



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, March 24, 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. 183rd Street at 7:04PM. 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 led by Mayor James W. Ford.

2. ROLL CALL – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Hutson and Mayor James W. Ford.

Alderman Edwards arrived at 7:09pm

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

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was presented by resident and Parks and Recs Commissioner Leroy Barnes.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Regular City Council Meeting February 10, 2025. 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.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

Approval - Oath of Office and Swearing in of Police Officer Calob Gray

Mayor Ford introduced Chief White, Deputy Chief Wilson, Deputy Chief Prather and Fire and Police Commission Chairman Michael Holmes. Chairman Holmes then proceeded to introduce and swear-in Patrol Office Calob Gray. Officer Gray was then pinned and introduced his family. Photos were taken and congratulations were shared by all in attendance.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council Approval of Police Officer Calob Gray. Second by Alderman Hutson.

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

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Presentation of "Letters of Recognition" Honoring several CCHPD officers who apprehended a violent offender, from the Village of Hazel Crest Police Department.

Chief shared there was an incident that occurred in Hazel Crest and several Country Club Hills Officers joined in the apprehension of the offender(s). The Village of Hazel Crest submitted letters for each officer which will be placed in their files.

Deputy Chief Michael Wilson
Sergeant Walter Giergielewicz
Detective Jason Strayer
Officer Ryan Brazel
Officer Mike Noland

Deputy Chief Derrick Chambliss
Sergeant Hashiem Dempsey
Officer Thomas Hehr
Officer Elijah Muhammed

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

Clerk Hutson shared information regarding the upcoming election and Senior Freeze information for those who would like to renew with the Assessor's Office. She shared if anyone has questions to call 312-443-5100. Clerk Hutson then shared Spring is here and reminded everyone to secure their trash cans due to the high winds. Lastly, she shared as Women's History Month comes to a close let's recognize and celebrate the achievements of women past and present.

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

City Collector's Report as of February 28, 2025

City Collector Hutson shared the Collector's Report has been shared and if there are any questions to please let her know.

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

City Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2025

City Treasurer Burris shared the general account balance as of 02.28.25 was \$19,814,909.98, the revenue as of 02.28.25 was \$2,773,772.23, the expenses as of 02.28.25 were \$2,610,070.91 leaving a balance of \$19,978,611.30

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Accounts Payables as of March 24, 2025

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of March 24, 2025 in the amount of \$1,148,670.53. Second by Alderman Hutson. 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.

Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 2.3.04 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Reimbursement for Emergency Response Services.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance (O-9-25) Amending Section 2.3.04 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Reimbursement for Emergency Response Services. Second by Alderman Hutson. 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.

Approval - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Surplus and Authorizing It's Disposition

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance (O-10-25) Declaring Certain City Owned Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussions - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

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

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

Approval - An Ordinance Supporting A Class 8 Renewal Application for 4021 West 183rd Street

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance (O-11-25) Supporting A Class 8 Renewal Application for 4021 West 183rd Street. Second by Alderman Lockett.
Discussions – None. Ald. Spivey shared the Little Caesar's Ribbon Cutting was great.

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

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

Alderman Edwards shared he trying to raise \$500.00 for each School District including 100 movie passes, 50 haircuts etc. He shared he too attended Little Caesar's Ribbon Cutting and he welcomes all new businesses.

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

Jackie Ford, resident, shared the following.

As a proud resident of Country Club Hills, I would like to take a moment to address our elected officials. As public servants, our primary responsibility is to work together in support of our mayor and, most importantly, to serve the residents of Country Club Hills.

It is time for us to move beyond the pursuit of power and personal agendas. Each elected official in one way or another, relies on the mayor's (office) for various matters, just as our residents, from Ward 1 through 5 they reach out to the mayor's (office) as well for support on issues concerning their ward and community.

To those currently seeking elected official position, it's not about your personal agenda so I urge you to remember the true purpose of public service. It is not about individual ambition but about working collectively to uplift our community, support our mayor, and serve our residents with integrity and dedication.

Let us refocus on our mission as elected officials to be team players, working together to preserve the unity, love, and pride that make Country Club Hills a place we cherish.

In a time of political division, economic struggles, job losses, wars, and natural disasters, we must set aside our personal agenda, come together in prayer, and stand united. Our strength lies in our ability to work together, and through unity, we can make a real difference in our community and beyond.

Thank you for your time, and may you all be blessed.

Deanna Barbeara, MRK Properties shared her client has owned 18741 John since 2011 cannot obtain their rental license although they have completed their Crime Free Class, received a n occupancy certificate, heating, plumbing certs, etc. She shared the client wants to rent the property but was told they cannot. They also have another property with the same situation. She asked if the City Council would reconsider their restriction. She shared they met earlier in the day with Mayor Ford who suggested they attend this evening's meeting to ask for reconsideration on the rental decision for these houses. She then shared her clients who have rented these properties for over 11 and 14 years and it is a part of their income while providing housing for those who qualify and are in need.

Maurita Bivens, resident, inquired as to the protocol on issues. She inquired as to the protocol for sidewalk and fence replace. Lastly, she shared that Ald. Hutson intervened in her process.

Monique Perryman shared that she brought her property in 2018, her tenant moved out and her sister moved in with a section 8 voucher. She shared having her property available as a rental is her livelihood and she needs the rental restriction lifted.

Portia Lyons, resident, thanked Mayor Ford, Treasurer Burris and Ald. Hutson for their condolences as her 92-year-old mother recently passed away and she lost her son almost a year ago.

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared 26 months ago January 23, 2024 she shared the municipal codes are outdated and are in need of updating, the salaries are out of date, events need to be shared on Facebook and the website. She then shared Ald. Davis shared there would be a schedule for the street sweeper, and she has not seen it. Lastly she shared there are signs in

the 2nd Ward that say Lockett and she thought Ald. Lockett had termed out and she said the signs are confusing to voters.

Carl Washington, resident, he was pleased to hear commercials about the upcoming concerts. He is pleased to everything is going well and he looks forward to partnerships and looks forward to working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Education.

Clifton, Graham, resident, shared the city is missing \$46 million, he addressed his concerns to Treasurer Burris, he asked Ald. Hutson and the Aldermen if they received health insurance, is there a line item and out of 5 Aldermen and a Mayor someone should know the answers.

12. 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, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked Theresa Banks and Jackie Ford for her comments. He then thanked the water operators, Curtis, Tyrone and Mark for their diligence as they battled main breaks in the 3rd Ward over the past weekend. Ald. Hutson then shared bible quote John 1:1. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something and dial 708-206-2898.

Alderman Davis thanked Jackie Ford for sharing her thoughts. He shared his condolences to Portia Lyons. He then shared he needed more information on the rental situations. He invited Ms. Switzer to an Administrative meeting regarding the Street Sweeper and shared Tom Kopanski has the schedule.

Alderman Lockett shared as the City Clerk mentioned the senior freeze you need to be born 1958 with \$65,000 or less of income to qualify. He then shared its campaign season and if no one says they can reduce your property taxes. He then shared the City Council hasn't raised your water rates since 2019. If someone can reduce your taxes please have to let Larry Rogers and Fritz Kaegi know how.

Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked Jackie Ford for her comments. He thanked Alderman Davis for his comments on attending the Administrative Meetings.

Alderman Edwards thanked everyone for attending and thanked Jackie Ford for her comments. He shared he has learned how to work with Mayor Ford over the years. Lastly, he shared he is preparing for more summer youth programs and park district programs.

Mayor Ford to Mrs. Bivens she can share her concerns with him.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**


Alderman Edwards moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Hutson. 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 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC