

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
held **Thursday, February 19, 2015**
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: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Knox, Brachman, Stratton

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 February 5, 2015 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Schultz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Brachman, Stratton, Knox

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.

7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

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

With no questions or comments 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.

B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

C. **MAYOR**

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen I would like to reiterate what I said two weeks ago and has not been pledged by the Governor and that is to go after the LGF monies. Obviously what he is asking for is, it's a non (inaudible). Half of our LGF money is about a million

dollars, and unless somebody came up with some miracle way coming up with a million dollars. It is not only our city but also every City and Village in the State of Illinois.

We believe that that was an extension of political verbiage and that we hope to find out in the next couple of months during the spring session what is going to go on.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSE: No report.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF: No report.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES: No report.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

In the absence of Ald. Knox, Ald. Pasek stated you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated February 19, 2015 in the amount of \$369,845.96. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Stratton, Knox, Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES: No report.

G. PARKS: No report.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, as we discussed at the Committee Meeting a little bit there has been some interest and we like to have some discussion and then I probably would be calling to have a motion to look to have the property located between 86th Avenue and 86th Court, which would have been know as 101st Street to have it appraised and start moving forwards selling that piece of property.

Mayor Bennett, it is a 66-foot right of way, and that was discussed at Committee.

Ald. Hanson, if there is no further discussion I MOVE ahead and have appraisals done to move towards to selling this 66-foot right of way. SECONDED by Ald. Moore.

Mayor Bennett, the motion is to have the City Attorney go about the proper means of appraisal and offering the property publicly for bid, and to certainly in that bid at a minimum to set any costs (inaudible) value would be on that right of way. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Hanson

ABSENT: Stratton, Knox, Brachman
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, Gene when we finally get to some point where we are ready to do this I would certainly contact those who interested that there will be a public notice, but certainly for those who express interest that now would be their time or opportunity to potentially bid on it.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity Report for the month of January 2015 as follows: 484 traffic tickets were issued, 272 parking tickets were issued, there were 33 misdemeanor complaints and 5 felony complaints, 1 aggravated assault, 7 thefts, and our C.I.D. Division handles a total of 74 cases.

Also, we received 2 checks from NCI Receivable Management Recovery, one in the amount of \$2,245.00, another one in the amount of \$1,056.25, and we received a check from Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$5778.47.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, the Commissioner reports the following activities in the Public Works Department. On February 5, 2015 the Commissioner attended an MWRD workshop outlining new requirements within the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) for evaluating and reporting efforts to reduce or eliminate excessive infiltration and illegal inflow (I & I) of storm water into separate sanitary sewer systems.

All communities with separate sanitary sewer systems served by the MWRD are required to develop and submit a 5 year plan by the end of December 2015 to evaluate, inspect, repair and report their efforts to reduce or eliminate storm water I & I in their sanitary sewer systems.

While the City of Palos is currently in compliance with the MWRD ordinance, the ordinance requires continued investigation and investment to maintain compliance. The commissioner will report to the City Council as a five-year plan is developed and the cost of future investigation and repairs are determined.

On February 15, 2015 the Commissioner attended a Utility Coordination Meeting with Cook County Department of Transportation. The County has three projects scheduled in Palos Hills this year.

- 1) Roberts Road at Stony Creek: Bridge deck and joint repairs.
- 2) 103rd St. – 88th Ave. to Kean Ave: Pavement preservation and repair.
- 3) 107th St. – 88th Ave. to Kean Ave: Pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation.

On February 18, 2015 the Commissioner and City Engineer attended a coordination meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding upgrades on 111th St. from Southwest Highway to Harlem Ave. This is the last segment on 111th St. to be upgraded in Palos Hills. IDOT will be upgrading all four corners of the 111th St. and

Southwest Highway intersection and proposed closing several driveway openings to the businesses on the NW and SW corners.

After a lengthy conversation IDOT has agreed to modify driveway opening to accommodate traffic entering businesses.

The Commissioner has also requested IDOT to develop a bike path, along the west side of Southwest Highway as part of this project to increase bike and pedestrian traffic to the Metra Train Station at 114th Pl. and to connect to the Heritage Bike Trail on the south bank of the Cal Sag Channel that is currently under construction. IDOT was open to the request. As the project moves forward IDOT will schedule a public hearing to discuss project details with concerned businesses and residents.

On February 19, 2015 the City of Palos Hills hosted a meeting for the Cook County Department of Transportation and the Villages' of Hickory Hills, Bridgeview and Justice to discuss the rehabilitation of resurfacing of Roberts Road 79th St. to 111th St. The project will be let in three phases. Work in Palos Hills will not begin until 2016 and 2017. Work will include minor storm water improvements, traffic signal and pedestrian crossing upgrades to 99th St., 103rd St. and 107th St. and possibly the installation of dedicated right turn lane going west on Roberts Road at 111th St.

The Commissioner reports one of two pumping station impellers at the 105th & 82nd Ct. Lift Station broke and cannot be repaired. Both impellers are over 20 years old and are extremely worn. In order to maintain run time balance between pumps both impellers will be replaced. Repair costs will be \$7,122.00. All repair work will be completed in house by public works staff.

The upper water system chlorination system has failed. This system is over 25 years old and not able to be maintained and the system must be replaced. The cost of a new system is \$6,350.00.

The Commissioner reports he will reorganize his current budget and will carry over work currently budgeted to the upcoming budget to accommodate the cost of the lift station impeller and chlorination system repairs.

The City of Palos Hills Public Works department received two checks reimbursing the City of Palos Hills for damage to city property. \$961.00 from Lighting Express for damages to a city street light at 11200 Southwest Highway, and \$2,083.00 from Safeco Insurance for damage to a city street light at 11320 Southwest Highway.

Ald. Williams, I have one other item which is the Public Works Dept. received a letter that I would like to read it. It reads as follows: I am a new resident in Palos Hills and have been living on Terry Dr. for one year. I was in law enforcement for 25 years before my retirement and I have knowledge of the challenges that come with weather and big snowstorms.

I apologize for the delay but I would like to commend your crew for a job well done. I was in several towns in areas digging family and friends out, yes they called a retired guy for help, and other towns could not compare to the work you guys and girls did our town.

To often people do not hesitate in complaining but seldom commend the work that is well done. I tip my hat to Palos Hills Public Works Department. Thank you, Mr. Dimingas.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

13) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills