



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, May 11, 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 - RMC, CMC

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 Leroy Barnes, Veterans and Park Board Commissioner.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday - April 13, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes held Monday April 13th. 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. Presentation Honoring the Legacy of the Late Michael J. Gleason former Alderman and Treasurer for the City of Country Club Hills

Mayor Ford invited Mrs. Marge Gleason, widow of former Alderman and Treasurer Michael Gleason and her family to come up as City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson read the Resolution prepared in his Honor. Mayor Ford then shared how impressed he was when he met Mr. Gleason and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gleason's professionalism throughout his service to the City, as well as his contributions as a resident. Mrs. Gleason and her family expressed their gratitude to the City, Mayor Ford, Commissioner Denton, Alderman Hutson, Clerk Hutson, and others who supported their family during this difficult time. Mrs. Gleason, Mayor Ford, and family members then posed for photographs with the banner honoring Mr. Gleason's military service, which is displayed along the 183rd Street corridor. All members of the City Council joined the family to take photographs to memorialize this moment. Lastly, Mayor Ford shared when he first became an Alderman was quite impressed by Treasurer-Michael Gleason and City Clerk-Deborah McIlvain.

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

Administrator Mitchell shared the staff is preparing for upcoming events in the city. He also thanked the Gleason family for the services Mr. Gleason provided. He said the staff has been quite busy preparing for the 20th year celebration of the Country Club Hills Amphitheater and everyone is looking forward to a great season.

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

Clerk Hutson shared she recently attended a Bremen Township meeting for which there was a report given by the assessor and the Board has a wealth of information available to share for residents of Country Club Hills in Bremen. She also shared that he and Alderman Hutson patronized the floral sale at St, John's church. She encouraged everyone to please patronize

the flower sale because we want to see them come back in the future. She also shared she attended the Community Garage Sale hosted by the seniors which was amazing. Lastly, she shared she attended the Baseball Opening Day event in Community Park which brought back many memories. She also saw players who once played and are now coaching. It's always great to see our community give back.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – May 11th @ 6:15pm)

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of May 11, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of April 13, 2026 in the amount of \$561,955.80 including two: condolences to you and your family on your loss. Our hearts are here for you whenever you need additions. Second by Alderman Hutson. 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.

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

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – May 11th @6:00pm)

A. **Approval - IDOT MFT Resolution - Construction Engineering (PH III) Zone Signage**

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of an IDOT MFT Resolution roll the Construction Engineering (PH III) Zone Signage. Second by Alderman Hutson Discussion – Alderman Hutson asked if these were the signs with the solar panels and Alderman Lockett Jr. responded yes. Alderman Hutson then added this is a wonderful item and the words school in the street near the schools should be repainted because they're almost worn out and they accompany these signs well.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Spivey shared information on the recent passing of resident Mr. Hubbert whose services will be held at Leaks and Sons on May 15th.

Education, Parks & Recs – Alderman Deidra N. Strothers - Chairman
(Committee Meeting – May 14th @ 4:00pm)

Alderman Strothers share Educ, Parks and Recreation next meeting is Thursday, May 14th at 4pm. Park District Youth Baseball League teams are full- T Ball, Pinto, Mustang and Broncos. The Opening Day parade was a big success. Mayor Ford threw the first ceremonial pitch. Games were played at Community Park. Thrills in the Hills summer camp. We are currently at 81 campers and growing daily. Youth Tennis clinic For ages 6-16 at Marycrest Park. Spring Clinic runs from May 18th – June 15th Summer Session July 13th – August 10th

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 Strothers. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Apréal Williamson, resident, shared that Provincetown has a meeting on April 29th. And residents were concerned with the cameras or operable for safety reasons. Mayor Ford then responded that the cameras are in operation and please speak with Deputy Chief Wilson after the meeting he would be able to address any of her concerns.

Kenneth King, resident, shared he appreciates the police presence in Provincetown however Provincetown is the most problematic subdivision in Country Club Hills. He then shared the however he would like to see more police presence between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM for more than a few minutes. He has a strategy and some ideas that might work and he is willing to share it. He then shared they had a meeting and did not invite the board members because they escorted the aldermen out of their meeting. He shared the entire board should resign due to lack of leadership.

Jenne Bordner, resident, shared she taught school here in Country Club Hills and has lived here for over 45 years. She then shared recently she was driving down Crawford, and the young lady was lying in the street. All the way she found that she was all permits an officer at Rigas of the Country Club Hills Police Department did a great job assisting.

Marge Gleason, resident, shared when her husband began working for the city of Country Club Hills here is a \$50.00 a month, and that was then. She then shared her concern regarding that is low in clearance and the stop sign. She shared there needs to be school signage at the intersection for the safety of the children.

Marcus Price, resident, shared Williamsburg Rd. needs more lights. He said it's very dark and he does not go out after 8:00pm because they need more lights.

11. 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 Strothers. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson shared Mr. Gleason was a mentor to him and provided him with guidance and professionalism. He also shared he was very thankful to have known him and the Hutsons and the Gleasons are family. He then addressed public works to not let all street repairs and grass replacement get behind because the residents are eagerly waiting.

He then shared bible verse Mark 16:15. He also asked everyone to check on family and friends. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something call the Country Club Hills Non-emergency line at 708-206-2886

Alderman Lockett Jr. Shared his love and condolences to the Gleason family on behalf of him and his father former Alderman Lockett Sr. He then shared information on an upcoming event held by Commissioner McCaskill or on the Voting Rights Act. Alderman Lockett Jr. then thanked public works for the work they're doing. He shared they are doing multiple projects and asked the public for their patience. He then reminded everyone that we are a community and family.

Alderman Davis shared his condolences to the Gleason family, and he said for Mrs. Gleason to have been married for 56 years she looks stunning. He then shared the service that Mr. Gleason provided is what public service is all about. He then shared Tierra Grande had a recent meeting at the clubhouse and there will be a meeting Tuesday for their Board Election at 6:00 PM. Lastly he shared he will attend as a resident at the clubhouse.

Alderman Spivey thanked Director Green for great Parade and Baseball Opening Day. He then thanked Mike Kuta for taking care of the resident's mailbox. He shared there was a meeting in Provincetown, and he was escorted out and ignored by the board. He shared the members have been on the board between 20- 30 years. He then encouraged the City Council to get involved. He shared the lights are needed and the city should make sure that this is addressed. Lastly, he said people should not feel like hostages in their own homes because of safety issues and there will be a lot of changes coming throughout the city.

Alderman Strothers shared she attended IML Lobby day, the Gospel fest in Lynwood and the Bremen Township meeting. She shared May 15th is the last day to file exemptions for the 2nd installment of property taxes. Please feel free to contact Bremen Township Assessor Willie Jones. Many programs are available to our residents that can be found on the website: BremenTownship.org. Lastly, she shared her sincerest condolences to the Gleason family.

Mayor Ford reminded everyone of the memorial day celebration coming up on the 25th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM here is called to please attend.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Strothers. moved for City Council adjournment. Second by Alderman Spivey. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm



Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC