



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – JAMES W. FORD, MAYOR

A Special 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 7:32pm. 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 Hon. 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 Administrator Mitchell and the Administrative Team.

City Treasurer Burris was not in attendance.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

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

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2025.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2025. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr., 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:

- A. Approval - Swearing In Oath of Fire and Police Commissioner Robert E. Fox Jr. - Introduction by Michael Holmes, Chairman and the Commissioners

* Robert E. Fox Jr.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Swearing In Oath of Fire and Police Commissioner Robert E. Fox Jr. Second by Alderman Spivey, Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared he welcomes Commissioner Fox with his career in law enforcement.

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 introduced Chairman Michael Holmes of the Fire and Police Commission. Chairman Holmes introduced Commission members Michael Perry and John Marsh Sr. Chairman Holmes then proceed to read excerpts from the State of Illinois Fire and Police legislation. Chairman Homes then introduced Mr. Robert E. Fox Jr., resident and former Chief of Police of Dolton and Sauk Village among his extensive law enforcement background. City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson then proceeded to swear-in Mr. Fox with the Country Club Hills Oath. Mayor Ford then invited newly sworn in Commissioner Fox, Mrs. Fox and the City Council to take a memorial photograph.

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

Clerk Hutson shared information on the City-Wide Food and other suburban Turkey give-Aways with Hillcrest Baptist Church, United Christian Church, Rich Township and Victory Apostolic Church of Matteson. Clerk Hutson then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman (Committee Meeting – November 10, 2025 6:30pm)

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of November 10, 2025

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$297,674.52 as of November 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

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

A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 1.1.04 of the Country Club Hills City Code.

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance (#O-20-25) Amending Section 1.1.04 of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr., Discussion – Alderman Spivey shared his concern regarding the movement of this item from the Committee. Alderman Hutson shared this was not objected to and it moved forward to the Administrative Meeting and now for the council to vote on it. Mayor Ford shared per Attorney Murphey this item was able to move forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 3 Aldermen Davis, Hutson and Lockett Jr.
Nays: 1 Alderman Spivey
Abstains: 1 Alderman Strothers
Absent: 0

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

Alderman Lockett Jr thanked Public Works for their hard work. He then thanked Jerry Townsend and Mike Kuta for the street repairs throughout the city, and he looks forward to more repairs in the Spring. Lastly, he shared the city is doing its best to utilize the funding available for needed the street and sidewalk repairs.

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

Alderman Spivey asked everyone to support local businesses.

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

No Report

8. 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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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Vincent E. Lockett Sr. shared the success of the children in the Southland particularly the Midwest Hawks Football and Cheer teams, with their 6 squads have won first place and are heading to Nationals. He asked the City Officials to donate and assist these families with flights, hotels, food and fees. He asked all who are able to support this record-breaking group.

Mr. John Edwards Sr. shared his concern with the representation under the Education, Parks and Recs Committee as a stipend is given and services have not been rendered.

Mr. LeRoy Barnes, Veterans Commissioner, shared he attended the Rich Township Veterans Recognition Ceremony where he along with many others were recognized for their service. He also shared the Veterans Commission will hold their " Veterans Mocktail Dinner " Friday November 14th at City Hall.

Ms. Tiffany Whitehead, resident, shared he concern regarding a Fireworks ticket she received for \$2,000.00. She went to court and requested a meeting with Mayor Ford. Mayor Ford shared he received her message, and he will call her tomorrow.

Mr. Clifton Graham, resident, shared his concern regarding the lack of attendance of the city attorney. He shared we pay a lot for the attorney and there has been no on in attendance for several meetings. He then shared that he is concerned about the relationship between the city and the Fire Fighters. He inquired how it got so bad and will resident be serviced.

Mr. Cleo Jamison, resident, shared his compliments for Mayor Ford, Alderman Hutson and Clerk Hutson as he works alongside with them on Saturday morning with the Mayor's Mentoring Program with the youth.

Mr. Hosea Gray, resident, shared that at a previous meeting Mayor Ford asked him for ideas for the Amphitheater and he shared copies of ideas with the audience and the City Council.

Outdoor Theater alternative uses

Ticked events

Concerts: Locals bands, tribute acts, regional touring artists.

Theater production: community theater, Shakespeare in the park

Seasonal musicals

Comedy nights: standup comedians or improv troupes

Film screenings: Cult classics, family movie nights or themed film festivals

Festivals and Seasonal Events: Food truck festivals, craft fairs, holiday markets, or cultural celebrations or events

Charge both fees, sponsorships, and entry tickets

Sponsorships and Partnerships

Partner with local business for event sponsorships, naming rights, or product placement

Private Rentals

Offer the venue for weddings, corporate retreats, school graduations, or church gatherings.

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Hosea Gray

10. 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 Hutson. 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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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson thanked the Veterans for their services, and he thanked Public Works for plowing, salting and their services throughout the city. He then shared bible verse Proverbs 56:3. Lastly, Alderman Hutson shared if you see something say something dial the non-emergency phone number of (708) 206-2889

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the city ow diligently working to give back through its programs and services. He then asked if you know a senior please assist them and encouraged everyone to guide and talk to our youth in the right direction.

Alderman Davis Commended Mayor Ford for his handling of the Fire Fighter’s concerns and announced he will hold a 5th Ward Meeting November 20th at 6pm. Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Spivey congratulated Commissioner Fox and welcomed him aboard.

Alderman Strothers wished all of the Veterans a Happy Veterans day and encouraged everyone to check on their loved ones as we head into the Holiday Season. Lastly, she announced Hillcrest Baptist Church will hold its Turkey Giveaway November 22nd.

Brian Mitchell thanked Public Works for their hard work along with Policer, Fire and the residents as we all work together to make Country Club Hills great. He then shared a compliment from the Assistant States Attorney regarding Sgt. Erin Lee and her professionalism and attention to detail as she represents Country Club Hills.

Mayor Ford shared his concerns with the information shared on the mailboxes of resident by the Fire Department. He shared he will continue to work on behalf of the residents of Country Club Hills for what is reasonable and best within the city's finances.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

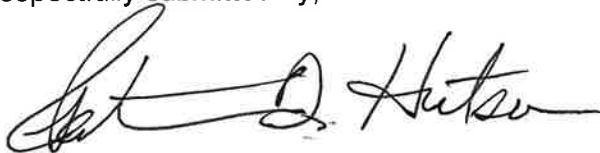
Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

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