



# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

## 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. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street at 7:07pm. 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, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, Alderman Edwards, and Mayor Ford.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Carl Estelle, Attorney Felicia Frazier and the Administrative Team.

## 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Llewellyn Dixon of Jubilee Faith Community Church 17450 Crawford in Country Club Hills

## 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

#### A. Approval - Regular Meeting Minutes 01.23.2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 01.23.2023. Second, 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.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:**

**A. Acknowledgement: Prairie Hills SD#144 7th & 8th Grade Award Winning Basketball Team**

Mayor Ford introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team from SD#144. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team are the State Champions and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team are the Regional Champions. The Mayor then introduced Alderman Edwards to present the teams as he is directly involved with the teams. Alderman Edwards shared his congratulations on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council. Alderman Edwards introduced the coaches and teams and photographs were taken with the teams, Mayor Ford and Mayor Agpawa. Alderman Edwards then invited the Mayor and the City Council to take photographs as well.

**B. Approval - Volunteer Commission Appointment**

1. Josette Myers - Housing Commission

Mayor Ford invited Doreen Purvis, Events Coordinator to come forward and introduce Mrs. Josette Myers. Doreen then asked Mrs. Myers to come forward and introduce herself. Mrs. Myers shared she is a proud resident and she is looking forward to working with the Housing Commission. Mayor Ford then asked for a motion.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Volunteer Housing Commission of Josette Myers. Second, Alderwoman Evans. 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.

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson swore in Mrs. Josette Myers with the oath of office as a Housing Authority Commissioner.

Mayor Ford introduced the Housing Authority Commissioner Myra and Anese to approach the mic. Mayor Ford announce there is an item on the agenda for J & T Development and he asked Commissioners Nutall and Stennis of their experience in their discussion with J & T. Myra shared she thought they were professional and interested in rehabbing the house on Birch. Anese shared she had questions to see how they heard about the house and she thinks they are really serious about making the repairs the putting the house back on the tax roll. She would like to see their completed jobs.

**B. Approval - J & T Development Agreement**

Alderman Lockett motioned this item to be tabled for another meeting. 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.

**6. CITY CLERK’S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared she recently attended a presentation by Circuit Court Clerk Iris Martinez and Monica Gordon at the Bloom Township Center. She shared she brought information on expungements, e-filings, evictions, court caedes etc. For more information please check their website [www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org](http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org)

Clerk Hutson reminded those who are required to complete their Statement of Economic Interest that they notification will be coming out in the coming weeks.

Clerk Hutson then shared that City Hall will be closed Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of President’s Day.

Lastly, Clerk Hutson acknowledged Black History Month and shared that each one of us has an obligation to do our best as we represent residents, businesses and the entire City of Country Club Hills as we want to leave a positive legacy for the future.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

### A. Approval - Approval of AP Vouchers as of 02.13.2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of AP Vouchers for 02.13.2023 in the amount of \$1,246,457.03. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion-Alderman Spivey approved all except Krimson Technologies and the Bass voucher. Alderman Edward also approved all except Krimson Technologies and the Bass voucher.

ROLL

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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### B. Approval - A Resolution Authorizing The First Distribution of TIF (I-57/I-80 TIF District: Logistics Industrial Development

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of A Resolution Authorizing The First Distribution of TIF (I-57/I-80 TIF District: Logistics Industrial Development. Second by Alderman Davis. 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 the Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract Committee will meet 02.16.2023 at 5:30pm

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

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. 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.

**B. Approval - Purchase of a Street Sweeper**

Alderman Davis moved to table the Purchase of a Street Sweeper. Second by 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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**Economic Development & Planning, Zoning & Development – Alderman Spivey, Chairman**  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Supporting Class 6b Incentive for Certain Property (Madmag, LLC/18450 Cicero Avenue)**

Alderman Spivey moved for approval of An Ordinance Supporting Class 6b Incentive for Certain Property (Madmag, LLC/18450 Cicero Avenue). Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

ROLL

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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### **C. Approval - Big Lot's Economic Development Agreement**

Alderman Spivey moved for approval of the Big Lot's Economic Development Agreement. Second by 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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### **Education, Parks & Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman (Committee Meeting – TBA)**

Alderman Edwards shared he was focusing on the Park District and their great programming. He suggested the Park District start their programs early and focus on the Summer Camp and he would invited Director Johnson and Program Coordinator Davis to his Committee Meeting 02.16.2023 5:00pm. Alderman Edwards asked who will receive awards during the Black History Program February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Ford shared children of the local school districts will receive awards. Alderman Edwards shared SD#160 Superintendent gets an award he will not be in attendance because he does not believe an award is merited because the Superintendent does not respond to him, only Mayor Ford. Mayor Ford reiterated that children i.e. basketball champions, cheerleader champions etc.

### **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, 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**

Clifton Graham Jr., resident, shared his compliments of the Black History Month display in the lobby and he shared his acknowledgement of Miller Green, his contributions and accomplishments as a Freedom Rider. He also shared his disappointment with the current position Mr. Green holds with the City of Country Club Hills.

**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, 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.

**11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Mayor Ford shared of the recent passing of Former 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Frank B Martin Jr. who served Country Club Hills.

Alderman Davis asked for a moment of silence in the recent passing of Former 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Frank B Martin Jr. who served Country Club Hills and the Southland with honor and pride. Alderman Davis thanked the Housing Commission and shared he has questions he would like to ask the developer as well.

Alderman Lockett wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Alderswoman Evans shared her Committee Meeting will be held 02.16.2032 at 5:30pm and the Bremen Township Tax Appeal Window is open until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Spivey congratulated the basketball team on their accomplishments and Commissioner Mrs. Myers on her appointment. He also shared he is looking forward to the renovation project with more detail information and verbiage.

Alderman Edwards shared his appreciation to the Housing Commission, the City Administrative team for making this city work. He also shared in appreciation to Mayor Ford and the City Administrator for including the basketball team during this evening's meeting.

Mayor Ford shared Cook County Assessor Fritz Kagie will stop by City Hall sometime this week.

Lastly, Mayor Ford shared Mr. Miller Green is an original Freedom Rider and service the City of Country Club Hills in the capacity that works best for him.

## 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

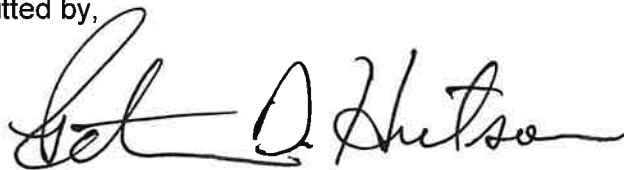
Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk