



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, August 03, 2026

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – JAMES W. FORD, MAYOR

A Special 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 7:02pm. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor James W. Ford.

2. ROLL CALL – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK - RMC, CMC

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers, Mayor James W. Ford and City Administrator Mitchell. Some members of the Administrative team were in attendance for this Special Meeting.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Park Board Commissioner Leroy Barnes Proverbs 3:6.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Approval – Meeting Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday July 13th 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes held Monday June 22nd. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion - None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3 Aldermen Davis, Spivey and Lockett Jr.

Nays: 2 Aldermen Hutson and Alderman Strothers

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:

Mayor Ford shared that the city has experienced some devastating storms. Many residents do not have electricity and asked everyone to share the Illinois Storme Self-Survey form by August 5th as it was recently received. He shared thus far there is no assistance from FEMA, IEMA or cook County. Mayor then shared IEMA hosted a meeting with State Rep Will Davis and the Mayors where it was confirmed there is no assistance available and IEMA will not declare us a disaster area. Lastly, he shared the city is in storm recovery with other municipalities and sharing the same tree service providers.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – August 10th 6:15pm)

A. Approval – Accounts Payables as of August 3, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$ 834,267.35. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Spivey inquired about 3 landscaping companies and 2 cleaning companies. He shared he did not see where the landscaping companies cut the vacant houses that he requested in the 4th Ward. He then asked who he should call to follow up. Mayor Ford shared some of the landscaper cut the vacant lots as well. Alderman Spivey then questioned the two cleaning companies. He where they cleaned and what was cleaned. Mayor Ford shared this is a conversation that should have been held during the Finance Committee Meeting. There was ongoing discussion on these items. Lastly, Alderman Spivey then shared he is voting no for Hall and Sons, A Perfect Gentlemen and South Suburban Maintenance Landscapers and Classy Cleaners and Spotlight cleaning services and yes to all other items. Ald. Davis shared as the Chair he will try and schedule the Finance Meetings on Thursdays at 7pm. Alderman Strothers inquired as to how Ald. Lockett Jr. was able to receive a check at the last meeting and now he is schedule for approval for another check. Alderman Davis shared the previous check was from FY 2025 and was not previously issued and this check is from FY 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3 Aldermen Davis, Spivey, and Lockett Jr.

Nays: 2 Aldermen Hutson and Strothers

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Hutson shared he has no formal report but, per Mayor FEMA and IEMA along with Cook County has no assistance available and he suggests everyone apply anyway and let the agencies confirm assistance availability. He then shared the City Council needs to prepare an Ordinance with directives for emergencies.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – August 10th at 6:00pm)

A. Approval – An IDOT Resolution to use MFT Funds for General Maintenance throughout the Year.

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for An IDOT Resolution to use MFT Funds for General Maintenance throughout the Year. Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion - None
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 1 Aldermen Hutson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

No Report

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

Alderman Deidra N. Strothers attended the Hillcrest High School ALL Class festivities. There was an excellent turnout and provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reconnect and celebrate their shared Hillcrest High School legacy.

Pickleball class is happening every Saturday from 10-11am at the CRC. Flagg football starts practice this week and the first game is August 15th. Biddy ball sign up will be going on until August 31st.

7. 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: 5 Aldermen Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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8. PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Nancy Switzer, resident, asked if there was a plan for the branch pick-up? She then shared the 2nd Ward has speed bumps and the 1st Ward does not. Lastly, she asked what happened to the birds in the logistics area. She hasn't seen them in a while.

Dr. Raven Hickerson, resident of the 3rd Ward asked about the recent soil sampling behind the homes on Summerhill Dr. She also asked what the entity was doing because the neighbors are unaware and concerned about the environmental aspect, the air quality and any water reports.

Renee Hickerson, resident of the 3rd Ward also asked about the soil sampling and solicitors. She shared residents would like to know who and what companies are in the area. She then asked who owned the land behind the homes on Summerhill Dr. and how it was zoned. Mayor Ford shared it is zoned as commercial and Eli Atkins owns the property.

Clifton Graham asked if it was part of the nursing home and he thought the plan was to build a school or building.

Janet Bell, resident of the 3rd Ward, asked if the city has an emergency plan? Also, is there an emergency plan for employees? Lastly, she asked if there is a plan for tree and branch removal.

Mr. King, resident, shared in February there were discussions about speed bumps, and they are in needed in Provincetown to reduce the speeding. He was told the PD would come out to make an assessment.

Steven Burris, Rich Township Trustee, shared the Township will assist the City of Country Club Hills with branch removals one day out of the week as they are assisting the municipalities in the Township.

Mayor Ford thanked Trustee Burris and shared the city is working with ComEd to restore power and currently the clean-up is costing the city \$230,950.00 per tree removal services.

9. MOTION TO CLOSE THE 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, Spivey, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 1 Alderman Hutson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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10. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval to adjourn to Executive Session. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 1 Alderman Hutson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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11. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to return from Executive Session at 8:22pm. 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. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Strothers moved for adjournment. Second, Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 1 Alderman Hutson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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The Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia D. Hutson', written in a cursive style.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC