



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

The meeting started with an extraordinary performance by the Award winning Number #1 in the Nation Midwest Jr. Hawks 6U Division Cheerleaders.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – JAMES W. FORD, MAYOR

A. Presentation of A City of Country Club Hills Resolution Honoring Deborah M. McIlvain, City Treasurer

Hon. Mayor James W. Ford shared the loss of City Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain who was dedicated to the City of Country Club Hills and provided for 24 years of service, 20 years as the previous City Clerk and 4 years as the Treasurer. Mayor Ford then asked City Clerk Hutson to read the Resolution on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council. Mayor Ford also shared that Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain's name plate will be retired at the end of tonight's meeting.

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson read the Formal Resolution previously prepared and presented to the family of City Treasurer, Deborah M. McIlvain. After reading the Resolution City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson asked for a moment of silence in memory of City Treasurer, Deborah M. McIlvain.

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 7:20PM. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey, Edwards, and Mayor Ford

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The final Invocation for year 2023 was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Temple Church in Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

- A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 10.24.2022
- B. Approval - Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes 11.07.2022
- C. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 11.14.2022
- D. Approval - Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes 12.05.2022

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval – Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the following Meeting Minutes. Regular Meeting Minutes 10.24.2022, Administrative Meeting Minutes 11.07.2022, Regular Meeting Minutes of 11.14.2022 and Administrative Meeting Minutes 12.05.22. Second by Alderwoman Evans. Discussions - 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.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

- A. WEI Grant Presentation of Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) Grant Program Opportunities Presented by Brian Stanley, M.P.A., M.A. Manager of Student Affairs for Prairie State College and Chad Vlietstra, Fire Chief South Chicago Heights and Associate Professor - Coordinator for Fire Science Program Prairie State College

Mr. Stanley and Mr. Vlietstra shared their appreciation of the coordination between Chief Hullinger and Deputy Chief Stengenga of the Country Club Hills Fire Department along with the benefits of the program for Country Club Hills and the Southland.

- B. Introduction of the Fire and Police Commissioners

Mayor Ford introduced the Fire and Police Commission Board in preparation of the Swearing-in of Fire Fighters. Commission Chair Robert Battie, Commission

Co-Chair Robert Battie and Commissioner Michael Perry shared their excitement for the new Fire Fighters and the vetting process which occurred to this point.

C. Swearing In of Fire Fighters

Firefighter/Paramedic A. Circo

Firefighter/EMT J. Kopping

Firefighter/EMT D. Woods

Commission Co-Chair Michael Holmes swore-in each Fire Fighter, gave them an opportunity to introduce their family members, take photographs and introduce themselves to the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Pastor Tiller and the entire audience in attendance.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared her recent attendance of SD#160 events, Senior Luncheon at the Resource Center and wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season as we all prepare for the New Year of 2023.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers as of 12.12.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,634,850.30 for 12.12.2022. 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 - 2022 Insurance Renewal

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2022 Insurance Renewal. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – Ald. Edwards as if there were

any major changes. Mr. Bill Owens shared the state of the industry does reflect changes. The current is \$1,659,228 and the renewal will reflect \$1,778,228.00. There will be a change of \$100,000 to \$500,000. There was ongoing discussion on this topic with Ald. Edwards, Ald. Lockett and Mr. Owens to everyone in the audience.

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 - 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance (O-17-22) for 2022. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – Ald. Edwards asked for clarity. Ald. Davis shared the percentage is less than 5% totaling \$18,402, 058.00 for Corporate, Bonds and Interest, Police and Fire Pensions.

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 - 2022 Truth in Taxation

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Truth and Taxation for 2022. 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.

E. Approval - 2022 Loss and Cost Resolution

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Loss and Cost Resolution (R-16-22) for 2022. 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.

F. Approval - IMRF Coordinator - HR Director Nicole Cody

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Approval of IMRF Coordinator HR Director Nicole Cody. 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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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderwoman Evans shared her next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday January 19th at 5:00pm

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

No Report per Alderman Davis

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

A. Approval - TIF Consultant for the Daou Corporation

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of a TIF Consultant for the Daou Corporation. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion - Ald. Davis asked if there was a cost to the city and it was shared that the Daou corporation will pay the cost throughout the three phases of the project.

ROLL CALL

VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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B. 2023 Country Club Hills Theater Concerts Ticket Information

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval to table the 2023 Country Club Hills Theater Concerts Ticket Information. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL

VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
Nays: 1 Alderman Lockett
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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

C. Approval - 2023 Country Club Hills Theater Budget Request

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval to table the 2023 Country Club Hills Theater Budget Request. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL

VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
Nays: 1 Alderman Lockett
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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

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

Ald. Edwards shared his next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday January 19th at 5:30pm. He then shared at his last meeting he had a representative for #SD144, SD#228, three mentors and SD#160 did not send a representative. He shared his disappointment with SD#160's lack of response. Lastly, Ald. Edwards shared SD#227 has students from Venezuela and they are in need of new clothes for the students. Ald. Edwards also shared he has been working with local businesses in the 1st Ward to provide employment for those in need from teenagers to adults. He then shared he is working on assisting the 8th graders and High School seniors with graduation attire. Lastly, Ald. Edwards shared he attended the Senior Luncheon at the Resource Center, he thought it was an excellent event and he provided gift cards for their Holiday Raffle during the Luncheon. He also shared he assisted the residents at the Victory Center with their Holiday Luncheon as well. Ald. Edwards then shared he has a list of the streets that have been repaired and his Ward only had \$61,000.00 spent out of \$250,000. He shared this was a disgrace. Mayor Ford then shared his calculations were incorrect. Mayor shared an additional \$80,000 was spent in Ward 1 and offered Ald. Edwards an opportunity to meet with him to discuss and clarify the street repairs. There was ongoing discussion on this topic and a meeting will be held at a later date for points of clarification on grants and funding for street repairs.

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, Discussions – None**

ROLL CALL

VOTE:	Ayes:	5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	0

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared her frustration with the lack of updating the city website by removing outdated information. She shared we have Branch Pick-up, Comprehensive Plan, Election information that is outdated. She also shared the city's Facebook page is not updated very often as well.

Albert Boyd, resident, shared his concern regarding opening the street near the Victory Center to provide an additional exit in case of emergency etc. Mayor Ford shared he has made that a requirement for any developments in that area as Police and Fire would need road access implemented for emergency purposes. Mayor Ford shared the land is owned by the Gatling Corp and he will continue to make sure any developer interested understands that is a requirement.

Melva Smith, resident, shared her concerns about a street light that has been out before April of 2022. She shared this is a safety concern for her and she wants this addressed immediately. Ms. Smith shared she called Com-Ed and they said they have no information regarding a street light at the location of 17741 Yale Lane. Mayor Ford shared it will be taken care of tomorrow.

Rudy Little, resident, thanks everyone for his street repairs. He shared he would like to know the responsibilities of Public Works personnel and their job descriptions.

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 Davis, Discussions – None

ROLL CALL

VOTE:	Ayes:	5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	0

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Davis wished everyone a safe and happy holiday, congratulated the newly sworn in Firefighters and offered condolences to the families of Rose Chavez and T.C. White. He then yielded his time to Pastor Tiller who announced a food drive for those in need Wednesday December 21st at Jeremiah Temple located in St. Emeric's 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Ald. Lockett asked for a moment of silence in memory of Machelle Taker Brown known as Shelly, a retired Parks and Recs and Public Works employee who dedicated many years of service to the City of Country Club Hills. Ald. Lockett then congratulated the J-Hawks on their award winning season. Ald. Lockett then wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Ald. Evans wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Ald. Spivey thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a merry Christmas and thanked all who participated in his recent 7th Annual Turkey Giveaway.

Ald. Edwards shared he never received a text from Ms. Smith and to the gentleman from the Victory Center he did try to have the streets repaired.

Mayor Ford shared Mayor Kevin Casey of Hometown recently passed away and asked everyone to keep his family in your prayers and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday!

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Edwards, Discussions – None.

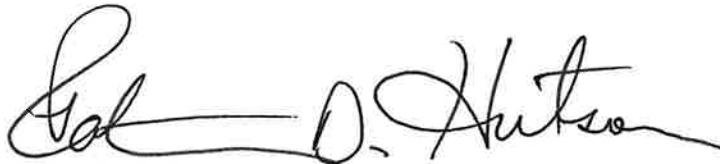
ROLL CALL

VOTE:	Ayes:	5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	0

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The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC