REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, October 26, 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 Pro-Tempore Alderman Anthony J. Davis.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by all in attendance and led by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alderman Anthony Davis.

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, Attorney Tillman and the Administrative Team.

Excused as absent – Mayor Ford

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Keith Williams, Senior Pastor of the Cornerstone Christian Church and Pastoral Commission Member.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval – Meeting Minutes of the Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes of September 21st and of a Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 28th 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: 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 Pro-Tempore Alderman Anthony J. Davis asked for a moment of silence for Latonya Stanford-Ruffin, resident and Cook County Sheriff and Aldermanic Candidate, who recently passed away.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Davis then asked the City Clerk to read the City's Think Pink Day Recognition for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Recognition of "Think Pink Day" for Breast Cancer Awareness

POWER OF AWARENESS

As we wear pink let the message be strong,
Let it be a reminder to stand together, to educate, encourage, and help others see, the importance of screenings and early detection is key. Take the time to care for your health

HONORING THE WARRIORS

To every warrior fighting with all of your might,
who faces each morning and battles each night,
your courage is mighty and your spirit shines bright,
you are not alone

CELEBRATING THE SURVIVORS

To every survivor, today we celebrate you,
Your strength and determination have carried you through.

REMEMBERING OUR ANGELS

For the angels we remember, and the families touched by it all.
Together we're stronger; together we stand,
With compassion in our hearts and hope hand in hand.

In honor of the warriors.
In celebration of the survivors.
In loving memory of the angels.
And in support of every family impacted by breast cancer.

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE MISSION. ONE FIGHT ❤

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

City Administrator Mitchell encouraged everyone to attend "Powering Through the Storm" Wednesday October 28th at the Community Recreation Center 5pm to 8pm with Mayor Ford and Senator Hastings. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to come out for the Fall Festival Saturday October 31st 5pm to 8pm and Trick or Treating Hours are 3pm to 7pm.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared information on Voting options and reminded everyone one that Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd 6am to 7pm. Lastly, she shared time will fall forward Sunday November 1st at 2am.

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

A. City Collector's Report as of September 30, 2026

Collector Hutson shared all documents are in the packets and if there are any questions 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 and September 30, 2026

Treasurer Burris shared his packet contains August and September end of month amounts. He then shared he submitted a FOIA for a document regarding monies owed to OMNI and there were no documents. He then shared the Treasurer does not sign checks and has reduced responsibilities. Alderman Hutson asked Treasurer Burris to stay on the agenda topic. Attorney Tillman reiterated the same.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – October 26 at 6:15pm)

A. Approval – Accounts Payables as of October 28, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of October 28, 2026 in the amount of $662,784.94. 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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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderman Tyrone K. Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

A. Approval – An Ordinance Amending Section 1.6.08 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to the Compensation of the City Treasurer.

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of An Ordinance Amending Section 1.6.08 of the Country Club Hills City Code Relating to the Compensation of the City Treasurer. Second by: Alderman Lockett Jr. Discussion – Alderman Hutson shared the committee researched the comps in the Southland for a fair compensation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 1 Alderman Spivey

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

A. Approval - The approval of the award of lowest responsible bid for the 2026 Rebuild Illinois Bond (RBI) Road Resurfacing Program.

   Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval of the award of lowest responsible bid for the 2026 Rebuild Illinois Bond (RBI) Road Resurfacing Program. Second by: Alderman Davis. Discussion – Alderman Lockett Jr. shared this approval is for the Annual Road Resurfacing program.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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B. Approval - The approval of the award of lowest responsible bid for the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Road (MFT funds) Resurfacing Program. Second by : Alderman Strothers. Discussion – Alderman Lockett Jr. shared this approval is for the MFT Road Resurfacing Program.

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

Alderman Spivey shared the Chamber of Commerce is up and running and encouraged everyone to support the local businesses.

Education, Parks and Recs – Alderman Deidra N. Strothers, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – November 12th at 4pm)

She shared she attended the Beautification Awards Ceremony and congratulated the winners and the pride, creativity, and care they bring to our community. She shared their efforts and dedication did not go unnoticed and is an inspiration.

11. 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 Spivey. 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. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Steven Burris, resident and City Treasurer, shared his office doesn't sign checks and quoted the independence of the treasurer per the State of IL that the treasurer provides services in the absence of a Finance Director and shared he has concerns amount of the amount of petty cash checks and overspending.

Sequoia Williams, resident, shared her concerns regarding $5million dollars from the State of IL and SD#160 is in a terrible state and there is no superintendent. She said if there is no assistance she will support a blackout and not spend money in Country Club Hills. Lastly, she shared her son has sat in SD#160 without an IEP and she will continue to speak up.

Tracey Bell, owner of OMNI Channel, shared she works with Brian Frazier, the late Sam Chatman and others who met with Mayor Ford, the City Administrator and drafted a proposal including advertising for June to August in support of the 20th year anniversary and a plan to sell out shows. She was paid two payments, she did her part and is owed a balance.

Carolyn Carter, Bremen Township Committeewoman and Township Clerk, shared she is available to assist Bremen Township residents.

Ricardo d. Spivey, resident and Alderman 4th Ward, shared he disagreed with the Ordinance that passed to reduce the Treasurer's salary and he too had a dispute with his salary and had to retain an attorney to assist him with his salary dispute.

Harry Jones Jr., resident, shared his displeasure with Treasurer Burris as he is running for office. He shared he is not a candidate until his documents are filed. He then directed to Treasurer Burris to not place anymore literature to his home. Lastly, he shared if treasurer Burris has a problem with not being able to perform his duties to file a complaint.

Valeria Densmore, 29-year resident, shared she will attend the After the Storm event Wednesday and she has two trees that are hanging and in need of attention since the storm. She then shared for those who are running for office she would like to see what their record is and what they can do instead of the negativity and encouraged everyone to stay unified.

Brandi Gunn, resident, shared she has submitted a FOIA request and will resubmit and refine her search for the cashier's checks. She then shared the Fire and Police Departments consume 69% of the city's budget where other municipalities are at a lower percentage. Lastly, she shared she will submit more FOIA's.

13. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval to close 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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14. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Strothers shared on Friday, November 6th from 6-8pm at the Pavillion. She shared the city will be honoring all who served with a Veterans day mocktail reception. Please RSVP by October 30th

Alderman Spivey during the storm 4-5 light were out and are still out and he would like an update from Jerry Townsend.

Alderman Davis thanked Valeria Densmore for her comments. He shared he is glad to see residents come out and some of the more recent incorrect rhetoric is putting the city in a bad light. He then concurred to stick with what can be done. Lastly, he shared to Mr. Jones he concurred and shared the council will review other compensations as well.

Alderman Lockett Jr. thanked everyone for coming out and shared each ward will have three streets repaired with the resurfacing programs.

Alderman Hutson announced free gas then shared to check on family and friends. Next, he quoted I Corinthians 13:6 and shared if you see something say something and report to the anonymous tip line at 708-206-2899. He then shared to Alderman Spivey that at a previous meeting he agreed with reducing the compensation for the treasurer.

Alderman Spivey asked to be recognized, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Davis said not at this time and moved for adjournment.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council adjournment. 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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk - RMC, CMC