



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and in light of the Governor's 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 7:06PM. The meeting was called to order by Honorable Mayor James W. Ford.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present were City Administrator Carl Estelle, City Attorney John Murphey and the City Administrative Team.

Excused as Absent – Alderman Ricardo Spivey and City Treasurer, Deborah McIlvain

Alderman Edwards shared Alderman Spivey lost a family member and shared his condolences for the family.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was not presented at this meeting.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 08.22.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Regular Meeting Minutes 08.22.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Evans. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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 has recently lost the former Director of Public Works, Edward Meinheit, former Alderman Thomas Comein of the 3rd Ward, Jason Collins the son of CSO David Collins and the Father-in-Law of Alderman Spivey. Mayor Ford offered his condolences and asked for a moment of silence for those whom we've lost and their families.

Mayor Ford also shared BP Gas Station on the corner of 183rd and Cicero has recently sold and is under new ownership and Sweets Addicts on 183rd near Cicero will soon be under new ownership as well.

Mayor Ford additionally shared Public Safety Director William Brown has scheduled a series of Community meetings with Police and Fire for each Ward and the last meeting will be held for the 5th ward tomorrow evening, here at City Hall at 6:00pm. Mayor shared many citizens have attended the meetings over the last week and he thanked the staff for their participation.

Lastly, Mayor Ford shared the City of Country Club Hills will hold its first Mexican Independence Day Parade Saturday September 17th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm starting at 175th and Cicero continuing to the farm at 183rd and LeClaire off of Cicero and 183rd St. The parade will feature dancing horses, expert riders etc.

A. Approval - Final Plat of the Cove Subdivision And Acknowledged Said Subdivision

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Final Plat of The Cove Subdivision And Acknowledged Said Subdivision. Mayor Ford asked Attorney Murphey to give a brief summary. Attorney Murphey shared this is a new residential development by Mr. Garth off of 172nd and Pulaski where there were two parcels of land that will be subdivided into four parcels for four homes and Clerk Hutson has the plat of survey for viewing if needed. Attorney also shared the builder is not asking for special relief, the zoning is appropriate and they are asking or the City Council to approve their plat of subdivision which will then be recorded with Cook

County to allow the homes to be built. Alderman Edwards shared that is his Ward and several residents were concerned that their water services may be impacted. Mayor Ford and Ald. Lockett shared that will not be a problem. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

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

City Clerk Hutson shared she along with several other elected officials joined School District #160 to welcome students back to school July 24th and a great time was had by all. Clerk Hutson also shared the State of Illinois recently shared information on individual and property tax rebates. Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared the Professional Municipal Clerks of the South and Southwest Suburbs of Cook County recently held their Dinner Meeting at the City Pavilion hosting over 30 Clerks. The Clerks were given a tour of the Amphitheatre Campus, shared food from several restaurants in town and were impressed and loved Country Club Hills.

Mayor Ford also shared per the Governor of IL all flags are flying at half mass due to the passing of the Queen of England and all will remain until end of day Monday September 19th.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers as of 09.12.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$839,053.14 for 09.12.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

Alderwoman Evans shared her next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday September 29th at 5:30pm

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

Ald. Davis shared an update on the road projects. There was a meeting with D Construction held September 2nd for the CDBG project and the concrete work will begin within a week to a week and a half and they will complete the Invest in Cook on 183rd St. Ald. Edwards asked if this went to bid and Ald. Davis shared “D” Construction is the winner of both Bids.

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

No Report

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

Ald. Edward shared his next meeting will be Thursday September 29th at 5:00pm. Ald. Edwards also thanked the Fire, Police Departments, Mayor Ford and his colleagues for the donations to the School Districts September 1st. Ald. Edwards also thanked the Fire Dept for a recent fire victim. Ald. Edward s then shared his disappointment regarding two recent meetings with the school district regarding a mentoring program that was held and he was not invited. He shared he has participated in mentoring programs for years at Urban Prep, SD#144, SD#160 etc He asking to review the city’s mentoring program as well. Ald. Edwards shared his disappointment with the lack of response from the Public Works and Special Projects departments. He has asked for status updates regarding street repairs and he not received anything. If he doesn’t get a response he will protest and do whatever he has to get the streets repaired. Ald. Edwards then shared per Attorney Murphey at a previous meeting, as a legislator, he is entitled to the list of amounts granted to the small businesses and if he doesn’t get the information he will foia the information along with theater contracts. Lastly, he shared he works for the people and not for the mayor.

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 Davis. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Rudy Little, resident, shared his ongoing concern about the street repairs in front of his home. He shared his streets are torn up and he tries to lead by example by maintaining his home. He shared we need to do something about the streets.

Harry Evans, resident, shared he and his neighbors are concerned about Sunset Lane. He shared the streets were in bad shape prior to the construction and now it's even worse. He would like to know if there is a plan for repairs. Mayor Ford shared a map was given to the aldermen and that street was identified for repairs with the DECO resurfacing.

Raymond Anderson, resident, his cul-de-sac is terrible, there are multiple potholes and it's been like this for 3-4 years. He also shared in the area of 172nd near the new housing development, the bushes and the grass are overgrown and it's impending on his property. Alderman Lockett and Mayor Ford shared that land is unincorporated Cook County.

Alona Boyd, resident, shared she lives in Country Club Manor and she and her neighbors are having problems with the management company. She shared they pay their assessment fees and the buildings and overall properties are not being maintained by the company. They have called and there are no responses, no communication and they need help.

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 Evans. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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Mayor Ford asked Attorney Murphey to share his perspective. Attorney Murphey shared these are private disputes. The Mayor's Office will look into it if she can provide the contact information. She shared the streets have potholes and Mayor Ford shared the city can take care of the streets. Ald. Lockett shared if you hold your HOA payments he's sure someone will call you back. Mayor Ford shared street repairs have been on hold due to the strike and the city will make street repairs with funded programs as best we can. He asked for patience.

11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Davis thanked the Police Department for participating in a return home parade for a resident who recently was released from the hospital. Ald. Davis shared he received tons of calls about loud music with profanity. He shared the city does not have an ordinance in place and as a council we need to develop an ordinance to address this problem. Ald. Davis then shared the street repairs advocated during budget time. He shared \$600,000 of taxpayer dollars are added in and the rest come from grants, CDBG, Invest in Cook and DECO and they earmark the repairs that can be made whether patches or cutouts. He shared we need a consistent program.

Mayor Ford asked Ald. Evans to look into the type of music played.

Ald. Lockett shared Queen Elizabeth II passed away. Also, yesterday was the 21st anniversary of the September 11th attack. Lastly, he shared the Code Red 911 System signup sheets are available at City Hall and online.

Ald. Evans is there a timeframe for the CDBG? Ald. Davis shared they will begin working within the next week and a half. The streets are School St., Providence Lane to Yale Lane, 180th Street and Kostner to Ravisloe Terrace, Lakeview Dr., Ravisloe Terrace to Pulaski, Kostner Ave, to 182nd Place to 180th, Chestnut Dr 194th to 194th Ct.

Ald. Evans asked...What is the update on the DECO? Mayor Ford, they are completing their environmental and funding.

Ald. Edwards asked what is the latest that streets can be complete? Jerry Townsend shared CDBG October 20th and DECO November 15th. Ald. Edwards also shared Rudy Little's is a cut out. He also shared he will be upset if the repairs are not complete. Ald. Edwards said Mayor Ford asked him to identify streets for repairs and he is looking to have those streets repaired. Mayor Ford shared each ward has \$150,000. Lastly, Ald. Edwards asked why there is no respect for him as an Ald. To get a return call from Public Works and Special Projects? He asked for a list and has not received anything. He then shared the seniors of the Victory Centre are having a Holiday Party and the flyers will be placed in the Aldermen's mailboxes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Davis moved for adjournment. Second by Alderwoman Lockett. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk