



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, November 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. 183rd Street at 7:05PM. 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 – RECORDING SECRETARY

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards. Also present was City Administrator Carl Estelle

Excused as Absent – Alderman Hutson, Treasurer Burris

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - City Council Meeting Minutes Administrative Meeting 10.02.2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Administrative Meeting Minutes for 10.02.2023. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None

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

Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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

B. Approval - Regular Meeting of the City Council 10.09.2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 10.09.2023. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

A. 101st Birthday Recognition for Reverend Dr. Charles L. Davis

Due to the unavailability of Reverend Davis, Recognition will be rescheduled at a later date.

Alderman Edwards asked who was the new principal for Hillcrest. Kristine stated the new principal was just hired.

B. 2023 Holiday Food Drive Donation Kick-Off of Non-Perishables with City Events Coordinators- Doreen Purvis and Crystal Stokes

Mayor Ford announced the Food Drive and reminded everyone that donations can be dropped off at City Hall

Mayor Ford introduced special guests, two judges he would like the community to know

Judge John Abbrey Fairman: He has served over 15 years in the area. Married over 20 years with 5 kids. He works with schools and programs for mental health and autism, which is personal for him due to his oldest child being autism. Making available more resources for kids.

Judge Allen Walker: He works in General Chancery Division for the Circuit Clerk. He has been a judge for 11 years. You would see him if you asking for equitable remedies. He's Vice Chairman on the IL Judicial Council Organization of African American judges. He has been married over 40 years with 5 children. He and Alderman Davis graduated together.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – December 11th 6:30pm)

A. Approval – Accounts Payables as of November 13, 2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$713,250.105 for 11.13.2023. Second, Alderman Edwards.
Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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B. Approval – BS&A Local Government Software Agreement

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Government Software. Second, Alderman Edwards

Discussion – Alderman Lockett mentioned that this software will save the City over \$70,000 a year. All departments will benefit from the software.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval – BRT Outdoor Lease Agreement for Three Digital Signs

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Lease Agreement. Second, Alderman Edwards

Discussion – Alderman Davis asked where will the new signs be located. Mayor Ford stated at the corner of Flossmoor and Cicero. And Northwest corner of 183rd Pulaski. Mayor said it will be the same sign as the one on 167th St. Alderman Lockett said this will be no cost to the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:	3 Aldermen Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
Nays:	1 Alderman Davis
Abstains:	0
Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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

A. Approval – 2023 Community Development Block Grant Resolution

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval for resolution R-30-23 for CDBG. Second by Alderman Spivey

Discussion- Alderman Davis stated this grant \$200,000 is for the improvement of the City sanitary sewer system. Cambridge, 179th to the North and 183rd St to the South. This will stop the ground water from seeping into our sewer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
Nays:	0
Abstains:	0
Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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Alderman Davis gave the status of DCEO grant. Street improvements have been completed. The striping at the Police Department and Marycrest Pond has been completed final inspections have been scheduled. The solar crossing signs and 183rd at Ravisloe and Baker are operational.

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

- A. Presentation of Business of the Month Awards Presented by The Economic Development Commission – Chairman Thomas Hill, Co-Chairperson Jennie Betton and Alderman Ricardo Spivey
 - Big Lots
 - Ms. Peaches Place Bar & Grill
 - Foot Locker
 - Forest Lumber
 - Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar
 - Extra Space Storage

Alderman Spivey had a conversation with AJ Jones, the building manager of Heritage Plaza. The signs will be replaced. Additionally, new business, Planet Fitness is coming next to Big Lots. Chairperson Betton mentioned how the business of the month selection is determined. During the presentation, Big Lots was given recognition. However, in order to allow for other businesses to receive recognition as well, the presentation will be rescheduled. Alderman Spivey mentioned that it is very important to recognize our businesses.

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

Alderman Edwards mentioned that he met with two school districts. He asked the Mayor and council to allow the schools to use our social media to post meetings and school events. It is important to support our schools.

7. 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:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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8. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Jr. Hawks: Jarrett Washington, mentioned that this will be the 3rd year that the football team will be going to the Nationals. Over 300 kids in the program. Cheerleading team has won multiple championships. Todd Williams, Midwest Hawk Coach, has 5 teams right now that is going to compete. He mentioned that the kids work hard. They have fundraisers for the kids to help fund the traveling. Asking for everyone to donate and/or participate

Joanne Harris, resident of the Marycrest Subdivision. She commended everyone for the good work in the community. She mentioned that Facebook doesn't show the meeting dates. She also mentioned that our students in the community has no idea what is going on in the meeting. She asked if the City can work with the schools and have them make announcement of the Council Meetings to get them involved. She mentioned to Alderman Spivey about Southwood and the lighting, She said they are no school signs. She suggested that the lights on 183rd St, need to be delayed to allow kids to cross the streets.

Alderman Lockett asked what she meant by one way in and one way out. He mentioned there are other outlets that can be used. The reason for one way during school hours is to avoid heavy traffic.

Mayor Ford stated that the City worked it out with the school board and an officer is stationed there. IDOT is in control of the lights.

LaTonya Ruffin, 18 year resident, she came a year ago about water in her backyard and with the help of the City Administrator, there is no more water. She's very pleased with everything going on with the City.

9. 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, Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	1 Alderman Hutson

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10. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Davis: Christmas Benefit Musical Sat, Nov. 25th 3p-6p, United Christian Church, 4351 180th St. He congratulated the judges and is very proud of their work. He also congratulated Jr. Hawks and stated that he will participate more. Alderman Davis mentioned his reasoning for his 'no' vote for BRT. He believed the Council should've more of an opportunity for dialogue. He remembered when they first came for the sign at 167th St. The City was able to request certain things during their first presentation. However, he feels that the City isn't receiving enough, as the lease is for 20 years. If we want more ads, we'll need to pay for them.

Alderman Lockett: Asked for a moment of silence of the passing of past city employees, JoAnne Wade, Robert Battie, and Gino Bozzo. Christmas Benefit Musical featuring Javon Watson. Alderman Lockett talked about the Jr. Hawks organization and his support for them. He was there last year where the cheerleaders won the World Championship. He said it's very important to recognize the organization and the parents who are helping. Enjoy the weather and it's the perfect time to start decorating. Happy Holidays

Alderman Spivey: Congratulated the Jr. Hawks. He thanks Ms. Harris and stated he will address those issues. He also congratulated the judges. His 8th Annual Turkey Drive will be held in the Plaza. He mentioned that BlueCross BlueShield sponsored it. He said he had concerns or suggestions. He stated that residents should interview local businesses and broadcast the meetings. We should work with other cable providers to show Channel 4. He thanked the community and Tom Hill, whose picture he seen at the Rainbow Push Operation.

Alderman Edwards: He asked the Jr. Hawks, when money will be due. He's ready to make the check. He mentioned that they have his support. He stated to Ms. Harris that he has been working with the school district. For the judges, he'll be out their working with them. A small business owner was in attendance, he directed he to the person she needs to talk to. He thanked everybody for coming out and he's honored to serve the community and he hopes we're doing the best we can to make Country Club Hills work

Mayor Ford: He mentioned the grand opening for Solo Cup and welcomed them to Country Club Hills. In regards to BRT Sign, all the contracts are written by him and the attorney. He mentioned that we now have better access with the signs. He thanked the judges, and Local Turkey Giveaway will start at 230p and the Pavilion, Happy Thanksgiving!

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4 Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
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The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle K. Moss – Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being more prominent.

Patricia D. Hutson - City Clerk, RMC, CMC