

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held **Thursday, May 19, 2022**
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, IL 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00p.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:
PRESENT: Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak
ABSENT: None

4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.

5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Ald. Kleefisch MOVED to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated, May 5, 2022 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Abed, Nowak, Price

ABSTAIN: Stratton, Pasek

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None this evening.

7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

Prior to opening the meeting to the public, Mayor Bennett recognized Eagle Scout Jonathan Doolan for the outstanding work he accomplished on the fish habitat placed in Bennett Lake. At this time Mayor Bennett presented Jonathan Doolan with a plaque.

Mayor Bennett, the meeting is open to the public for any comments or questions.

Resident Paul Morgan, president of the Hidden Lake Estates condominium association, extended an invitation to Mayor Bennett, City Council, Administration and the City departments to join the block party they are hosting.

There were no further comments or questions from the public; the public portion of the meeting was closed.

8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**

A. CITY CLERK: No report this evening.

B. CITY ATTORNEY: No report this evening.

C. MAYOR: Mayor Bennett reported that a hearing was held last Tuesday regarding the business EZ Electronics where a shooting recently took place. Based upon that occurrence and prior events at that establishment which created public safety concerns, the business licensee was sent a letter to appear before Mayor Bennett. The business licensee did not appear, therefore a letter had been sent regarding the revocation of the business license and denial for renewal of the same.

Mayor Bennett entertained a motion for the recommendation of the appointment of Renee Wright to the Plan Commission replacing Glen Altman who has stepped down. SO MOVED by Ald. Price. SECONDED by Ald. Lebarre.

Ald. Kleefisch asked if she had served as an Alderman. Mayor Bennett confirmed that she had. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSING:

Ald. Abed had no report this evening.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION:

Ald. Stratton had no report this evening.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Price had no report this evening.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. O'Connell announced two new businesses that have been issued their licenses: 360 Pizza at 10402 S. Harlem, they are open 9:00am-2:00am seven days a week; and Chroma Beauty at 10600 S. Roberts Rd, they are by appointment only 9:00am-9:00pm seven days a week.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, May 19, 2022 in the amount of \$755,764.90. SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell.

Ald. Pasek asked why there are two retainer fees; one for our new attorney, and the other for George Pappas. Mayor Bennett clarified that this was George's last retainer fee.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Lebarre MOVED for City Attorney Cainkar to draw an Ordinance allowing Hilltop Pizza on 103rd Street to allow outdoor seating until 10:00pm. Mayor Bennett stated that would be an Class M liquor license. City Attorney Cainkar stated that Class M is a supplement to the liquor license allowing food and beverages to be served in an outdoor area adjacent to the licensed establishment, there is no live entertainment allowed, and the outdoor premises is allowed to be open until 11:00pm on weekdays and 12:00midnight on weekends. Ald. Lebarre asked if in the Ordinance it could state that it only allows outdoor seating until 10:00pm. City Attorney Cainkar stated that change to the Ordinance would change that for everybody because it's a license. Ald. Lebarre stated that could change the dynamics, therefore motion to table.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Donahue MOVED for City Attorney Cainkar to create a Resolution to offer the sale of the property at 11050 S. Roberts Road. SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell.

Mayor Bennett asked Ald. Donahue if he would like to indicate the sale price in the Resolution. Ald. Donahue MOVED to list at \$175,000.00. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman.

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to table the motion to review everything that was discussed as well as the price.

Commissioner Oeffling stated he will email Council both appraisals so that they can review all the comps.

Chair recognizes the motion to move to Committee.

Ald. Donahue, motion withdrawn.

Ald. Donahue MOVED for the approval of an equal lot split at 10236 S. 81st Avenue.
SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton
NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

G. PARKS:

Ald. Nowak had no report this evening.

GOLF:

Ald. Pasek had no report this evening.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Nowak had no report this evening.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity Report for the month of April 2022 as follows: 107 traffic tickets were issued, 110 parking tickets, 28 misdemeanor complaints and 5 felony complaints, there were no criminal homicides, robberies, or aggravated assault and batteries; there were 2 burglaries, there were 8 thefts, there was no motor vehicle thefts, and our CID Division handled a total of 38 cases.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Brachman had no report this evening.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None this evening.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ald. Kleefisch reported that a situation arose in the 1st ward concerning a property that was being rented out as an Airbnb. Mayor Bennett stated that is a commercial operation within a residential district which is prohibited by law, and that property owner was instructed to cease and desist.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mayor Bennett reminded Council that they are invited to an open house at Southwest Central Dispatch on Tuesday, May 24th from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

13) ADJORNMENT:

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 7:21p.m.

Submitted by
Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills