



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, July 28, 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 7:03pm. 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 Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers and Mayor James W. Ford.

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

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Adron Robinson of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hillcrest Baptist Church and Country Club Hills 17300 Pulaski Rd. in Country Club Hills

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion-None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett and Strothers  
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 information on the current theater season along with information on the National night Out which will be Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at the amphitheater campus. He also encouraged all in attendance to support the Country Club Hills Amphitheater.

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

City Clerk Hutson shared the hours of operation for the box office for ticket sales. She then shared the citywide garage sale that will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration list and the shopping list are both at the front counter of City Hall. If additional information is needed please contact Doreen Marlowe.

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

City Collector's Report as of June 30, 2025

Collector Hutson shared the report is in the packets and if there are any questions please let her know

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

City Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2025

Treasurer Burris shared the monthly balance was \$21,594,422.74, the revenue collected was \$4,888,742.05, the disbursements were \$2,835,586.48 and the current balance is \$23,647,578.31.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Approval - Accounts Payables as of July 28, 2025

Alderman Davis moved of City Council approval of accounts payables as of July 28<sup>th</sup> in the amount of. \$732, 848.61. Alderman Davis then shared there were two additional vouchers added, Spotlight Cleaning and Lighthouse. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussions – Alderman Hutson shared he will vote yes for everything except Perfect Gentleman because over the past 6 weeks their vouchers have totaled over \$17,000. Mayor Ford shared there is nothing that can be done at this meeting and suggested Ald. Hutson speak with the Department head. Ald. Hutson shared he did, and his concerns were not answered.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Hutson shared he and no formal report, but he is working with Attorney Murphey on a few ordinances.

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

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared he had no report.

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

Alderman Spivey shared he had no report.

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

Alderman Strothers shared she had no report.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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#### **11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Jackie Sanders, resident, shared her company True Vision Productions is a wonderful youth program. She then shared they are need of assistance as their summer grant program funding has been delayed. Tamara Young, resident, shared she has worked with Divine Word Ministries and True Vision for a wonderful summer program for the Youth. She then shared there is a field trip coming up and they are in need of financial assistance for the program from the Mayor and the City Council And if anyone can assist to please see either of them after the meeting.

Joyce Crawford Daniels, Bremen Township trustee and neighbor, shared she wants to be able to bring services to the residents of Country Club Hills on behalf of Bremen Township. She is local and would like to know how she can be of assistance and what Country Club Hills needs. She then shared she has spoken with Alderman Hutson and looks forward to speaking with all on the council.

Portia Lyons, resident, inquired as to when the work would start on Sunset Lane.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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#### **13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Hutson shared Sunset Lane is on the schedule to be completed in 2025 per Director Townsend. He then shared to Public Works to please repair all potholes seen. Alderman Hutson then shared there are several speed bumps that have not been installed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Alderman Hutson then shared proverbs 9:10. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something please contact the Country Club Hills Non-Emergency Anonymous Tipline at 708-206-2889.

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared please check on our seniors. He then shared please promote the Back to School Parade coming up August 16<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he shared please come together for the benefit of our children as they prepare to return to school.

Alderman Davis shared he received several text messages after the last city council meeting regarding a large crowd and a party in his ward. He said the party was shared on social media and Chief White went to the site and the Police department resolved the issue right away. He then thanked public works staff for their assistance during his 5<sup>th</sup> Ward picnic. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Ford, Ald. Lockett Jr. and Ald. Strothers for attending.

Alderman Spivey share that there are some people going door to door sharing that they are representing the City of Country Club Hills. He then shared he has a video and would let anyone who would like to view it see it after the city council meeting.

Alderman Strothers welcomed the new city administrator and then shared their several employment opportunities with the City of Country Club Hills to please check the website.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Alderman Davis moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr.. Discussion – None**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the middle of the name.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC