



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, February 10, 2025 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 7:06pm. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor

#### 1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led 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, Spivey, Edwards, Hutson and Mayor James W. Ford.

Also in attendance were City Treasurer Burris, City Attorney and the Administrative Team.

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was presented by Pastor Llewellyn Dixon, of Jubilee Faith Community Church of 17450 Pulaski Rd. in Country Club Hills.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

#### A. Approval - Special Meeting Minutes of the City Council December 19, 2024.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Special Meeting Minutes for 12.19.2024. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion- None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards & 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 announced the presentation of the Holiday House Contest Winning Recipients from December of 2024 and then introduced Commission Chairperson Jennifer Braun-Denton and the Commissioners who were present. McClendan, Murphy and Amelia. Chairperson Braun-Denton proceeded to introduce the winners for each Ward and photos were taken with the Mayor and the Alderperson, finalized with the City Wide Winner for those who were in attendance.

**A. PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 HOLIDAY HOUSE CONTEST RECIPIENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, CHAIRPERSON - JENNIFER BRAUN-DENTON**

1st Ward:

Anthony & Sharon King

Robert & Dori Lewis

Latoya Griffin

2nd Ward:

Levetta Davis

Rufino Del Valle

Ernest Taylor

3rd Ward:

Daniel Porter

Rosie Thornton

The Schmidt Family

4th Ward:

Christopher Wiley

Reginal Lewis

Tim & Cheryl Sheridan

5th Ward:

Vicki Hicks

The Dumas & Gray Family

Rev. Robert and Mrs. House

City Wide Winner - Limsela Navales - 4th Ward

**B. Approval - A Resolution For The Acquisition Of The Properties Located At 18023 And 18025 Crawford Avenue In Country Club Hills**

Mayor Ford then shared the city will acquire the properties of 18023 and 18025 Crawford as purchases from the Cook County Landbank. Alderman Lockett motioned for the approval of a Resolution for The Acquisition of the Properties Located at 18023 and 8025 Crawford Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Davis. Discussion – Alderman Lockett shared these addresses are the ones formerly occupied by the carwash on Crawford. Alderman Edwards inquired as to what the city will do with the properties. Mayor Ford responded there are two interested parties that the city will follow up with.

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

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 Hutson congratulated the winners and reminded everyone that all solicitors are required to have a solicitor's license issued by the Office of the City Clerk and the requirements are online or she can be contacted at City Hall. Lastly, Clerk Hutson asked everyone to be mindful of the contributions made by African Americans during Black History Month.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

### A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of February 10, 2025.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of February 10, 2025 in the amount of \$ 472,195.72 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion-None.

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

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### B. Approval - Homewood Disposal Residential Refuse Collection Agreement Addendum for Contract Renewal

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council to table the Homewood Disposal Residential Refuse Collection Agreement Addendum for Contract Renewal. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion- Alderman Lockett shared this item is in need of further research for better pricing and it will come back to the City Council for consideration.

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

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

No Report

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

Alderman Davis announced his committee will have a meeting Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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

Alderman Spivey shared that Little Caesar's will host their Grand Opening March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. He then thanked all who attended the services for Co-chair Jennie Betton's mother who recently passed away.

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

Alderman Edwards shared he will attend the Black History Programs at the local high school and elementary school districts, and he will attend the Hillcrest H.S. Fashion Show February 10<sup>th</sup>, Senior Signing Day May 14<sup>th</sup> and will attend Jarel McNeal's Jersey Ceremony February 18<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he shared he has attended the basketball games at the CRC and encouraged everyone to stop by and support the youth.

## **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 Hutson, Discussions – None

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

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## **9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Rhonda Turner, resident, shared she would like information on the moratorium that was issued by the Mayor. Clifton Graham, resident, invited all interested parties to the upcoming Southland Community Candidate's Forum to be held at the First Baptist church of Park Forest.

## **10. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

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

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

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## **11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Hutson welcomed Chief White and reminded everyone to check on their friends and neighbors. He then shared if you see something say something and call the non-emergency phone number 708-206-2899. Lastly, he read an inspiring scripture.

Alderman Davis thanked Mr. Graham for sharing his information and wished everyone well.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone to check on their friends and family members as the weather conditions can be challenging.

Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for coming out and encouraged them to be safe. He then thanked public works for their hard work and dedication.

Alderman Edwards reminded everyone to please come out to support the youth on Saturdays during their basketball season. He also reminded everyone to attend the programs held by the local school districts in support of youth education and Black History Month.

Mayor Ford shared he will speak with Ms. Turner after the meeting.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMCwater