

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
held Thursday, April 5, 2012
City Hall Council Chambers
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Bennett led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** Upon roll call the following Aldermen responded as present: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Marrotta

- 4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.
- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**
Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 15, 2012 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Hanson. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox
ABSENT: Marrotta
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:** None.
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.
 - C. **MAYOR:**
Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen, as I indicated, I would give you a copy of the plan of Governance on Municipal Aggregation, which we have to have on file prior to the public hearings, and also a draft of the Ordinance, when we are ready to accept it, after the 2 public hearings, and the plan of action of the city. I will have the City Attorney look through those.

Our first hearing is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 19th, and the second hearing is at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 3, 2012. There was legal notice that should have appeared in the paper this week, and May 3rd is when that ordinance should be voted on.

Also, to remind the Council that on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00 am to Noon, Moraine Valley College is having a very good seminar on Economic Development and if any of the members of the Council want to attend the city will pick up the registration, please let me know so we can get an accurate account for them prior to that Saturday. There are some great speakers and information of economic development.

9) **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:**

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Ald. Brachman, for last month there were 36 permits issued, \$3,300.00 in fees, \$150.00 in security deposits received and \$550.00 refunded.

The only other thing was the discussion that was started last time in Committee I will wait with that. I will bring it up after the final bids are in and see what the contract looks like.

Mayor Bennett, actually we would do that before we go out to bid if you are going to make that decision about putting or as far pricing on whether or not to accept a (inaudible) so at the time we are ready to do that.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF: No report.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES: No report.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Knox, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated April 5, 2012 in the amount of \$209,675.89. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox,
Brachman

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Also, I want to thank everyone for attending the golf budget meeting this evening. I think Jay did an outstanding job as he always does, informing the Council on the needs of the golf course, and he did a great job coming up with his budget. I have some concerns to talk about. I am waiting for some people to get answers on different issues.

Just a recap, the meetings coming up will be next week April 12th will be Administration at 5:00 pm, and Police at 5:30 pm., and then on April 19th will be Parks & Recreation at 5:30 pm.

F. **LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE:** No report.

G. **PARKS:** No report.

H. **PLANNING & ZONING:**

Ald. Hanson, I just want to remind everybody that this coming Monday, April 9th at 7:30 pm the Plan Commission will hear the petition for what we all know as the racquet ball club property at 11050 S. Roberts Rd. that is seeking a special use.

I MOVE to set a hearing date of May 7, 2012 before the Plan Commission for 8813 W. 95th St., the petitioner is looking to open a Day Care Center, this property is the old Gill's Custom House. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Also I have something that should have been in your mailbox for an application for a special use at 8138-42 W. 111th St. looking for a special use to allow Massage Therapy in an existing beauty salon. I MOVE for consideration. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek.

Mayor Bennett, the motion is for a hearing Alderman.

Ald. Hanson, this one we have not presented as of yet.

Mayor Bennett, it doesn't have to be.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for a hearing date also May 7th. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek.

Mayor Bennett, MOVED by Ald. Hanson, SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. The motion is for a Plan Commission hearing. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch, we received 2 checks, one was from Municipal Recovery Services Inc. in the amount of \$817.20, and the other check from Consolidated High School District 230 in the amount of \$9,031.88.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, the Commissioner's Public Works Update:

88th Ave. Construction

The trunk line sewer on 99th St. is progressing nicely and on schedule. This phase of the project should be completed by April 13th. When complete 99th St. will be reopened to two way traffic.

Construction crews have started excavation of the storm water detention pond on the south east corner of 99th St. and 88th Ave.

Crews are also removing asphalt on the east side of 88th Ave. from 103rd St. to 95th St. in preparation for the installation of storm sewer piping and drains.

While there are many more months of construction activities ahead of us, the project has gotten off to a good start and is going well with few concerns.

Construction crews have asked me to remind motorists to allow extra time which driving through the area and to be cautious of workers in the work zone.

Ald. Hanson, I'd like to thank Dave Weakley; I know at our Committee Meeting last week we all discussed Kean Ave. and the safety issues that are there with some of stuff starting to grow out. They already took care of that, which was really great. Then I also appreciate Chief, you guys putting the speed lime monitor up there too, obviously a lot more traffic on that street, buses and everything else.

Mayor Bennett, again to our residents, I've been warning about this for some time and we appreciate your patience with this and the inconvenience that this will possibly cause. But we knew it was going to take a couple of weeks to shake out and I think everybody is on board with the southbound only and the detour that is involved, County did a good job on the signage.

10) **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None.

11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

12) **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Ald. Kleefisch, I know Anna is looking into this for us by perhaps you have some information about that Azofr Corporation.

Mayor Bennett, in fact Alderman I was going to ask her last week, be are trying to check data on the Com Ed Aggregation to make sure because supposedly they have already done that audit. We have not heard back from them and I will try to find out.

Mayor Bennett, one last comment, there was a real nice article in the local Tribune on our Golf Course, if you haven't read it today read it. They talk about golf courses in general and I thought it was pretty nice article.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills