (Regis-Berkeley - A&R Properties, LLC/ 173rd St. West of Cicero Avenue) O-11-22

Approval - Ordinance Zoning Certain Property(Regis-Berkeley - A&R Properties, LLC/ 173rd St. West of Cicero Avenue) O-12-22

Approval - Ordinance Supporting Class 8 Incentive for Certain Property (Regis-Berkeley - A&R Properties, LLC/ 173rd St. West of Cicero Avenue) O-13-22

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of Ordinances as follows:

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Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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Ald. Spivey shared he attended the Ribbon cutting for Big Lots with Kevin W., of Big Lots,, Ald. Lockett, Ald. Edwards and the City Clerk. He welcomed them and shared he was glad to have them. Ald. Spivey also shared Shred Day was a huge success and thanked EDC Chair Tom Hill, EDC Co-Chair Jennie Betton and State Rep Debbie Meyers-Martin for attending and assisting.

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

Ald. Edwards shared the next Education, Parks and Recs Committee will meet 06.30.2022 at 5:00pm

Ald. Edwards shared at the last concert his seat was broken and he also inquired about obtaining discount tickets for leased shows at the theater. Ald. Edwards also shed he would like to see the contract and receive tickets earlier. Lastly, Ald. Edwards directed his question regarding in having the ability to information on Small Business Grant monies disbursed by the city. Attorney Murphey shared all disbursed monies are available to share.

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: 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.

11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

No Members of the public spoke as the floor was open.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by 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.

13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards shared the next Education, Parks and Recs Committee will meet 06.30.2022 at 5:00pm. He also shared he attended the baseball games at Community Park. He will send information to Superintendents and Principals at the school districts.

Mayor Ford asked Ald. Edwards to get together with Commissioner Jones and Mayor Ford regarding houses that are candidates for demolition in his area.

Ald. Spivey congratulated Chief Hullinger and Deputy Chief Stegenga. He also shared he has been working with Public Works on street repairs in the 4th ward. Ald. Spivey suggested developing a link for ticket sales for theater leases.

Ald. Evans congratulated Chief Hullinger and Deputy Chief Stegenga. She also shared the Fire Dept. had a great Fire Camp this past Saturday for high school and Prairie State College students. She shared it was a great camp with hands on activities allowing the youth an opportunity to see what is expected and if they are interested. She shared her son participated and thought it was a great camp.

Ald. Lockett shared in light of the hot weather he encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors and reminded everyone the Fire and the Police Stations are cooling centers.

Ald. Davis then shared he has received calls from residents about water theft by the CUBES development by accessing water through a fire hydrant in his ward. He shared this is not the first time and he would like the Police Dept. to look into this theft of services.

14. ADJOURNMENT

**Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Edwards.
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.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk