



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, February 09, 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 7:03PM. 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 Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers and Mayor James W. Ford.

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

Alderman Davis was excused as absent.

There was no city attorney in attendance.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor James King of the United Christian Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval the Regular City Council Meeting January 12, 2026. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

A. Special Recognition for Outstanding Award-Winning Accomplishments - Midwest Hawks Football and Cheer Organization

Mayor Ford introduced and congratulated the Award-Winning Midwest Hawks Football and Cheer Organization led by January McNeal and Kareem Brooks accompanied by several of the youth participants. Ms. McNeal and Coach Brooks thanked the Mayor and the City Council for their continued support. They shared the teams went to Florida and came back with winning hardware. They teams came back with 5 1st place, 2nd place trophies and a 3rd place trophy. They came in 8th in State, 6th in Regionals and 4th in Nationals. Lastly, they gave a shoutout to their Cheer Dads who were fully supportive and cheered as well. Alderman Lockett Jr. congratulated the teams on doing a great job. Alderman Hutson congratulated the team and the Lockett family.

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

Administrator Mitchell shared his congratulations to the Midwest Hawks. He also shared he and Mayor Ford met with Com-Ed and Nicor in hopes of presenting information to residents for savings programs offered by the utilities. He then shared the success of the recycle event last year and is planning another recycle event this year. Lastly Administrator Mitchell shared the city applied for a Chicago Southland Tourism grant and was successfully awarded the grant.

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

Clerk Hutson shared she participated with the SD#160 Board of Education Superintendent Focus Group where she shared key interest for candidates in the Superintendent search. Clerk Hutson shared the district needs an experienced Superintendent who has a clear plan for improving student outcomes based on data. A strong communicator who will work with staff, students and parents. A person who

understands the community and the importance of collaboration with the city. A person with proven integrity understands recruitment and retention. Clerk Hutson then reminded everyone of the upcoming February 12th Voter Registration - 12pm to 3pm in the lobby of City Hall for the March 17th Election, Early Voting dates and locations. Lastly, she shared all information is in the lobby and online under City Clerk.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of February 9, 2026

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of February 9, 2026 in the amount of \$826,065.81. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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of Proceedings this date.

B. Approval - IMRF Resolution

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of an IMRF Resolution (R-01-26) adding Danielle K. Moss and Brian D. Mitchell as Acting Agents for the City. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared this Resolution adding Ms. Moss and Administrator Mitchell is needed to replace Kenneth Hoffman the previous Finance Director who is no longer employed by the city.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

Alderman Hutson shared the Law and Ordinance Committee will meet February 11th at 7pm

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

A. Approval - Invest In Cook Funded Engineering Service Agreement for the Phase II BP Path

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of the Invest In Cook Funded Engineering Service Agreement for the Phase II BP Path. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion - Alderman Spivey asked for more information. Alderman Lockett Jr. shared this is the second phase of the original 2.17-mile bike path program with IDOT introduced in 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

No Report per Alderman Spivey.

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

Alderman Strothers shared she too participated with the Superintendent Focus Group, and she looks forward to participating with more projects with the district. She then shared she will hold an Education, Parks and Recs Committee Meeting March 12th at 4pm.

9. 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 Strothers. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Leroy Barnes, resident and Park Board Commissioner, congratulated the Midwest Hawks on their successes. He also shared that the Masons gave a generous donation to the Hawks and looks forward to working with this in the future to support the youth.

Dionna White, representative of the Hillcrest H.S. Dance team requested support from the city for an upcoming dance competition in Springfield February 13th and 14th. She shared the participants are in need of assistance with travel expenses and donations can be made via check, Zelle or cash.

Wagner Antoine, landlord, shared per meeting with Mayor Ford he was advised he will not be able to rent his vacant property due to the Mayor's Moratorium on rentals. Mr. Antoine shared he has been a landlord since 2004 and has three rentals and one that has been vacant for several months and he is losing income. He shared Mayor Ford advised him to present his concern to the City Council for consideration. He then shared he is a landlord who screens all of his renters.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson thanked residents of the 3rd Ward and Mayor Ford for their generous donations to a family who lost everything in a horrific fire January 27th. He shared as he says if you see something say something and the 3rd Ward showed up and showed out for the community family member. He then shared if anyone would like to donate, the information forms are at the front counter of City Hall. Alderman Hutson then read bible verse Psalms 94:19. Lastly he reiterated if you see something say something and dial the CCHills non-emergency line at 708-206-2880.

Alderman Lockett Jr. Congratulated Jerry Townsend on his promotion as the Director of Public Works. He then shared he will hold 2nd Ward meeting February 19th 6pm. Alderman Lockett Jr. then thanked the Midwest Hawks for coming and congratulated them on their accomplishments. He shared his love and support for their hard work.

Alderman Spivey congratulated Jerry and thanked Mike Kuta for restoring the lights in the 4th Ward. He then congratulated the Midwest Hawks.

Alderman Strothers shared information on the Black History Program at Hillcrest Baptist Church and the City's Black History Program February 21st at St. John Lutheran Church along with Youth Baseball Registration and Summer camp Registration.

Mayor Ford thanked the Pastoral Commission Members for their dedication to the city and their continued prayers especially during the City Council Meetings. Mayor Ford then shared the

flags in front of City Hall are at half-staff as others in the Southland due to the passing of the Honorable Christopher J. Clark, Mayor of Harvey. Mayor Ford then asked for a moment of prayer in his honor.

Mayor Ford also shared he met with the Elected Officials and his Administrative team to share his 2026 vision of Efficiency and Cost Reduction.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Spivey. moved for City Council adjournment. Second by Alderman Strothers. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Davis

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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

Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC