REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, September 28, 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 7:01pm. 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, Lockett Jr., and Strothers.

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

Excused as absent - Alderman Hutson

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval – Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026 and August 24, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Regular City Council August 10, 2026 and August 24, 2026. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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 chose to share his report later in the meeting.

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

Administrator Mitchell shared he is working on resource programs for residents with Nicor and Com-Ed.

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

City Clerk Hutson shared that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Fire Prevention Month, Hispanic heritage ends Oct 15th, September closes Prostate Awareness Month, October also marks several other awareness observances, including:
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **ADHD Awareness Month**
- **Down Syndrome Awareness Month**
- **LGBT History Month**
- **Dyslexia Awareness Month**
- **National Bullying Prevention Month**
- **Depression Awareness Month** (in some regions)
- **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month** (with October 15 as a specific remembrance day)
- **SIDS Awareness Month** (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

It's a busy month for health and social awareness campaigns overall. These recognitions are focused during this month but please keep these topics in mind throughout the year.

Lastly, she shared information on the Resource Center Programs offered during the month of October.

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

A. City Collector's Report as of August 31, 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 August 31, 2026.

Treasurer Burris shared his report was incomplete at this time and will share it at the October meeting as the new Human Resources Director was not able to generate her portion of his report. Treasurer Burris then asked for clarity about four checks that he previously questioned.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. **Approval – Accounts Payables as of September 28, 2026**

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of September 28, 2026 in the amount of $247,583.63. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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

B. Approval – Homewood Disposal Renewal Agreement

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Homewood Disposal Renewal Agreement. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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 Authorizing a Local disaster Declaration and Directing Related Actions for the August 11, 2026 Severe Storm and Tornado Event.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of – An Ordinance Authorizing a Local disaster Declaration and Directing Related Actions for the August 11, 2026 Severe Storm and Tornado Event. Second by Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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 – TBA)

A. Approval – An IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of – An IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code. Second by Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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

B. Approval – An IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code to Rebuild Illinois Funds.

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of – An IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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

Alderman Spivey asked Clerk Hutson to be notified when new businesses come to the city because he has recently seen new businesses that he was not aware of. He then asked about the process for Economic Development Commissioners. There was an ongoing conversation regarding this matter.

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

Alderman Strothers shared the next Education, Parks and Recs Committee meeting will b held October 8th at 4pm and all are welcome.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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12. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Nancy Switzer, resident, inquired about the yard waste program and the bags as well as the street sweeper. Lastly, she asked who was footing for the sidewalk over I-80.

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared her frustration regarding SD#160 which does not have a Superintendent, Director of Student Services, Director of HR etc. She shared there was no

internet for four days, children are sitting in classes and not enrolled and October 1st , funding date is in a couple of days. She shared Mr. Burris and Ald. Lockett showed up and asked the council to come in unison to help.

Linda Mc Clain, resident, shared she has pleaded for the area of 186th & Maple to be maintained. She shared the bushes are untrimmed and there are trees, leaves and coyotes in the area. She offered the Mayor staff resources but could not find anyone. Lastly, she shared the drainage ditches are terrible.

Theron Bradley, business owner, shared he is the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and he is trying to get the money for the Chamber.

Brandi Gunn, resident, shared she will follow the lead of the City Clerk regarding her FOIA request. She then shared $792,826.00 labeled as petty cash was spent in 9 months. She requested the records. She then asked Mayor Ford if he is running again and if so what is his plan for EDC. She then shared over the past 10 years Orland has 538 new businesses, 226 for Tinley Park, 148 for Oak Forest and she does not have the numbers for Country Club Hills.

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 Davis. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Strothers shared the Fall Festival at Hillcrest Baptist was well attended and enjoyed despite the drizzly weather. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Alderman Spivey shared he contacted City Administrator Mitchell and Director Townsend regarding a lighting concern in his ward and was told there is a wiring issued. He shared he

would like to see better communication. Lastly, he shared he asked for speed bumps early summer and soon they will be removed.

Alderman Davis thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He then shared we need to be respectful and follow Roberts rules. He then addressed Mrs. Switzer's concern about the yard waste container. He shared the blue container is a separate fee from the monthly refuse fee and the fee will be tremendously lower in the spring. He then announced the nest Finance Committee Meeting will be held October 12th at 6:15pm. Lastly, he shared Cornerstone Christian Church will have an Arts and Crafts event Sunday 1pm to 3pm at 4101 Flossmoor Rd.

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the city, and the school district are two separate governing bodies. He shared Mayor has spoken with the school board and the city council cannot tell them what to do. Lastly, he shared Director Townsend will work on the drainage and the next Public Works Committee Meeting will be held October 12th at 6pm.

Treasurer Burris shared he contacted Mr. Johnson regarding the Chamber of Commerce, the budget shows $6,000.00 and he will work with the City Clerk to determine the available amount.

Mayor Ford shared there are additional documents needed before the monies can be turned over to the chamber.

Mayor Ford shared in Alderman Hutson's absence he will share bible verse Isiah 54:17.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Hutson

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The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk - RMC, CMC