



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, April 13, 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 7:04PM. 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:

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

Alderman Spivey was not present during roll call and arrived at 7:08pm

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

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Temple International Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval - Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to for the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday March 23rd. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 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 JAMES W. FORD:

A.	Approval - Commission	Volunteer Swearing-In
	Pastor Calvin Watkins	Pastoral Commission
	Pastor Rashaun Pitts	Pastoral Commission
	Angela Louis-Hill	Cultural Arts Commission
	Debra Johnson	Cultural Arts Commission
	Darryl Bruce Brown	Veterans Commission

Mayor Ford introduced Doreen Marlow, Events Coordinator, who then shared the name of the proposed Commissioners. Mayor Ford then introduced City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson to proceed with the Swearing-In of the proposed Commissioners. Clerk Hutson proceeded with the Swearing-In and congratulated all of the Newly Sworn-In Commissioners. Mayor Ford then invited each Commissioner to share a little about themselves, and photos were taken with family and the City Council to memorialize the occasion.

B. Approval - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing and Authorizing A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and The Country Club Hills and The Country Club Hills Fire Fighters Union Local 2720 IAFF AFL-CIO, CLC

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of A Resolution Approving and Authorizing and Authorizing A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and The Country Club Hills and The Country Club Hills Fire Fighters Union Local 2720 IAFF AFL-CIO, CLC Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Mayor Ford asked Eric Sawatski President of the Country Club Hills Firefighters Union Local 2720 to speak on behalf of the union. Firefighter Sawatski shared this has been a process negotiating the contract and Union appreciates the hard work by the Mayor, City Administrator, Attorney, the

City Council and the Union to complete the contract. Alderman Hutson then shared this was a good contract and was glad to see this completed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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Mayor Ford then proceeded to acknowledge Deputy Chief Agpawa as he retired May 1, 2025 and the opportunity did not present itself to make a formal presentation honoring his service to the City of Country Club Hills Fire Department over the years. Mayor Ford then shared that Chief Agpawa continues to serve the City and is greatly appreciated. Chief Agpawa then shared serving the City of Country Club Hills has been a pleasure and the city has been very good to him and he is very grateful.

C. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 13.3.06 of the Country Club Hills City Code " Closing Hours"

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 13.3.06 of the Country Club Hills City Code " Closing Hours". Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – Alderman Spivey commented he was looking for data from surrounding municipalities on the closing hours of their bars. Mayor Ford shared as the Liquor Commissioner he understands the need for the reduction in the hours. He shared most liquor establishments close at 1am and then patrons come to Country Club Hills because the current establishment hours are 2am. He shared when incidents happen Country Club Hills must request back up from surrounding municipalities and many of the municipalities are struggling with staffing concerns just as we are.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3 Aldermen Davis, Hutson and Lockett Jr.

Nays: 2 Aldermen Spivey and Strothers

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

City Administrator thanked Doreen for a great job with the Spring Fling. He then shared the city's shredding and recycling event scheduled for May 6th and 7th in the parking lot of the Amphitheater. He then shared he is working with HR to complete the positions for Summer Camp and Union Negotiations. Administrator Mitchell then shared he looks forward to attending Lobby Day May 27th with the Elected Officials. He also shared that South Comm is completing its final touches before opening. Lastly, he shared the City's Newsletter has been mailed to residents.

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

City Clerk Hutson congratulated the new Commissioners, thanked them for volunteering and shared she looks forward to working with them. She then asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Courtney Allen a former resident who was born and raised in Country Club Ills and recently passed away.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 6:15pm -April 13th)

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of April 13, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of April 13, 2026 in the amount of \$1,144,902.61. Second by Alderman Spivey Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

B. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 18.4.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Water Rates

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 18.4.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Water Rates . Second by Alderman Spivey Discussion – Alderman Davis shared the rates have not increased

since 2019 and the city has absorbed the additional cost passed along from Chicago and Oak Lawn for years.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

C. **Approval - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Country Club Hills City Code by Imposing Liability on the Owner of Property in the Event of Tampering with the Buffalo Box Serving Such Owner's Property.**

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval to Table the Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Country Club Hills City Code by Imposing Liability on the Owner of Property in the Event of Tampering with the Buffalo Box Serving Such Owner's Property.. Second by Alderman Spivey Discussion – Alderman Davis shared these items need further discussion and review.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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D. **Approval - Lay Tentative Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget on the Table**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to Lay the Tentative Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget on the Table. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the Mayor and City Council have work very diligently on this Budget and implemented cuts to save taxpayer dollars on behalf of the residents.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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E. Approval - Public Hearing of the 2026-2027 - Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:00pm

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to for Public Hearing of the 2026-2027 -
Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:00pm. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Hutson shared the next Law and Ordinance Meeting will be held April 21st 6pm to 7pm at City Hall.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 6:00pm - April 13th)

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared Public Works is preparation for the implementation of the speed bumps and researching for landscaping equipment for a cost savings program.

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

Alderman Spivey began to share why he voted no for the Hours Ordinance and Mayor Ford shared this was not the section to share that information it should be shared in his Aldermanic Report.

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

Alderman Strothers shared the next Education Park and Recs Meeting will be held May 14th at 4pm. She also shared she will schedule a monthly date possibly of the 2nd Thursday of each month for consistency. Baseball & TBall opening day is May 9th. The Parks and Recreation is currently in negotiations with a new boxing / fitness instructor for children & adult classes and with a new dance instructor. Also, talking to coaches about doing a volleyball clinic for children in the Park district. Registration for summer camp is open. Dr. Kisha McCaskill is hosting a Career Fair on April 28 from 10am to 2pm and a Culinary youth program.

9. 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 Hutson. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Laurence Patterson, representative for Cook County Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, shared information on the upcoming Property Tax Town Hall at South Suburban College at 6pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. Mr. Patterson was thankful for the opportunity to share the Information.

Herbert Offord Jr. , teacher at Hillcrest H.S. shared he was born and raised in Country Club Hills and is proud to be a teacher and coach. He said there is a Golf Outing and would like the support of the Mayor and the City Council on behalf of the youth. Kyran Weaver, teacher at Hillcrest H.S. shared he too coaches and would like the Mayor and Council to support the fundraiser for the youth. The gentlemen shared flyers with the Mayor, Council and audience members.

Gloria Losee, resident, shared her appreciation to Alderman Hutson for his quick response after she left him a message regarding coyotes. She shared she understands there isn't much the city can do but she sees this as a safety issue and would appreciate any help this city can offer. Mayor Ford suggested she contact Cook County. She shared she did and they do not assist.

Mayor said if she can find a private entity he would like the information and the city may assist.

Kenneth King, resident, congratulated the Fire Dept on their successful CBA. He then shared at a previous meeting Ald. Davis shared the speed bumps were going down and he would like to request four in Provincetown. He shared Provincetown has over 1,100 residents which is 5% of the population of Country Club Hills.

Pastor Anthony Tiller shared his pride and appreciation to Chief Agpawa for his dedication and work in Country Club Hills over the years.

Curtis Harris, resident, shared he appreciation to Treasurer Burris, Alderman Hutson and Clerk Hutson for their condolences and concerns during the recent passing of his Mother-in-law the mother of Former 2nd Ward Alderman Donna Harris. He shared special appreciation to Ald. Hutson and Clerk Hutson who attended the funeral service.

Steven Burris, Rich Township Trustee, shared information on the upcoming 176th Rich Township Annual State of the Township Meeting which will be held in Park Forest tomorrow Tuesday April 14th at 6pm.

11. 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. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson asked for a moment of silence for Charnise Doss, daughter of SD#160 Board Member Jacqueline Doss. Alderman Hutson then shared plans are in progress to repair the potholes as we are waiting for the asphalt facilities to open. He then shared bible verse Romans 10:17 is not only for himself but for all who need to hear it. Lastly, he shared If you see something say something by dialing the CCHPD non-emergency line at 708-206-2899.

Alderman Lockett Jr. thanked everyone for coming out and he continues to encourage everyone to work together for the success of the city.

Alderman Davis congratulated the new Commissioners and thanked Coaches Offord and Weaver for their service to the youth. He also congratulated Chie Agpawa and shared he anticipates the speed bumps will go out in the coming weeks.

Alderman Spivey thanked the commissioners for volunteering. He then thanked Chief Agpawa and shared he will support the Golf Outing. Ald. Spivey then shared he voted no for the hours ordinance because he did not receive data and as he feels this will hurt the businesses and he is in support of the businesses. He also shared he emailed the City Administrator and the Mayor about a downed Stop Sign and speed bumps. Lastly, he shared he will hold a meeting 7pm April 29th in the lower level of City Hall where he will advocate for residents.

Alderman Strothers thanked Chief White and the police department for stopping the planned teen takeover. We have long-term residents because of the safety everyone feels in our neighborhood. She then shared Dr. Kisha McCaskill is hosting a Property Tax Town Hall at South Suburban College at 6pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. Lastly, she shared she voted no for the hours ordinance because of the businesses in her ward.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

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