



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 26, 2026 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 7:00pm. 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

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 7:04pm

There was no city attorney in attendance.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller City of Country Club Hills Fire and Police Chaplain and Pastor of Jeremiah Ministries International.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025

Approval - Special Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2025

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2025 and a Special City Council Meeting Minutes for December 15, 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 introduced Michael Holmes, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission along with Police Chief Malcom White and Commissioner Robert Fox. Chairman Holmes and Chief White then introduced Officer Fard Muhammad. City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson then proceeded to administer the Swearing-In Oath to Officer Muhammad and photo were taken to memorialize the action taken.

Approval - Swearing-In Oath for Country Club Hills Police Officer Fard Muhammad by Fire and Police Chairman Michael Holmes and Chief Malcolm White.

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of the Swearing-In Oath for Country Club Hills Police Officer Fard Muhammad. 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

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Mayor Ford then introduced Jennifer Braun-Denton, Chairman of the Environmental Commission. Mrs. Braun-Denton the history and evaluation procedures for this long-standing holiday house beautification tradition in the City of Country Club Hills.

Presentation of the 2025 Holiday House Beautification Awards by the Environmental Commission - Jennifer Braun-Denton Chairman. Mrs. Braun-Denton introduced and congratulated the winners who were judged and awarded by the Committee Members. There

were three awardees for each ward and one city wide awardee. Photos were taken with each ward, and a photo was taken with all awardees who were present.

City-Wide Awardee - The Schmidt Family

Ward 1

1st place: Anthony & Sharon King

2nd place: Robert & Dora Lewis

3rd place: Anita Griffith

Ward 2

1st place: Dan Porter

2nd place: Levetta Davis

3rd place: Denise Brown-Williamson

Ward 3

1st place: Nate Plenty

2nd place: Bob Mahy

3rd place: Victor Mahy

Ward 4

1st place: Limsela Navales

2nd place: Christopher Wiley

3rd place: Carlye & Dorothy Howard

Ward 5

1st place: Lillian Allen

2nd place: Mrs. Glines House

3rd place: Vicki Hicks

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

City Administrator Mitchell shared that he and Mayor Ford met with the Principal of Hillcrest and reconfirmed the importance of student attendance and on focusing on the community. He then reminded everyone to check on their neighbors, family and friends especially during the extremely cold weather. Administrator Mitchell then shared information on the upcoming Citizen Police Academy training dates.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared information on the next Voter Registration February 12th 12pm to 3pm and the upcoming Election March 17th. Clerk Hutson reminded the audience of their voting options i.e. early, mail-in, Election Day and a list of the candidates and positions list along with reminding everyone of the new usps mailing rules that will impact the mail-in voting dates. All mail-ins should be mailed 5 days before the due date as the drop-off date is no longer the acceptance date on usps mail.

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

City Collector's Report as of December 31, 2025

Clerk Hutson shared the Collector's Report listing revenue as \$5,678,593.90 is in the packet 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 as of December 31, 2025

Treasurer Burris shared the beginning balance was \$20,353,048.08, the revenue collected as of 12.31.2025 was \$5,678,593.90, the disbursements were \$2,385,517.86 and the balance as of 12.31.2025 was \$23,646,124.12.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Accounts Payables as of January 26, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables for October 27th in the amount of \$546,408.78. 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

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Approval - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion Alderman Davis shared this Ordinance (O-1-26) will correct and repeal the Ordinance passed December 15, 2025 (O-29-25) which had indicated the incorrect vehicle and vin#.

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 will hold a Committee Meeting February 11th at 7pm.

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

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the CCH project updates as follows:

The John Ave Water Main replacement is complete, the Sunset Ln, MFT and RBI street resurfacings are complete, Pulaski Road sidewalk (grant) will begin 3/16/26 and end 6/30/26. Safe Routes to school will begin 5/1/26 and phase II of the BP Path will start 3/1/26.

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

Alderman Spivey asked everyone to support the local businesses, he will begin resuming the business of the month awards and will start interviewing businesses.

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

Alderman Strothers shared youth basketball is ongoing, T-Ball registration will begin in April and congratulations to Bobby Hall for his hard work.

11. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. 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

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared information on the Bridge Fund for graduates, she has collected \$500.00, a trade program with local businesses, leadership academy and an art program. She then thanked Alderman Lockett Jr. for his continued support and invited all in attendance to attend the next SD#160 Board meeting January 27th at 7pm.

13. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval to close 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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14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Strothers shared she will join Law and Ordinance to discuss the parking ordinance. She then shared the First Responders asked everyone to park on the same side of the street for safer access.

Alderman Spivey shared he was thankful for everyone who decorated their homes for the holidays. He then shared that he will speak with Mike Kuta regarding the lights out in his ward due to the AT&T project. He then thanked Mayor Ford for assisting a senior in his ward who had no heat and other circumstances.

Alderman Davis shared the Rich Township Appeal window is open until February 18th. He then thanked the Fire and Police Commissioners for going through the process of hiring Officer Muhammad and congratulated Officer Muhammad on joining the Police Department. Lastly, he reminded everyone to check on your neighbors and friends

Alderman Lockett Jr. asked everyone to be safe and check on neighbors, family and friends with the recent weather conditions. He reminded everyone to work together, grow together and get better together. Lastly, he shared he will have a ward meeting on February 11th from 6:00pm to 6:30pm.

Alderman Hutson asked the seniors to please be patience as Public Works has to plow the streets first, they do not plow after 4pm or on the weekends. He then reminded everyone to be careful as there are scams surfacing to everyone via email. He then shared bible verse Proverbs18:10 for himself as well as everyone else. Lastly, he congratulated Officer Muhammad and then shared if you see something say something please contact the CCHills confidential line at 708-206-2889

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 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC