



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, September 14, 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 7:02 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., Strothers and Mayor Ford.

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

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was delivered by Leroy Barnes, resident and Veterans Commissioner.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. Approval – Administrative Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to of the Administrative Meeting Minutes of August 17, 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:

Mayor Ford shared the recent storm damages are cleaned up by 90% and the city will continue the process.

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

Administrator Mitchell shared his appreciation to Public Works for their hard work with the ongoing storm cleanup process. He also thanked Cook County for opening Oak Forest Hospital as an assistance site for trees and debris during the clean-up process. Lastly, he thanked all involved with the Back-to-School Parade and the last concert.

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

City Clerk Hutson shared she recently attended the Annual Chicago Fire and Police Departments Finest vs the Bravest baseball game at White Sox Park with the Seniors and had a great time. She then shared October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we are looking to donate to this worthy cause.

Mayor Ford then added September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and he encouraged everyone to get their annual checks for early detection.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – September 28th at 6:15pm)

1. Approval – Accounts Payable as of September 14, 2026

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of August 10, 2026 in the amount of \$736, 525.61. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Hutson voted no for Aleck Plumbing and yes to all other items on the AP.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Aldermen 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 he has no official report as items are with the attorney for review.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared public works is working hard on the storm clean and he is thankful for the residents understanding and patience during this process. He then shared public works is working on Cicero and his next meeting is TBA.

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

Alderman Spivey shared he has no official report and asked everyone to support our local businesses.

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

The Education, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 10th was extremely productive. Board Member Lawrence Patterson reported that Bremen School District 228 was named in the top 241 schools nationwide. Athletic Director Maurice Young reported that Hillcrest High School had a successful year. Superintendent Dr. Thomas reported that Rich School District 227 is investing in facilities. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Croson reported that PHSD 144 successfully staffed 90% of open positions and is currently hiring. Please visit phsd144.net for vacancies. Director Green of Country Club Hills Park District reported that Biddy basketball practice starts this week at the CRC. If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Hall. The STEM program is starting

on October 5th and 7th and Ballet is starting on September 17th. Online registration is available: <https://countryclubhills.org/parks-rec-home/parks/> Lastly, Sewing and Yoga will be starting in January 2027. If you have any questions, please contact program director Casey Davis.

9. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Strothers moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. 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

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Thomas Melton, resident, addressed the Mayor and the City Council regarding vacant houses on his block and his taxes. He shared the vacancies devalue his home and he would like to see action. Lastly, he shared his frustration with the city grass that needs to be cut near his home.

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared there were no updates on SD#160 from the Education Parks and Recs Committee. She then shared SD#160 Supt. Does not have an interim, no contract, no bills are being paid and asked who paid for the sidewalks in front of Hillcrest. She shared there are no safe routes to school as the children are walking in the streets. Lastly, she shared there are no schedules and children are sitting in the building.

Mayor Ford shared the city does not receive money from the SD as and shared they actually owe the city close to \$500,000.00 for utility services.

Mrs. Parker, resident, shared her appreciation for city services and thanked everyone for all they did to help her. She asked to have the grass in the parkway cut as it has grown with the recent rain.

Curtis Thomas, resident, shared he has lived in the city for 30 years, his taxes increased and he was frustrated by the response to the recent storm damage. He reached out to public works and

the Mayor regarding a safety issued with a tree trunk. He also disagreed with the 90% clean up and would like a better response and a resolution with the stump concern.

Brandi Gunn, resident, shared she sent multiple FOIA requests and received outdated information. She said she will send requests over the next four weeks for a respond. She shared wants to understand the city finances and how the tax dollars are managed. She then shared the city is going over budget.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson addressed Ms. Gunn that he thought she may need a copy of the budget. He then thanked the Youth Commission for coming out to pack the backpacks for the Back-to-School Parade. He thanked Commissioners Allen, Smith, Brown, Pastor Pitts, Pitts aka PK. He shared he assisted the team as well. Alderman Hutson then shared bible verse Deuteronomy 31:8. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something by calling the anonymous tip line at 708-206-2899.

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared his appreciation to the Public Works Dept. for the storm clean-up work. He shared this was an act of nature and an act of God. He shared the city will continue to keep everything safe and clean. He then thanked the Fire and Police Departments. Lastly, he asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Slaughter of the 2nd Ward, married for 42 years, who recently passed away.

Alderman Davis addressed Mr. Thomas that the trees on Pulaski are 90 % cleared and this entire event has been a financial hardship to the city and we may need more time to clear the stumps. He then shared the sidewalks were provided by a grant and the city did not have to pay

for that. Lastly, he shared the street repairs were from a grant and the city applied to FEMA and have received no tax dollars.

Alderman Spivey shared the street repairs are grant funded. He then addressed Mr. Murphy that the stump will be taken care of. He shared this is the responsibility of the city. Lastly, he shared is appreciation to the residents who came out to the Back-to-School Parade and for those who came to the meeting tonight.

Alderman Strothers shared, as her name was mentioned, She chose to respond. She shared that District 160 did not attend the meeting. The Education, Parks and Recreation Committee meetings are open to the public. Her ward is Bremen Township however, some of Country Club Hills is in Rich Township. School District 227 is Rich Township which some residents of Country Club Hills reside. Appeals for Bremen Township will close on September 24th. Residents can now file by phone at (708) 333-1591. Rich township Assessor can be reached at (708) 228-5037. Lastly, invited everyone to attend the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19th from 11am - 4pm at Hillcrest Baptist Church located at 17300 Pulaski Road.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

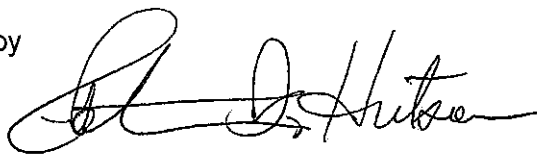
Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk - RMC, CMC