

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
Held **Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
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, November 2, 2023 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

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

7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

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

Resident, Denise Lipinski, approached Council with comments about the envelopes still being sent with the water bills; she also mentioned that the new condos are now for sale on 111<sup>th</sup> Street, and voiced concerns regarding migrants.

Resident, Elizabeth Piersma, approached Council to announce their Christmas house lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This year they have joined with Sertoma for a toy and food drive – all presents and food can be dropped off at their residence from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There were no other 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 entertained a motion for Council to go into Executive session for an update on labor negotiations. SO MOVED by Ald. Price. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek, 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 opened in the City: Pack N Tracks at 10200 S. Roberts Road, and Express Hair Studios at 7624 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, November 16, 2023 in the amount of \$569,124.30. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. 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 presented An Ordinance Levying Taxes for General Corporate and Other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024.

Ald. Lebarre passed along a thank you from Phyllis with the Hills Chamber of Commerce to Mayor Bennett and the members of City Council that participated in the Elsie's Pantry food collection.

Ald. Lebarre thanked residents Mark and Elizabeth Piersma for their involvement with the City.

Ald. Lebarre complimented Public Works employee, Simon, for his help with the Veterans Day ceremony.

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:**

Ald. Donahue had no report this evening.

**G. PARKS:**

Ald. Nowak had no report this evening.

**GOLF:**

Ald. Pasek reported that the course has been very busy the last couple of weeks.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:**

Ald. Nowak MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission to grant the Special Use for 8082-8086 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street. SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

Mayor Bennett added that the City Attorney will have the Ordinance for the next meeting.

Ald. Nowak reminded all that the Plan Commission hearing for the Special Use request of a music studio will take place on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity Report for the month of October 2023 as follows: 176 traffic tickets were issued, 89 parking tickets, 13 misdemeanor complaints and 3 felony complaints, there were no criminal homicides, there were no robberies, there

were no aggravated assault and batteries; there were 2 burglaries, there were 4 thefts, there were no motor vehicle thefts, and our CID Division handled a total of 35 cases.

Ald. Kleefisch reported that a check was received from Iris Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$70.00.

**J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:**

Ald. Brachman MOVED to lien the properties with delinquent water accounts per the list that was submitted with the exception of the one address previously mentioned. SECONDED by Ald. Lebarre. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

Upon request of Ald. Brachman, City Clerk Mulderink assigned Resolution number 676 to A Resolution of the City of Palos Hills Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Subrecipient Agreement with the County of Cook for Capital Improvement, Project Number 2306-008.

After the reading of Resolution 676, Ald. Brachman MOVED for ADOPTION of same. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

Ald. Brachman thanked residents Mark and Elizabeth Piersma for all that they do.

Ald. Brachman added that he has received nothing but positive comments concerning our Golf Course and thanked Pat Frazier.

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

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ald. Lebarre mentioned that Ald. O'Connell has worked hard on the Economic Development Facebook page, and recommended everyone to share the events.

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Mayor Bennett stated that the City Council has to go into Executive Session. We will come back out and close the meeting.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:16 pm.

The City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:31 pm.

Mayor Bennett, the purpose of going into Executive Session was to discuss the labor contract.

**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 7:32p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills