



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, October 27, 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 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

#### 1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by Mayor James W. Ford and all who were in attendance.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were as follows;

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

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

Alderman Spivey was not present during Roll Call and arrived at 7:29pm

There was no city attorney in attendance.

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Leroy Barnes Jr., resident and Park Board Commissioner.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Approval - An Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2025 and a Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025.**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Administrative Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2025 and a Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2025. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion - None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Aldermen 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 thanked the events staff and all staff members who assisted with the Fall Festival held last Saturday. He shared residents, especially the children enjoyed the event and the bon fire constructed by Public Works.

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

City Administrator Mitchell shared he enjoyed the Cultural Arts Festival held October 18<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Festival October 25<sup>th</sup>. He shared event information is shared on the city website, Facebook, Instagram and on the jumbotrons. Administrator Mitchell then shared the success of the city's Shredding and Electronics Recycle Event held October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He shared there were 950 televisions, 200 computer monitors, 175 computers and 200 pieces of additional computer equipment.

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

Clerk Hutson shared a comment from a friend that the City of Country Club Hills streets are clean, and the city looks beautiful. She then shared the Trick or Treating hours are Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. She also shared a reminder that November 1<sup>st</sup> is the City-Wide Day of Prayer will be held at the Pavilion. She then shared that time falls back Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reminded those in attendance that nothing should be placed in mailboxes unless it comes from the USPS and all solicitors must be licensed. Clerk Hutson then reminded everyone that the fishing season ends October 31<sup>st</sup>, and she thanked the Cultural Arts Commission for their kind gesture of thank you cards for City staff. Lastly Clerk Hutson reminded everyone that as we bring Breast Cancer Awareness month to a close that donation opportunities are always available through the Cancer Support Center per Verna Robinzene an 11-year survivor and Southland resident. If you have any questions please feel free to contact

Clerk Hutson. The full City Council along with many who were in attendance then took a commitment photo to donate to Breast Cancer.

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

City Collector's Report for July, August and September 2025

Collector Hutson shared the July, August and September reports are in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

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

City Treasurer's Report for July, August and September 2025

City Treasurer Burris shared there are several months of reports, and he will share the information on the September report. Treasurer Burris shared the September end of month balance was \$18,338,003.07, the revenue collected was \$1,693,937.72, the disbursements were \$1,956,583.64 and the current balance is \$18,075,357.15.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Approval - Accounts Payables as of October 27, 2025**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables for October 27<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$377,544.78. 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.

Alderman Davis then shared his next Finance Committee meeting will be held Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

#### **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 Strothers. 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, shared she will be hosting a Toy Drive for children at St. John's Lutheran Church 4247 W 183<sup>rd</sup> St. December 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-8:30pm She then passed out flyers to those in attendance and asked for donations.

Justin Haskett VP CCH Fire Union shared a statement from the Union regarding their inability to settle their union contract, public safety concerns, staffing concerns and the union having to file a UNLP. He then shared the unions perspective of how the administration treats their employees poorly and with no respect.

Hosea Gray, resident, shared he viewed the 2024 Audit and shared his concerns about the surpluses in some areas and the lack of surplus in other areas. He then shared that departments are not following the contract guidelines. He then shared his views on the Amphitheater, and he understands the back history as in 2007 the theater took \$7million to build and in its first 2 years it lost \$5million. Lastly, he shared there should be no more cancelled meetings saying there's nothing to discuss.

LeRoy Barnes, resident and Veterans Commissioner, shared the Veterans Commission, will be hosting a Mocktail Veterans Event Friday November 7, 2025 6-8pm at City Hall.

Rasheeda Adams, proprietor of PHP - People Holding People, a Universal Life Insurance and 401K entity shared she and her partners have been in business for 20 years and would like the opportunity to share their wealth of experience and information with Country Club Hills residents. Lastly, she shared she can be reached at 708-963-7224.

Steven Burris, resident and City Treasurer, shared he too enjoys the Amphitheater and helps during show time however, the 2024 Audit shows a deficit and he is looking forward to the 2025 Audit. Lastly, he shared if anyone is being bullied to let him know.

### **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 Davis. 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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Mayor Ford shared he has negotiated in good faith and fairness with all of the unions, Police, Fire and Public Works. He shared he offered Fire a \$9,000 increase and the declined the offer. He shared he can give what he doesn't have regarding salary scales from surrounding municipalities. He asked if Fire has information to share to please present this to him. Lastly, he shared the city loves, respects and needs Fire because they do a good job.

### **14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Strothers shared she attended the Cultural Arts Festival and the Fall Festival which were well attended. She then shared information on the \$1000 Cook County Homeowners Relief

Fund application which has been extended until October 31, 2025. <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/cook-county-homeowner-relief-fund>

Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for coming out. He then shared his concern with not having the opportunity to get the list of seniors for the snowplow program. He shared his displeasure with not receiving the information as an elected official he should not have to continue to ask for the information he needs.

Alderman Davis spoke about the Fire Fighters' statement by saying this is not the best way to resolve the contract concerns. He encouraged everyone to come together and sit down at the table to resolve these issues. He shared he has love and respect for the Fire Department as they have been to his home assisting with his father. He has been to the Fire Station to visit them. reiterated about what the Mayor shared.

Alderman Lockett Jr. we are all neighbors and residents and must look out for each other. Alderman Lockett Jr. shared he is here for the residents. He shared we are all in this together, let work together for what is best for everyone.

Alderman Hutson reiterated what was shared by Alderman Davis and Mayor Ford that the city is offering its best. He shared the both parties need to sit down to negotiate. Alderman Hutson congratulated Mr. Harris, resident, who paid it forward by paying another resident's water bill. He then encouraged everyone to check on friends and family. Alderman quoted bible verse John 14:6. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something by calling the non-emergency number line 708-206-2889 and let's continue to support our first responders.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett Jr. 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 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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 first letter.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC