

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
April 26, 2010**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Dwight W. Welch, Mayor.

a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

**2. THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Ford, Burris, and Mayor Welch constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Also present were: Deborah McIlvain, City Clerk; Michael Gleason, City Treasurer; and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

Alderman Williams arrived at 7:04 pm.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Reverend Tiller.

**3. Journal of Proceedings:**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, April 12, 2010**

**B. Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting, April 19, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 12, 2010 and approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 19, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 12, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 19, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

**4. Communications and Reports By the Mayor:**

- Mayor Welch thanked the over 300 volunteers who participated in Comcast Cares Days. He made special mention of the City's commissioners, Stallions Football team, and Public Works Department. It is hoped that next year's event will be scheduled for later in the spring and coordinate with the spring branch pick-up.



0 Absent:

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

**B. Remove Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 from the Table**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval to remove the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 from the Table. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**C. Public Hearing - Proposed FY10-11 Annual Budget**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval to open the floor to the public for the Public Hearing - Proposed FY10-11 Annual Budget. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

The following individuals addressed the Council

- Onnie Beard, 2273 Windsor Lane, addressed the Council and stated that she felt the City was doing a good job and that the proposed improvements for the Provincetown area should be voted on. Mayor Welch explained the Provincetown

proposal is not in the budget and the support of the board of Provincetown was needed in order to move forward.

- Victor Watts, 1113 Williamsburg Road addressed the Council stated that the Provincetown homeowners are interested in the proposed improvements; however, time is needed to address the association's by-laws.
- Mr. Daniels, 18530 Walnut Avenue addressed the Council and asked if the budget was on the City website. It was explained that the draft budget is posted on the website.
- Roosevelt Cory, 1121 Williamsburg Road, addressed the Council and stated that he agreed with Mr. Watts regarding Provincetown improvements and that additional documentation is needed.
- Hosea Gray, 17711 Michael Avenue, addressed the Council and stated that he has not looked at the budget; however, he asked if the City was in a deficit. Mayor Welch responded by explaining that the budget is balanced and that the City is investigating a line of credit or tax anticipation warrants as the State of Illinois is in arrears on monies owed the City and property tax revenue is expected to be delayed this fall.
- Clifton Graham, 4920 Lake Court, addressed the Council and asked if the budget had been cut. Mayor Welch stated that it had. He inquired as to the reduction for the Youth Commission and Mayor Welch explained that the Parks and Recreation youth programming line item had been increased.

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval to close the floor to the public for the Public Hearing - Proposed FY10-11 Annual Budget. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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



Chicago Southland Area. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that this is an annual housekeeping issue.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**F.      Approval of TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Heritage Health Foods**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Heritage Health Foods. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that this would provide for upgrades to the exterior of Heritage Health Foods and had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**II.    Law, Ordinance and Government:                      Alderman Martin, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting June 14, 2010 6:00 pm)**

**A.      Approval of an Ordinance Amending Various Articles of Chapter 3, “Appointed Positions, City Administration & Commissions” of the City of Country Club Hills City Code**

Alderman Martin moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-02-10, an Ordinance Amending Various Articles of Chapter 3, “Appointed Positions, City Administration & Commissions” of the City of Country Club Hills City Code. Second -

Alderman Battie. Discussion - It was explained that this would provide for the addition of a co-chair to each of the City's commissions, allowing for continuity in the commissions' meetings.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**B.      Approval of an Ordinance Creating the Sworn Position in the Country Club Hills Police Department of Inspector General for Special Operations and Internal Investigations**

Alderman Martin moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-09-10 an Ordinance Creating the Sworn Position in the Country Club Hills Police Department of Inspector General for Special Operations and Internal Investigations. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this item had been previously discussed at the Law and Ordinance Committee Meeting and the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to tho the full Council for approval.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**C.      Approval of an Ordinance Amending Article 15, "Fire and Police Commission, Chapter 3, "Appointed Positions, City Administration & Commission" of the City of Country Club Hills City Code**

Alderman Martin moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-03-10,

an Ordinance Amending Article 15, "Fire and Police Commission, Chapter 3, "Appointed Positions, City Administration. Second - Alderman Battie. Discussion - It was explained that this would increase the number of Fire and Police Commission members from 5 to 9.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**D.      Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Police Department" of the City of Country Club Hills City Code by Adding New Article 4 - "Part-Time Police Officers" Thereto**

Alderman Martin moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-04-10, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Police Department" of the City of Country Club Hills City Code by Adding New Article 4 - "Part-Time Police Officers" Thereto. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Changes that were requested at the Administrative meeting were made to reflect that those individuals hired under this ordinance would not be allowed to work in any other security or police position outside of the City. (This would reflect the current regulations that also apply to the City's full-time police officers). Wording will also be changed to reflect carrying of firearms.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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



**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 3, 2010 6:30 pm)**

**A. Approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Placement of Stop Signs  
Within the City of Country Club Hills**

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Ordinance no O-10-10, an Ordinance Providing for the Placement of Stop Signs Within the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Lee. Discussion - It was explained that a traffic study was conducted and these stop signs were recommended.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of  
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Alderman Battie explained that the traffic flow issues in the Wal-Mart plaza would be addressed with Tucker Development.

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 5, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson announced that the next Economic Development meeting will be held on May 5, 2010 at 6:00 pm

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 11, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Lockett announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 18, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Insurance and Risk Management

Committee Meeting will be held on May 18, 2010 at 5 pm to review renewal rates for employee benefit plans.

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 4, 2010 7:00 pm)**

**A. Approval of Bid Recommendation - Mowing of Parks and Schools**

Alderman Singleton moved for Council approval to award the bid for the mowing of parks and schools to Property Care Management for a 2 year contract in the amount of \$\$55,560 per year. Second - Alderman Battie. Discussion - It was explained that this had been discussed at the committee meeting and was recommended that it go to the full Council for approval.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      10 Ayes:      Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,  
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,  
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 11, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,  
Chairman  
(Committee Meeting May 20, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Williams reminded everyone that the next committee meeting will be on May 20, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

## **7. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that school will be out soon and to be aware of children playing.

Alderman Martin offered congratulations to the new commission members and encouraged parents to enroll their children in summer activities.

Alderman Lee offered congratulations to the new commissioners and reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held on May 12 at 7 pm.

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 28 at 7 pm.

Alderman Ford stated that the City has invested monies in the Youth Mentoring Program; more importantly, staff, time and support, have also been provided. He stated that the deadline to appeal Rich Township property taxes with the Board of Review is May 5. City Manager, Henrietta Turner stated that over 110 homeowners have been assisted by staff at City Hall in this process.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone that the Public Works Committee meeting will be held on May 3 at 6:30 pm. He also stated that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 27 at 7 pm and thanked the aldermen for their efforts throughout the budget process.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that basketball playing is not allowed in the street.

Alderman Williams reminded everyone to be cautious and responsible during the upcoming prom and graduation seasons. He also invited residents to patronize Taurus Hoagies on 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alderman Burris announced that he will be hosting a meeting on April 27 at the Flossmoor Public Library. Assistance will be provide in the tax appeal process for Rich Township. He questioned the dates for payment made and vote for approval of payment for the Chatham Pancake House. A heated discussion ensued. Mayor Welch explained that all aldermen were called prior to making the payment and that Alderman Burris had initially agreed to the assistance.

Alderman Hutson moved that the floor be opened to the public. Second - Alderman Lee.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Hosea Gray, 17711 Michael Avenue addressed the Council and requested more public input for the budget process. Alderman Hutson stated that he would like to speak to Mr. Gray after the meeting.
- Clifton Graham addressed the Council and inquired as to the reason for interest only on the City's bond payments and stated that he commended Alderman Lockett and agreed with the alderman's references to the budget for Tinley Park.
- Ralph Tolbert address the Council and expressed his dissatisfaction with the budget and stated that he felt that parliamentary procedure had not been followed during portions of the meeting.

Alderman Hutson moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Battie.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch explained that the budget is a draft document to which changes may be made at any time by an ordinance amendment. He continued that a public hearing was held regarding the budget and that all meetings throughout the year are open to the public. He concluded by explaining that the Country Club Hills city budget cannot be properly compared to the budget of Tinley Park or Orland Park as our City's budget includes a full time fire department and the parks and recreation department.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hutson. Second - Alderman Lee.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission