



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, March 11, 2024 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 7:03PM. The meeting was called to order by the 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

Mayor James Ford, Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards, Hutson and Mayor Ford. Also in attendance were City Treasurer-Steven Burris, City Administrator-Carl Estelle, Attorney Priscilla and the Administrative Cabinet.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was presented by Leroy C. Barnes, resident.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - City Council Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of meeting minutes for a Regular Meeting January 8, 2024. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None.

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

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:

Mayor Ford yielded his time to Country Club Hills Fire Chief Michelle Hullinger who then proceeded to share the passing of Retired Chief Joe Ellington. She shared she had the pleasure of working with him and so enjoyed his professionalism and many teachable moments. Chief shared she had the opportunity to spend time with his wife and family this week sharing comforting and heart warning stories about Chief Ellington. Chief Hullinger then read the Fire Fighters Prayer followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Ford then acknowledged recently appointed Park Board Commissioner Leroy C. Barnes and thanked Commissioner Barnes for serving on the Board.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared early voting will continue through March 18th and the locations and Election Day information are shared in the lobby of City Hall and on the city website under City Clerk. Clerk Hutson shared March is Women's History Month and shared women advocate for equity, diversity an inclusion. Clerk Hutson also shared we proudly salute, honor and amplify the voices of extraordinary visionary women who have dared to dream. Women's History Month serves as a testament to women's commitment to educational excellence, fostering intellectual growth and nurturing future leaders.

Clerk Hutson then shared as we have sprung forward to please check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared the Illinois Tollway, transponders to EZ-pass stickers and the State Treasurer's I-Cash will be in the lobby of City Hall March 20th 9am to 2pm.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of March 11, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$665,744.31 for February 12, 2024 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
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 – Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of The Country Club Hills City Code, "BUSINESS LICENSING AND/OR PERMITS AND REGULATIONS," BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 39, "GROUP HOMES"

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council to table the Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of The Country Club Hills City Code, "BUSINESS LICENSING AND/OR PERMITS AND REGULATIONS," BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 39, "GROUP HOMES" as Attorney John Murphey will review one item for clarification and submit this Ordinance at a later date. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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

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

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

8. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Edwards moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Leroy C. Barnes, resident, shared he recently attended Alderman Hutson's Law and Ordinance Committee Meeting and shared it was an eye opening experience to learn about the existing Group Homes in the city. He also encouraged residents to attend Committee meetings which are open to the public.

Miguel Atkins, resident, shared as a Cultural Arts Commissioner on behalf of the Commission he is very proud of the recent Black Expo and appreciated the team effort from the Mayor, the Commissioners and the city staff and he looks forward to more programs hosted by the Commission this year.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Hutson 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, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
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

Alderman Hutson shared his condolences for the family of Chief Ellington as he has had the pleasure of knowing them very personally as family and their alderman. He then asked for a moment of silence in prayer. He also asked for moment of silence for resident and staff member Ruthie Parker and her family on the loss of her brother Steven and Jaquan Foster of

the 4th ward. Alderman Hutson then shared he attended the swearing in of three police officers. Alderman Hutson also shared recently he was asked about CPR classes and the city does not offer them at this time and they are offered by the American Red Cross. If there are any additional sites he will share at a later date. Lastly, Alderman Hutson shared If you see something say something and dial 911.

Alderman Davis shared to there is an ordinance addressing the placement of the trash totes in the front of the properties. Lastly, he encouraged Mr. Graham to attend the Administrative meetings and thanked Mr. Barnes for volunteering.

Alderman Lockett shared the Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt is schedule for Saturday March 23rd from 11am to 1pm at the Theater Campus. Lastly, he shared an upcoming Rich Township men's only Man Cave meetings April through September.

Alderman Spivey shared his congratulations to Parks Commissioner Barnes on his appointment. He also thanked public works, Chief Galvin and the Police Department for their services. Alderman Spivey shared his Economic Development Committee meeting will be held March 20th at 7:00pm. Lastly, he shared the signage is up in Heritage Plaza and If you see something say something dial 708-296-2899.

Alderman Edwards shared he has been surveying streets for repairs and thanks everyone for raising \$1,050.00 for lunches for New Roots volunteers. He shared they will Lastly, he shared his Education Parks and Recs Committee will meet March 25th at 6:00pm.

Treasurer Burris shared an invitation for men to attend the Man Cave Men's Only Meeting April 12th. He also shared the Township won a State Award for this wonderful program and encouraged men to attend. Lastly, Treasurer invited everyone to the Rich Township Easter Jamboree March 30th.

City Clerk Hutson shared information on city employment opportunities which are on the city website and in the lobby of city hall.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hutson moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Edwards. Discussion – None

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

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 7:32pm

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk