



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, July 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 at 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.

Also in attendance were the City Administrative Team.

Alderman Spivey was excused as absent and City Administrator Mitchell was excused as absent. The Administrative team was in attendance.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor Llewellyn Dixon, Pastoral Commissioner.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for the City Council Monday held Monday - June 22, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes held Monday June 22nd. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

Alderman Davis announced the next Finance Committee Meeting will be held Monday July 27th at 6:15pm.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR - JAMES W. FORD:

A. Approval - Volunteer Commission Swearing-In

Joshua McNabb - Fire and Police Commission

Ralph Bellamy - Fire and Police Commission

Rashaun Pitts - Youth Commission

Tanesha Brown - Youth Commission

Tamaya Pitts - Youth Commission

Mayor Ford introduced Fire and Police Commission Chairman Michael Holmes, Commissioner Robert E. Fox Jr. and Commissioner John Marsh who then introduced Joshua McNabb and Ralph Bellamy who were to be sworn in by City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson. City Clerk Hutson then proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to the Commissioner. Upon completion of the Oath of Office Commissioner McNabb and Bellamy were joined by family, friends and the full city council for photographs to memorialize this moment.

Next Mayor Ford introduced Youth Commission Chairman Alesi Allen, who then introduced Rashaun Pitts to be sworn in by City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson. City Clerk Hutson then proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to the Commissioner. Upon completion of the Oath of Office Commissioner Pitts was joined by the full city council for photographs to memorialize this moment.

Mayor Ford announced that Tanesha Brown and Tamaya Pitts were not in attendance but will be in attendance for the July 27th meeting and will be sworn in at that time.

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of Volunteer Commissioners for Fire and Police and Youth. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

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

No Report

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

City Clerk Hutson shared she attended a meeting with Bremen Township Assessor Willie Jones who shared information on Understanding Property Tax Savings and A Guide to Understanding Property Assessment Appeals. She then encouraged everyone to participate with the Resource Center for senior services. Clerk Hutson shared she and two-part timers represented the City at a table with historical information and giveaways etc. with the Rich Township America Program on July 4th. She thanked Alderman Hutson, Mayor Ford, Alderman Strothers, Alderman Spivey, Treasurer Burris, Tatyana and Johanna for their support. Clerk Hutson announced the Back-to-School Parade will be held Saturday August 15th at the Amphitheater. The Fire and Police Departments have a great program for bikes and helmets; the City-Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for August 1st and National Night Out is August 4th 5-8pm.. Next, Clerk Hutson reviewed the do's and don't of Solicitor's Licensing. Lastly, Clerk Hutson coordinated with Dr Booker for an on-screen presentation of the Rave Emergency Notification Program on the city website www.countryclubhills.org. She encouraged residents to sign up for the notification program especially since the recent storms.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$ 279,259.71. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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Alderman Davis announced the next Finance Committee Meeting will be held Monday July 27th at 6:15pm.

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

Alderman Hutson shared in light of the recent storms and microburst he would like to meet with the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Law and Ordinance Committee to discuss implementing an Emergency Response Plan Ordinance for future reference. Also, he had hoped the Elected Officials would have met to discuss what occurred and how to help the residents.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – July 27th at 6:00pm)

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared DPWcam was out cleaning storm debris by picking up branches and pushing leaves in the streets. He asked for patience as this was a disaster. He then thanked Jerry Townsend, Mike Kuta and Police and Fire.

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

No Report per Ald. Hutson

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

Hillcrest All Class Reunion will be held this weekend. There is a golf outing, basketball game, meet and greet, picnic, afterparty followed by a brunch. The Park district will host Volleyball, Pickle ball, Girl's softball and tennis as the Summer Camp comes to an end with a trip to a WNBA game. The SSMMA Newsletter mentioned that the American Red Cross is helping residents whose homes have been impacted by flooding and are currently uninhabitable. Residents seeking help resources or connecting to available support services can call 1 800 Red Cross (800) 733-2767.

The Summer Jam Concert Series continues with October London on July 18th our residents are safe. As Alderman Hutson says, if you see something, say something and call the police non-emergency number at (708) 798-3191.

Mayor Ford then shared the weather incident from July 3rd was a microburst which comes with little to no warning. He also shared cars were stranded in the flooded water and the city will assist by keeping cars at the Police Dept for a reasonable amount of time to assist financially and avoid the towing and storage fee due to the circumstances.

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: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Vincent Lewis, resident, shared during the recent microburst his basement flooded with extensive damage including his AC, washer and dryer. He then shared the water was coming in so fast that his sump pump could not keep up. He called his alderman, Ald. Hutson, and appreciated the swift response. He then shared the trees were cut and removed however, the drains were not clear, and he would hope that this gets maintained as he cleared some of the drains himself. Lastly, he shared he applied to FEMA and state entities; the city was not listed to qualify and would like the city to investigate this as well. He then shared he works for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District who offer programs for municipalities.

Mayor Ford then shared this was an unusual situation and there are no FEMA or Federal dollars to assist with this weather event.

Marcus Walls, 11-year resident, shared he is a veteran with PTSD he has invested in \$30,000 to \$40,000 in home improvements and he has received warnings from the Building inspector in his area for continued concerns that neighbors are not having addressed. He has received notifications regarding trash cans, and a boat in his garage. He then shared he just wants to be treated like everyone else. Lastly, he said he has not seen his Alderman since he put a sign in his yard when he was running for office.

Alesia Allen, resident and commissioner, shared her experience during the micro-burst where she was driving and tried to avoid the flooded streets but every street she turned on to avoid was another flooded street. She shared she found herself trapped and rescued by the Country Club Hills Fire Department. She shared her appreciation for their rescue and professionalism during this terrifying ordeal. Lastly, she shared that this was an unavoidable situation and she was again so grateful to the CCHills Fire Dept.

Alderman Hutson then shared he was grateful that she is safe and here to tell her story.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Strothers shared the SSMMA Newsletter mentioned that the American Red Cross is helping residents whose homes have been impacted by flooding and are currently uninhabitable. Residents seeking help resources or connecting to available support services can call 1 800 Red Cross (800) 733-2767.

The Summer Jam Concert Series will continue with October London on July 18th. If you see salespeople walking around please direct them to city hall. There are signs posted to keep our residents safe. As Alderman Hutson says, if you see something, say something and call the police non-emergency number at (708) 798-3191.

Alderman Davis asked for a moment of silence for, resident, Artiel Spurlock who recently passed away. He then shared 90% of the staff came out to serve residents during the July 3rd microburst and the July 4th cleanup. He shared his appreciation for the service. He then congratulated the new commissioners and shared he went to school with Mrs. Bellamy.

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared his appreciation to the volunteers. He then shared the city has some wonderful acts this year and next year he would like to see two gospel concerts. He then thanked public works and shared the city will reschedule the 4th of July fireworks for a later date. Lastly, he shared he will host a 2nd Ward picnic on July 25th at Community Park from 12m to 5pm.

Alderman Hutson requested a moment of silence in memory of longtime resident Russell Calloway, who recently passed away. He announced that he will host a 3rd Ward Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lower level of City Hall. Representatives from the Cook County Mosquito Abatement District will serve as guest speakers, providing residents with helpful information regarding mosquito control and prevention. Alderman Hutson thanked the Public Works Department for its dedication and service following the recent microburst, noting that employees reported to work on their day off and during the holiday to assist with the community's recovery efforts. He stated that he would have liked the City Council to meet to discuss the storm, its impact, and recovery plans. He also recommended that the City pursue assistance through FEMA, Cook County, the American Red Cross, and any other agencies that may provide aid to affected residents. Alderman Hutson reiterated his desire to meet with the Mayor, the City Administrator, and the Law and Ordinance Committee to discuss the implementation of an Emergency Response Plan Ordinance. He emphasized that he would like the City to be proactive rather than reactive in responding to emergencies. He also noted that he did not hear the warning sirens or the activation of the City's robo-call notification system during the storm. Lastly, he read Luke 11:3 and reminded residents, "If you see something, say something," encouraging them to report suspicious activity by calling the Country Club Hills Tip Line at 708-206-2886.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Aldermen Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted by



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC