



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, March 25, 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 7:05PM. 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

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

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Temple Church Int'l of Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular Meeting of the City Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024. Second, Spivey. 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 shared he recently went to Springfield to talk to our legislators on behalf of the city and to get more information on group homes and day cares. Mayor shared he wants to make sure the programs are regulated by the city to help those who are in need through IDHS and DCFS.

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

Clerk Hutson thanked the Police, Public Works, Building and City Hall for their assistance during the recent election with set-ups, take downs and monitoring. She also thanked all involved with their assistance with the recent Illinois Tollway and State Treasurer's visits assisting residents with transponder to EZ Pass Stickers and monies owed to Illinois residents from I-Cash. The event was hugely successful and we look forward to another visit.

7. CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY COLLECTOR

City Collector's Report as of February 29, 2024

City Clerk Patricia Hutson shared the report is in the aldermen's packet the collections totaled \$2,718,616.17 and if there were any questions to please feel free to let her know.

8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – STEVEN R. BURRIS, CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2024

City Treasurer Steven Burris shared the beginning bank balance was \$20,017,531.96, February revenues were \$2,718,616.17, February expenses were \$3,073,390.76 leaving a current bank balance of \$19,662,757.37

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Accounts Payables as of March 25, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$489,774.69 for March 25, 2024 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Spivey. 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.

Approval - AN ORDINANCE (O-03-24) DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Edwards asked how these items will be sold. Alderman Lockett responded the items are old computer equipment that is outdated and will be disposed of.

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)

Approval - An Agreement by and between the Orland Park Fire Protection District and the City of Country Club Hills to approve the E-Com transition to consolidate with SouthCom

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of an Agreement by and between the Orland Park Fire Protection District and the City of Country Club Hills to approve the E-Com transition to consolidate with SouthCom. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared on February 12th an Ordinance was approved for ECOM and this agreement will merge ECOM and SouthCOM. Mayor Ford and Ald. Lockett shared the Police Dept is with ECOM and the Fire Dept is with SouthCOM in Orland and now they will be combined per the state and they will be located on 183rd at the site of the old bank site East on 183rd St.

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.

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 approval of an Ordinance (O-04-24) 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". Second- Alderman Spivey. Discussion –Ald. Edwards asked what was the difference between this Ordinance and the one that was presented previously. Alderman Hutson responded everything is the same, the Ordinance was reviewed by Attorney Murphey to see if sprinkler systems were required and they are not.

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.

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

Approval - State of Illinois Certificate of Authority for Participation FY2024-25 Bulk Rock Salt Program

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the State of Illinois Certificate of Authority for Participation FY2024-25 Bulk Rock Salt Program. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Davis shared this is an annual item and this year it includes a certificate of authority of an authorized person who is Special Projects Coordinator Jerry Townsend.

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.

Approval - Resolution Approving the Updated MWRD IGA

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of a Resolution (R-05- 24) Approving the Updated MWRD IGA. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Davis shared this was previously approved 07.24.23 and this update is a housekeeping item. Mayor share \$1 million dollars received from MWRD and it will be determined where the work is most needed for the sanitary systems.

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

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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Ald. Davis then shared his next Committee meeting will be held April 8th at 6:15pm

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

Alderman Spivey shared his next Committee meeting will be held April 4th at 7:00pm

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

Alderman Edwards asked for a moment of silence for resident, Mr. Fred who recently passed away. He then shared New Roots shared their great appreciation to the City Council for their support by way of their generous donations. He then shared he also participated and the students participated by bringing their resumes as they were interviewed including eye contact and what was their life plan. He shared he would have like to have seen more participation from the city staff. He shares there were lawyers, CEO's, doctors and other professionals. He also shared information on Senator Robin Kelly's Job Fair April 11th at Hillcrest H.S. Alderman Edwards shared his next Committee meeting will be held April 8th at 5:40pm.

10. 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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11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Hosea Gray, resident, shared he was looking at the draft for the Budget and the Theater has \$900,000 and last year it was \$350,000 and last year we lost \$250,000 and he shares what funds is this money coming from?

Clifton Graham, resident, shared Group Homes and airBnB's are economic engines and he was concerned how the ordinance may negatively impact them. He shared the group homes should be grandfathered in. He would like to continue the conversation of having his area gated for safety and reduced insurance cost. He thinks it will be a positive thing in the community.

Chriases Adams, resident, shared her concern about Tierra Grande and the issues that are illegal, no HOA and possible State Receivership.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Edwards moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. 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 Proceeding this date.

13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards- To Mr. Graham we are not eliminating Group Homes we are regulating them. To Ms. Adams he suggested she work with her Alderman. He thanked the Alderman for their assistance with New Roots.

Alderman Spivey – Mr. Graham the Group Homes are not revenue based. To Ms. Adams he suggested the council can put some pressure on the HOA. He then thanked Ald. Edwards for including the Aldermen with the New Roots program. Lastly, he thanked Chief Galvin and the CCHPD for their continued work in the 4th ward and asked everyone to call if you see something.

Alderman Lockett – To Ms. Adams he shared get the attention of your board members and stop paying your HOA fees. Ms. Adams asked why the HOA does follow the Illinois Condominium Act? Ald. Lockett continued they are governed by their bylaws and he encouraged them to get involved with the elections of the board members. Wished everyone Happy Spring. He asked for prayers for Billy Dee Williams family on his recent passing.

Alderman Davis shared he is aware of the issues as he is the Alderman for the 5th Ward. He shared we set up a meeting with the Mayor and the city attorney regarding stolen elections etc. He suggested they retain an attorney to get this resolved. Attorney chimed in As a city we cannot govern your board. Ald shared to Mr. Gray that is an enterprise fund. To Mr. Graham the Group Homes Ordinance spells out everything that can be done and he applauded the Committee and the Mayor for the details in the Ordinance. Alderman Hutson shared the Committee also

reviewed surround municipalities Ordinances in crafting this Ordinance and met with the attorney.

Alderman Hutson announced he spent an afternoon with senior residents who had concerns about the speed bumps and trash cans are being taken down too early and grass cutting needs to be reinforced. Alderman Hutson then thanked the City Clerk, Mayor and Council for a successful Illinois Tollway visit. Lastly, he complimented Doreen Purvis for a job well done with the Spring Fling that was well organized and attended including mentees from the Mayor's Mentoring Program. He then shared 708-206-2899 the anonymous tip line.

Mayor Ford shared if there are any questions please consider asking before you come to the podium. Mayor shared the \$900,00 was a previous year and last year we made money in 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk