



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, August 24, 2026

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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 7:03 PM. The meeting was called to order by 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, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr., and Strothers.

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

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was delivered by Leroy Barnes, resident, who also serves as on the Veterans Commission.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval – Meeting Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting August 3, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Regular City Council August 3, 2026. 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 – A Resolution Approving and Authorizing A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local Unit 700 (Public Works Employees)

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of A Resolution Approving and Authorizing A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local Unit 700 (Public Works Employees). Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared he was glad we were able to come to an agreement. Attorney Murphey shared it was a wage agreement over the next 3 years.

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.

B. Approval – An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (KKMM Group, Inc.)

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (KKMM Group, Inc.). Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Davis shared this is a long-term business site with multiple businesses and we want to support them to remain competitive. Attorney Murphey shared the abatement is of the city portion.

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.

C. Approval – An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Water Werks Boat Sales, Inc.)

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Water Werks Boat Sales, Inc.). Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Attorney Murphey shared the abatement is of the city portion.

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.

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

Administrator Mitchell shared the city continue to experience challenging times since the last storm. Public Works staff are worn out as we approaching the end of the concert season. He congratulated the Director Green of the Parks and Recs Dept on their programs for the residents. Alderman Hutson chimed in as well on the great programs from Director Green and the Parks and Recs Dept.

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

During the recent devastating storms and tornadoes residents have been inundated by roofers, storm renovators. I received calls and emails from residents regarding scammers. With that being said let me remind everyone of the Solicitor's requirements...if you are approached, send me the flyers phutson@countryclubhills.org. Please hire licensed and bonded contractors through the Building Department. Their most current list is on the information table. Bremen Township Tax Appeal Notification due by September 24th 12pm The flyer is on the website and in the lobby of City Hall. Please be advised of the Public notice for the positions of Mayor, City Clerk, and Treasurer positions in the lobby of City Hall and on the city website. The list of Polling places is in the lobby and on the city website. Lastly, Voter Registration will be held this Saturday during the Back-to-School parade event 10am to 12pm at the City Clerk's Table.

8. CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY COLLECTOR

A. City Collector's Report as of June 30th and July 31st 2026

Collector Hutson shared the full report is in the packet and if there are any concerns to please let her know .

9. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – STEVEN R. BURRIS, CITY TREASURER

A. City Treasurer's Report as of June 30th and July 31st 2026

Treasurer Burris shared his reports are in the packet and the recent numbers were as follows: June revenue was \$2,133,193.07, July Revenue was \$2,255,360.84, disbursements for June were \$2,376,521.04 and July was \$2,331,782.43 and the balance as of June 30, 2026 was \$20,400,125.95 and July 31, 2026 was \$19,806,842.32. Treasurer then proceeded to inquire as to checks that were issued after votes issued during the August 3rd Special Meeting. Ald. Hutson shared there would need to be three No majority votes to stop the AP. Ald. Spivey shared he voted No for three landscapers and two the two cleaning services. Ald. Davis shared any objections should have been shared in the Finance Committee or brought to the attention of the Chair. Treasurer Burris shared certain vouchers should have been pulled and asked Attorney Murphey to look into this. There was ongoing discussion on this matter.

Attorney Murphey shared that those who wish to be recognized to speak must be recognized by the Chair.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 08.24.2026 at 6:15pm)

A. Approval – Accounts Payables as of August 24th 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of August 24, 2026 in the amount of \$598,449.41. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Hutson voted no to Aleck Plumbing and Exon and yes for all other AP items.

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.

**B. Approval - A Resolution Authorizing the Second Distribution of Tax Increment Funds
(I-57/I-80 TIF District: Logistics Industrial Development)**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of A Resolution Authorizing the Second Distribution of Tax Increment Funds (I-57/I-80 TIF District: Logistics Industrial Development). 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)

A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Violations to be Adjudicated Through the City's Administrative Adjudication System.

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Amending the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to Violations to be Adjudicated Through the City's Administrative Adjudication System. 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.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 08.24.2026 at 6:00pm)

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared there is a plan to move the branches, tree trunks and debris. He asked residents to avoid fly dumping. The next Public Works Committee Meeting will be held September 14th at 6:00pm

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

A. Approval - An Ordinance Supporting Class 8 Incentive For Certain Property (182.LLC/ Aysar Abu Shanab/ 18250 Pulaski Road)

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Supporting Class 8 Incentive For Certain Property (182.LLC/ Aysar Abu Shanab/ 18250 Pulaski

Road). Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion – Attorney Murphey shared this is an incentive for the new business owner who will continue the gas station and re-open the car wash after closing. Ald. Hutson shared during a previous meeting he had concerns that were addressed by Administrator Mitchell and Attorney Murphey regarding the taxes and ownership and he was appreciative of the responses.

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.

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

Education, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th at 4pm inside Country Club Hills City Hall. PHSD 144 welcomed students in grades K–8 back on August 19th and will welcome preschool students on September 8th. School District 160 will be announcing their new Superintendent on Friday, August 28th from 5-7pm. Hillcrest is hosting Senior Parent Night on Tuesday, September 15th at 6pm.

The Park District has Youth basketball League registration is open now. Biddy basketball registration is still open until spots are filled. Fall volleyball will start September 8, 2026 registration is open. Flag football's first game was this Saturday and there was a great turnout. There is a NEW STEM program starting September 9th on Wednesdays for the 7–14-year-olds and September 14th on Mondays for the 5-12 year olds, 6-7pm for both ages. Ballet is also starting on September 17th. 4-6 year olds will be from 4-5pm and 7-12 year olds will be from 5-6pm. Details for registration are online: <https://countryclubhills.org/parks-rec-home/parks/> Alderman Strothers shared she will hold the next Education Parks and Recs Committee Meeting September 10th at 4pm.

11. 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 Davis. 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.

12. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Theron Bradley, business owner, shared the Country Club Hills Chamber of Commerce is now active and would like the funds turned over to them.

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared after the tornado she reached out to Cook County Sheriff for assistance of SD 160 parents in need per their request. She contacted Ald. Lockett Jr., Ald. Spivey and Treasurer Burris regarding providing assistance bags at City Hall. There was a communication concern regarding issuing the bags and this was cleared up with assistance with the onsite Supervisor with the Cook County Sheriff's Dept and Mayor Ford.

Clifton Graham, resident, shared his appreciation to Public Works for their work during the recent storms and tornadoes. He then shared Treasurer Burris has been here and an elected official for many years along with Ald. Spivey and there have been misappropriations throughout the years. He then asked where the city stands with concert revenue.

Tammy Singleton, resident, shared she lives near an abandoned house in deplorable conditions and with the recent storms now there are trees on her fence from the home, and she is requesting assistance and directives. She then shared Ron in the Building Dept tried to help and she would like a follow-up.

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared there are inaccuracies on the website and inquired as to why the taxes are so high. She shared she has concerns about the budget.

Steven Burris, Treasurer, thanked Ms. Williams for her work on behalf of the residents.

13. 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 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.

14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Strothers shared when it was stated that the Aldermen were invited, I'd like to clarify that I was not invited to Ms. Williams events. I am constantly in my Ward, and I take offense to her comment. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the sidewalk installation on 175th and Pulaski.

Alderman Spivey shared Ms. Williams called him the night before her event and he thanked her. He then thanked public works for the speed bumps and shared there are none in Provincetown. He also said he would like to see more police in Provincetown. He shared he has been an Alderman for 8 years and the Chamber does not answer to the aldermen. It is there to support the businesses.

Alderman Davis asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Hughley who recently passed away. He then shared there was a communication gap with her program, and she should make her request through the Mayor and the City Administrator.

Alderman Lockett Jr. asked for a moment of silence for Bremen Township Trustee Kimberley Bond who was also his relative who recently passed away. He then shared Mayor is trying to be financially responsible while addressing the pick-up of the debris throughout the city.

Alderman Hutson asked everyone to join him in congratulating alderman Davis's father a Happy 92nd Birthday. Alderman Hutson then addressed Mayor Ford regarding whether the Directors go out to see the downed trees, tree trunks and debris outstanding from the recent storms. He then shared to Ms. Williams and the audience, let us continue to check on our friends and neighbors during these continued trying times. Alderman Hutson then shared bible verse Galatians 5:14. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something and encouraged everyone to dial the Police Department's anonymous tip line at 708-206-2866.

Mayor Ford shared he was unaware of the program Ms. Williams spoke of and encouraged better communication moving forward.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

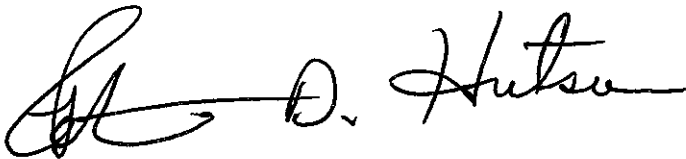
Absent: 0

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk - RMC, CMC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Hutson", with a stylized flourish at the end.