



# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, September 22, 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 7:08pm. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

### **Approval - Public Hearing - Wilshire Boulevard Annexations**

Mayor James W. Ford called for a motion to open the floor for the Public Hearing for the Wilshire Annexations. Alderman Strothers moved for City Council approval to open the floor for the Public Hearing for the Wilshire Annexations. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**There were no members of the Public Body who wished to be heard.**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to close the floor for the Public Hearing for the Wilshire Annexations. Second by Alderman Strothers. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Mayor Ford then invited Attorney Rich Toth, attorney for the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation, to say a few words on behalf of his client. Attorney Toth shared his client's appreciation to the Mayor, City Attorney Murphey, Clerk Hutson and Administrator Mitchell during this process.

**1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor James W. Ford.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were as follows;

Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers and Mayor James W. Ford.

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

**3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE**

The Invocation was presented by Pastoral Commissioner Gary Butcher of Country Club Hills.

**4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Approval - Meeting Minutes of the Regular City Council - August 11, 2025**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion - None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

**Approval - Meeting Minutes of the Regular City Council - August 25, 2025**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion - None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. 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 asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Accounts Payables for September 8, 2025.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to include Accounts Payables for September 8, 2025. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Davis shared the Accounts Payables were from the previously cancelled City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers  
Nays: 0  
Abstains: 0  
Absent: 0

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

Mayor Ford asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove items #8 and #9 the July and August Collector's and Treasurer's Reports due to software concerns. He shared the reports will be presented at a later date.

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council Approval to amend the agenda to remove items #8. and #9 the July and August Collector and Treasurer's Reports. Second by Alderman Strothers. Discussion – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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Mayor Ford then shared the importance of acknowledging this month is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. He encouraged all men to see their doctor and get an annual check up because early detection can make a world of difference. Mayor Ford then asked the Elected Officials and those from the diocese to join him in a photo to memorialize the moment wearing a blue Prostate Cancer Awareness lapel pin.

**6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – BRIAN D. MITCHELL**

City Administrator Mitchell thanked the staff for their hard work during the 2025 concert season as it came to a close this earlier this month. He then congratulated Portia Lyons on the success of the Cares Day Event held September 12<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Mitchell then shared the City will host a Shed Day, Drug Take Back Day and Electronic Recycling Event October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's Office. He then shared he has been reviewing departmental operations for efficiency. Lastly, he shared he attended Illinois Municipal League Training last week and gained a wealth of knowledge.

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

City Clerk Hutson shared she attended the Pipeline Public Meeting hosted by Director Townsend which was very informative. Clerk Hutson shared she hosted a Clerk's Dinner Meeting in collaboration with Dolton Village Clerk Keys for the Clerks of the South and West Suburbs of Cook County with Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon and the Speaker. She thanked Alderman Hutson serving and attending and Alderman Strothers for attending. Lastly, Clerk Hutson reminded everyone that Cancer Awareness isn't only Pink it's also Blue and encouraged men to get checked because early detection matters.

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

City Collector's Report as of July 31st and August 31, 2025

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

City Treasurer's Report as of July 31st and August 31, 2025

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Approval - Accounts Payables as of September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables for September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Hutson shared he is working on Ordinances with Attorney Murphey.

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

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared information on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District through federal funding in the amount of \$1,041,530.79 as a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 to the City to facilitate completion of condition assessment activities and repairs of deficiencies in high-risk sanitary sewers in Country Club Hills. The condition assessment work includes smoke testing 51, 651 linear feet of sewer and inspecting 140 manholes. Phase 1 pre-construction meeting was held September 16<sup>th</sup>. The assessment and testing will begin October 6<sup>th</sup>. He then shared an update on the John Ave Water Main Replacement Project. He shared the project will begin September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a layout and the groundbreaking will begin the week of September 29<sup>th</sup> from 183<sup>rd</sup> to 184<sup>th</sup> and John.

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

**.Approval - An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning 4920-4930 Wilshire Boulevard/Terrazas, LLC**

**.Approval - An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning 4925 Wilshire Boulevard/Chicago Advance Tow**

**.Approval - An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning 4932 Wilshire/Boulevard/Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation**

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of Ordinances Annexing 4920-4930, 4925 and 4932 Wilshire into the City of Country Club Hills. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr.

Discussion – Alderman Hutson asked Alderman Spivey to share the reasoning for the annexations. Alderman Spivey shared these three businesses have been receiving water services and businesses licenses have been issued for many years only to find that per Cook County they were in unincorporated Cook County and to avoid tickets they are asking to be annexed in to the City of Country Club Hills.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Strothers shared the stakeholders are still be determined due to district concerns.

**11. 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 Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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**12. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Portia Lyons, resident, thanked the city for their assistance with Cares Day.

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared her concerns about SD#160 and asked for help on behalf of the students.

**13. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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**14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Strothers shared the 112th Illinois Municipal League (IML) Annual Conference was phenomenal! The workshops on innovation, leadership, and best practices were both engaging and informative, offering valuable insights that I look forward to bringing back to our community. I had the opportunity to collaborate with representatives from other municipalities, exchanging ideas and building connections that will benefit our continued growth and improvement. Our delegation included myself, Mayor Ford, Alderman Davis, Alderman Hutson, City Administrator Brian Mitchell, Clerk Hutson, and Special Projects Coordinator Jerry Townsend. Lastly, I'm excited to attend our upcoming Beautification Awards Ceremony, which will be held here on Saturday, September 27th at noon. I encourage everyone to come out and celebrate the efforts made to enhance the beauty and pride of our city.

Alderman Spivey shared the 100 Black Men will hold its 23<sup>rd</sup> College Fair October 11<sup>th</sup>. He then thanked the AKA's for having their event in CCHills. Alderman then thanked Public Works for the street repairs. Lastly, he acknowledged Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and thanked the businesses for annexing into Country Club Hills.

Alderman Davis shared the upcoming Branch Pick-up information for October and the upcoming Cultural Arts Fair October 18<sup>th</sup> and St. John's Church on 183<sup>rd</sup> St. Alderman Davis scheduled his next Committee Meeting for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the Aldermen are here to address the concerns of the residents and that although they may not always have the answers they will ask and get back with the residents. He shared aldermen are listing, trying to grow the businesses and grow the city. Lastly, he shared they are trying to do better and work together. Alderman Lockett Jr. scheduled his next Committee Meeting for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Alderman Hutson shared he attended the BP Pipeline meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> and listened to the concerns of the residents and the presentation from the engineers. Alderman Hutson shared bible verse John 14:1. He then shared the property tax bills are late and expected by November. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something and call the non-emergency line at 708-206-2889.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Alderman Davis moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Spivey Discussions – None.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

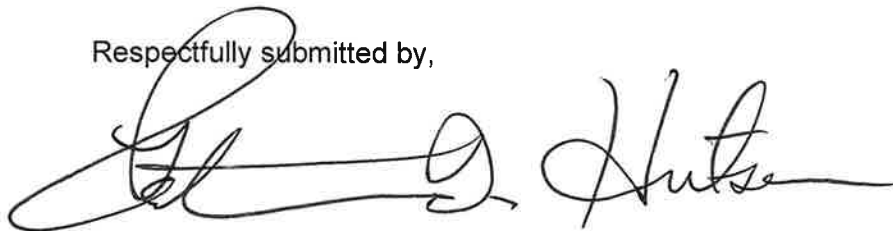
Absent: 0

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this date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "H".

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC