



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, July 14, 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 7:05pm. 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 Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers 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 Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr. Jr..

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2025

Approval - Regular Meeting Minutes of the City Council June 23, 2025.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for 06.23.2025. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion- None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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 a recap of the July 4th Fireworks at the Amphitheater. Mayor shared the Amphitheater was packed and the Fireworks were amazing. Mayor Ford then shared information on the upcoming concerts for the season. The next concerts are scheduled for Friday – Calvin Richardson and King George and Saturday with Will Downing and Jeffrey Osborne.

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

Clerk Hutson shared the box office hours are Wednesday-Friday 12pm to 4pm and until 7:30pm on show day and Saturday 12pm – 4pm except on show days then until 7:30pm She then shared information on the Citywide Tax Forum Wednesday July 23rd at the city pavilion 6pm to 8pm hosted by the Mayor and the City Council, the Housing Commission featuring the Office the Cook County Assessor, Rich Township Assessor Sam Brown and Bremen Township Assessor Willie Jones.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of July 14, 2025

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of July 14, 2025 in the amount of \$ 574,493.67. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion-None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 14 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

- B. Approval - An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. Second, Alderman Hutson. Discussion- Alderman Davis shared this change of Risk Insurance will save the city a tremendous amount of money. Also, there are approximately 800 municipalities who have joined this insurance group.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

- A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 10.2.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code, "Complaints Subject to Fine"

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council Approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 10.2.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code, "Complaints Subject to Fine". Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion- Alderman Hutson shared this Ordinance will allow the Police Department to hold Local Ordinance Court as Markham Courthouse no longer offers court for minors and minor offences.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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B. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Country Club Hills City Code

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council Approval of An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion- Alderman Hutson shared this Ordinance will allow the Police Department to enforce city codes with comparable fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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C. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 6.1.01 and 6.1.02 of the Country Club Hills City Code

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council Approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 6.1.01 and 6.1.02 of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared this Ordinance will enable the Police Department to enforce City Codes for oversized vehicle parking and towing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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D. Approval - An Ordinance Amending The Comprehensive Building Fee Schedule Set Forth in Section 14.9.05 of the Country Club Hills City Code

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council Approval of An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Building Fee Schedule Set Forth in Section 14.9.05 of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared this Ordinance will correct some fees and verbiage in the City Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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Attorney Priscilla Centeno then also shared the municipalities in the Southland have also addressed the closing of Local Ordinance Courts at the Markham Courthouse by generating Ordinances.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

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

No Report

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

Alderman Strothers shared her Committee Meeting ran smoothly. She met with the School Districts and reminded all parents to register their children for the upcoming school year. She then shared information on an upcoming Hillcrest High school reunion.

8. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr.. Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

1. Hosea Gray, resident of the 3rd Ward, shared his concern regarding the Ordinance Amendments passed from the Law and Ordinance Committee. He shared the city will make money with the increases.
2. Larissa Jones shared information on her upcoming Mental Health Awareness Fundraising Walk. She shared she appreciates the support from the city council. She then shared the proceeds will be presented to Namee, the South Suburban Chapter of the organization that supports Mental Illness. She shared this is her 3rd year hosting this event. She shared Namee offers free educational opportunities and programs.
3. Maryann Besos, Namee representative shared information on the programs that Namee offers as well.
4. Steven Burris, Rich Township Trustee, shared information on the upcoming STEM Camp and Oshkosh Field Trip to the Wittman Regional Airport for the youth sponsored by Rich Township.
5. Sequois Williams shared her concerns regarding the access between the Community Rec Center and Meadowview School. Mayor Ford directed her to speak with Director Johnson.
6. Eura Wilford, new resident, shared his concerns with the increased Building Department Fees as he is a new resident and has already paid fees and fines. Mayor Ford directed him to speak with Director Chaney.
7. Clifton Graham, resident, inquired as to whether any of the aldermen or the Mayor are on the city's health insurance policies.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Strothers. Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays:	0	
Abstains:	0	
Absent:	1	Alderman Spivey

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

1. Alderman Strothers thanked Tom Kopanski and Mike Kuta for their assistance with addressing the city's infrastructure in her ward. She then thanked Police Chief White for patrolling the 1st Ward and then thanked Dr. Booker for a great line up for the Theater. Lastly, she shared the non-emergency Police Dept phone number is 708-798-3191.
2. Alderman Davis shared his annual 5th Ward picnic will be held Saturday July 26th from 12pm to 5pm at Marycrest Park on 184th and Marycrest Dr.
3. Alderman Lockett Jr. encouraged seniors to use the city's transportation services. He shared the contact phone number is 708-374-7899. He then encouraged everyone to support our youth as we prepare for the back to school season. Lastly, he thanked city staff for their hard work.
4. Alderman Hutson shared the success of his 3rd Ward meeting and thanked all of the residents and city staff for attending and sharing information. He then congratulated former Country Club Hills Police Officer Little who recently graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy. He shared bible verse Romans 10:13. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something by contacting the Country Club Hills anonymous tip line 708-206-2889.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Davis moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Strothers, Discussions – None.

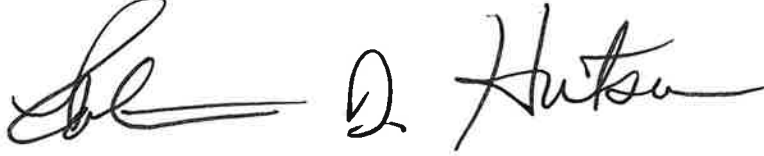
ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	1 Alderman Spivey

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The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" written in a large, flowing script, followed by "D." and "Hutson".

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC