

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
held **Thursday, May 7, 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: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore,

ABSENT: Williams

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 April 16, 2015 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Schultz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams

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.

(Name inaudible), I am here for a friend who doing an addition and a renovation at 8000 W. 103rd St. Basically what happened is that we had a signed and approved plan showing that there is only one sprinkler required (inaudible). Now we have a letter here showing it is required throughout the entire house. We did some investigation (inaudible) would cost for the entire house and it is going to run about \$15,000.00 which is a lot over the budget of Mr. (inaudible).

Mayor Bennett, it has been brought to my attention by the Building Commissioner. The City Council 3 or 4 years ago passed and Ordinance requiring a sprinkling system to be installed in all new construction, and my understanding from the Building Department was when the plans were submitted it appeared to be just some addition to the building and as he started the tear down it literally; this building did end up being build from scratch.

You has submitted plans for an eight-foot ceiling and ended up being a vaulted ceiling. You tore out literally the entire first floor other than the brick but then the brick after you got your sub-structure was all torn up. So you basically started a home from scratch and that was not an addition it's a new home that you are building there and according to the ordinances of the city you are required to put in a sprinkler system.

My understanding too is that back in July of last year letters were sent by the Building Commissioner informing the owner that he was not building according his plans, in fact he was building a brand new home and he could not sidestep the Ordinance that requires a sprinkling system in any type of new construction. But continuation took place and the letters were ignored. I know there were multiple conversations that took place with our Building Department and the owner regarding that he has to meet that condition because the plans changed.

With 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:

Mayor Bennett, the first item on the agenda this evening is the canvas of the Consolidated General Election that was held on April 7, 2015.

City Clerk Mulderink, I will be reading ward by ward, precinct by precinct the number of votes that were cast for the candidates and then there will be a Resolution with the totals that the City Council will address.

	<u>Total votes</u>
Alderman, Ward 1: Martin Kleefisch	185
Alderman, Ward 2: Pauline A. Stratton	136
Alderman, Ward 3: Michael A. Lebarre	284
Sonia A. Khalil	146
Alderman, Ward 4: Joseph R. Marrotta III	101
Alderman, Ward 5: Dawn M. Nowak	215
Frank J. Williams	204

City Clerk Mulderink, this is the summary of each ward for the total votes cast for the Candidates.

Mayor Bennett, by law we must past a Resolution to certify the election results and we have given Ald. Knox the Resolution regarding the canvas declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on April 7, 2015.

Upon request of Ald. Knox, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 591 to a Resolution entitled: Canvass Resolution Declaring Results Of General Municipal Election Held on April 7, 2015.

After the reading of Resolution 591, Ald. Knox MOVED for ADOPTION of Resolution 591 as presented and read. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen before we swear in the new candidates Ald. Hanson I would like to say as you leave the adieus I want to thank you personally obviously for all the work you have done in the 3rd Ward over the years, and mostly for your contributions to this City Council.

I think your voice and your participation in the conversations on the many things that took place over these 12 years have added to I think to everybody's, including most importantly to the citizens of this community as to that contribution. Certainly public office is not that easy and it is a 24/7 on the job all the time and I want to thank you for your commitment, contribution and your public service to the City of Palos Hills, Thank you.

Ald. Knox, Bill you will truly be missed up here in that seat. Your steady intelligence over the years was something that we all looked at. Your experience that you came to us with when it came to Planning & Zoning was very much appreciated. I think I became your partner for dedication. I appreciate my time with you.

Ald. Moore, It has been a pleasure Sir; thank you and to you and yours going forward best of luck.

Ald. Stratton, thank you for bringing the knowledge of small business to us, it was very beneficial.

Ald. Kleefisch, Bill I have said this to you before, you were a great addition to the City Council, you were an important member to the Plan Commission before that and brought expertise to the Council that many of us didn't have and you shared it with us and the citizens of our City benefited as a result of that. Thank you for your service.

Ald. Marrotta, Bill thanks for being my partner up here for the last 8 years and thanks for all the pens.

Ald. Brachman, I also wanted to just echo what everybody said. Bill you are definitely here for what I consider the correct reasons and that is to help everybody.

Ald. Schultz, Bill we haven't always gotten along or seen each other's side but I will say it was a pleasure serving here with you and you are very knowledgeable about a lot of things, and you taught me a lot. So thank you, and go for it enjoy those grandkids.

Ald. Pasek, thanks a lot Bill for your service here, it was fun serving with you as a team. We didn't always get things done the way we wanted to but (inaudible). At time I would like to make a motion that we retire Bill's badge and nameplate that he will get to keep.

SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman

ABSENT: Williams

ABSTAIN: Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I have always enjoyed the exchanges back and forth, they have always been a lot of fun. It has truly been a privilege and honor to serve the City of Palos Hills and its residents particularly those of the 3rd Ward these past 2 terms as Alderman. Including my years a member of the Plan Commission prior to being Alderman, all total it's been 15 great years.

I'd like to thank Mayor Jerry Bennett for his help, guidance, and his friendship over all these years. I always appreciate working with someone I could be totally candid with and he with me.

To my fellow Aldermen I thank you for your years of service to the residents of Palos Hills. I have enjoyed our times of laughter as well as our times of (inaudible) Mary Ann; each ending with considerable respect for one another and each knowing it was all meant for the benefit of Palos Hills.

I congratulate the new on coming members to the City Council. If you put the same effort into you new position I am sure Palos Hills and your respective residence will be well served.

The Commissioners, Gene Nelson, Dave Weakley, Police Chief Paul Madigan; I truly enjoyed working with you and thank you for your so many ways that you made things really easy to get done.

I was telling Dave that the expression in Chicago is I got a guy and I can't tell you how many times a resident will call me and they would have a problem and I would tell they right away I said I got a guy. Dave took care of a lot of problems for me it was great.

I also want to thank George Pappas, Ken Nolan and Rudy Mulderink; I have enjoyed our talks and advice over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife for being the one to field the majority of the phone calls that were made to our house. For always being my right hand in the various service rolls that I take on. Kim always kept me on task making sure I followed through and give the residents their well-deserved attention.

To my kids, going door to door during elections it was a lot of fun. It is one of those things as a parent I look back just today and thought about how much fun we had going door to door, even during uncontested elections. By the way I would like to congratulate the 3rd Ward for really getting the vote out that was a great job.

In closing I would like to ask God to bless all of you and your family's and I thank you all in advance for your efforts in the coming years. Thank you.

Mayor Bennett, Bill you were a classy guy coming in and you left classy too.

Mayor Bennett, at this time we will have the City Attorney swear in the newly elected Officials. We ask that the two Officials take your seat on the Council and Attorney will swear in all the newly elected candidates.

City Attorney Pappas asked Martin Kleefisch elected to the Office of Alderman in the 1st Ward, Pauline A. Stratton, elected to the Office of Alderman in the 2nd Ward, Michael A. Lebarre elected to the Office of Alderman in the 3rd Ward, Joseph R. Marrotta, III elected to the Office of Alderman in the 4th Ward and Dawn M. Nowak elected Office of Alderman in the 5th Ward to stand at which time City Attorney Pappas administered the Oath of Office to the Office of Alderman to each of the elected candidates that were duly elected to their perspective Wards.

Mayor Bennett, congratulations to the re-elected Aldermen and to the new elected Aldermen. I think you will find that my office is probably one of the easiest offices to get along with. You will find that I have always has an open door policy not only with the Aldermen but also with the residents of this City.

You know that any time you need to find out anything or work with my office in getting things done or accomplished you know that my door is always open. I had a chance obviously to know you not real well prior to this. But certainly that's going to be the expatiations of me; the expatiations of you as I address this City Council many times on the newly elected officials that come up here or re-elected officials that there is only one goal as far as I am concerned and that's to serve the citizens of this community.

This city over the years has done I think a pretty good job in accomplishing that goal. We are never fully satisfied there is always something around the corner. But most importantly as a member of the Legislative Body in working with your peers on bringing to a consensus action that needs to take place, whether it is legislatively or through the various departments and activities that go on in the City of Palos Hills. I think you know that and I think in taking that seat as you have just sworn that you will try to uphold that office to the best of your abilities in trying to serve the citizens of our community.

Palos Hills is a great town and we want to continue to make it that way and although there are times that arguments could be testy I think as the out going Alderman has indicated coming to a consensus is what this is really all about. We have seen over the last few years what consensus when there is no consensus how government stalls.

In Washington and Springfield it has been even more obvious over that last few years. That is why I am proud to be in local government because the local government will get things done. We are in direct contact with our citizens, they can call us 24/7 at any time and try to get something accomplished. We may not be able to do it all the time and accomplish everything that they may want, as you say a little bit earlier here. But unfortunately or fortunately that's the laws that you pass and we oppose upon the citizens, good abiding citizens to also participate in the process.

Good luck to the both of you and again my office is always open and will always be open to you and if there is anything I can help or assist you in any way. I do recommend with in the next week or so that you get a chance to sit down with the Department Heads and they will give you an overview of the operations of the city.

Again, congratulations to the both of you.

Ald. Lebarre, I would like to thank the residents of the 3rd Ward of the City of Palos Hills, and I would also like to thank all those that worked hard to get me elected.

B. CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Pappas, the bid for the property owns on 101st St., the bid was \$25,000.00. I believe there was some discussion at Committee; it was appraised at \$43,500.00 and it is now in the City Council's hands.

Mayor Bennett, during the Committee Meeting the petitioners came before the City Council and I asked them; I didn't want to get any back and forth. I asked them if we were to reject this to give us what would be a final bid offer and he indicated \$35,000.00. I don't know if those gentlemen are still here, but I would recommend that if the Council does accept that bid that those gentlemen put in writing to the City of Palos Hills and then we commence with a closing on it as soon as possible.

Ald. Pasek, there was a \$1,000.00 fee for the appraisal.

Mayor Bennett, what we did is the entire amount was put into the bid that \$42,000.00. The appraisal was actually like \$40,000.00 with a \$1,200.00 cost involved and they are coming up to \$35,000.00 so its all part of the cost of the appraisal and the sale of that lot.

So MOVED by Ald. Marrotta, SECONDED by Ald. Moore to accept the bid price of \$35,000.00 subject to them putting it in writing to the City Clerk and then we commence with the closing on the property as soon as possible. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Knox, Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore

ABSTAIN: Lebarre, Nowak

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney Pappas, the other item is the house on Windsor Drive in the 3rd Ward, 9933; I had a conversation with the owner of that property and basically he told me he is not going to do anything to improve the property because he doesn't have the money.

The property from what I understand is not, it is habitual but (inaudible). I don't know what the City Council wants me to do with respect to that. If we go to court we can file a lawsuit and force him, I can get a judgment possibly. But then I don't know if a judge is going to force him if he doesn't have the money to make the repairs.

Ald. Pasek, there are a couple of safety issues there; number one his chimney is falling apart. The neighbors are nervous about bricks falling on their house or on their body. I would say that we could look at an easy repair for that man, he could fix the chimney, and then there is also a balcony that's collapsing and that needs to be taken care of.

It's a safety issue on the same side of the house, and at least that would be a show of good faith. He could take the balcony down he doesn't have to put another one up.

Ald. Marrotta is this something that we are going through litigation on; don't we have to go into executive session for this?

Mayor Bennett, I think if the Council wants to move to litigation we could do it in this open forum. I think this problem has been brought up before the Council before. The question really is trying to get some type of enforcement.

I have talked to the Aldermen and other than we have not ticketed the property the resident has received letters expressing our concern especially to the public safety of the building.

So the question whether it becomes do we attempt another letter, do we begin ticketing or in fact if you wanted to see movement you don't believe that they are going to do it. Then it would be to authorize Counsel to begin litigation proceedings on it. That is up to the City Council.

City Attorney Pappas, I have written him and I have spoken to him over several years and he's done nothing. One time he told me that the insurance company was looking at it with a possibility of a claim with the insurance company and give him enough money to make the repairs, and today he told me they turned him down.

So I really don't think another letter is going to do any good.

Ald. Marrotta, George do you recommend that we move towards litigation?

City Attorney Pappas, well you know if the structure is unsound perhaps the building department can take a look at it and if that's the situation I would assume to in for demolition. As long as I can prove in court that the building is not safe and imposes a health or risk to the community we can go forward with that.

Ald. Stratton, I liked Ald. Pasek's idea at least it is something to move forward and then it would show some good faith and if that's the essence of what's going on even though there are more issues. If these are 2 or 3 things that are out there and they are definitely not safe at least it would be a beginning.

Mayor Bennett, but the question before the Council Alderman is the fact that they have been notified of those deficiencies and I asked the Alderman what he would suggest or ask me what kind of possible next move we make.

Again we can send him a letter, they are aware of the deficiencies of the building. The question is how are we going to get him to do it?

Ald. Pasek, I would say at this time we should issue a ticket for the chimney and also for the balcony, and how they respond to tickets at this point.

City Attorney Pappas, from my experiences with this gentleman I don't think he is going to respond to a ticket but if the City Council wants to follow that procedure.

Ald. Kleefisch, we understand he doesn't have the funds because he told you he doesn't have the funds?

City Attorney Pappas, that is what he said.

Ald. Kleefisch, how do we ascertain that other than going to court?

City Attorney Pappas, you really can't.

Ald. Kleefisch, so he may not be telling us the truth.

City Attorney Pappas, he may not.

Ald. Marrotta, I agree with Attorney Pappas as far moving towards an inspection and possible condemnation of the house. Are any of the legal fees able to be recovered on the lien on the property?

Mayor Bennett, we can't lien the property unless we take legal action in court.

City Attorney Pappas, yes they would be included in the case.

Mayor Bennett, if the Council is not comfortable about doing this we can take it to the next Council Meeting if you feel uncomfortable about voting on this tonight. But in the mean time we can certainly have the Building Department again through our Ordinance Officer issue citations. We have not issued any tickets yet. Maybe in 2 weeks you come back and make a final decision as to what you want the City Attorney to do.

Ald. Moore, I just want to say I am comfortable doing that; this has been going on forever and this gentleman has not responded to anything so far. I am comfortable in moving forward with some action.

Ald. Kleefisch, I agree with Alderman Moore this has been going on for a long time; neighbors have suffered as a result of it. I am in agreement that we move forward.

Mayor Bennett, it is up to the City Council.

Ald. Pasek, do you want tickets or do you want to start litigation with the City Attorney.

Ald. Kleefisch, start with the tickets.

Ald. Stratton, I don't want litigation.

Ald. Pasek, okay I will talk to Wendy tomorrow and I am going to say the two, the chimney and the balcony.

Mayor Bennett, if that is the consensus so be it.

Ald. Pasek, should there be a motion?

Mayor Bennett, there is a violation taking place, in fact tickets probably could have been issued for some time ago. So that's just sitting out there, we were trying to see if we could get compliance through Counsel sending letters to them and we are not getting any compliance.

C. MAYOR

Mayor Bennett, regarding the Standing Committees I thought I had them all together but I don't. I will have them in two weeks after I have a couple of conversations about Committee assignments. I have talked to most everybody but I am going to have another conversation to make sure they are comfortable with those Committee assignments.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSE:

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE to accept the bid submitted from Alliance Remolding & Construction in the amount of \$46,240.00 for repair of the roof on the City Hall Administration Building. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Knox

ABSTAIN: Lebarre, Nowak

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Also, there were close to \$12,000.00 in permits fees for the month of April 2015.

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 May 7, 2015 in the amount of \$522,113.59. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman

ABSTAIN: Lebarre, Nowak

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Ald. Knox, City Clerk Mulderink assigned Ordinance number 2015-2 to a proposed Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Relating To Compensation For City Officers & Employees.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2015-2. SECONDED by Ald. Schultz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman

ABSTAIN: Nowak, Lebarre

NAY: Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2015-2, An Ordinance Relating To Compensation For City Officers & Employees. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman, Marrotta

ABSTAIN: Nowak, Lebarre

NAY: Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of the City of Palos Hills Budget for the fiscal year 2015/2016. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta.

Ald. Stratton on page 8 of 13, line item 5042 we never completely finished any discussion on that.

Ald. Knox, I believe we did; Ald. Brachman sent me a note and I let him know, and it is certainly on what they want to do with that line item. But he talked about maybe re-visiting that piece that we talked about.

Every Aldermen that was at that budget hearing that evening along with the Department Head in attendance; he stated his case and we all asked many questions. We had a lot of people that were happy about it, some people that were not happy about it. So if there is no new information about that piece, I said it was not my intention to hold up the budget for that because I don't think if we revisit it, that it would change anyone's opinion.

After further discussion and a final note from Ald. Knox stating if you want to table this then make it a motion and see if you have the support as we discussed earlier. But as far as she was concerned she is moving to pass this budget.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz

ABSTAIN: Nowak, Lebarre

NAY: Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Knox, I MOVE to allow Mr. Campanelli to hold his event on June 5, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at his place of business located at 9760 S. Roberts Rd. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch

ABSTAIN: Nowak, Lebarre

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, on June 10th our day camp 2015 will begin. We will have before camp are, after camp care, full day camp, half-day camp and Tot Camp.

H. PLANNING & ZONING: No report.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch, we received some equitable sharing disbursements in the amount of \$6,518.30, \$472.81, and \$19,081.62.

We also received a check from Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$700.00. We received a check from N.C.I. Receivable Management & Recovery in the amount of \$3,170.00.

I wanted to indicate to the Council that the Chief of Police has received a letter from one of our full time Police Officers indicating that he intends to retire on May 21, 2015. So we will be short one more full time police officer.

Also, I would like to read into the record again the bulletin concerning parking on city streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am per city Ordinance 1 0.08.040 and that reads as follows:

No motor vehicle shall be parked, stopped or left standing, whether attended or unattended, on a public thoroughfare, public highway or street in Palos Hills between 2:00 am and 6:00 am on any day of the week.

Overnight Parking Exceptions: All night parking shall be granted provided the citizen contacts our dispatch centers non-emergency number (708) 598-2151 and provided their name, address, vehicle information and telephone number.

Exception may only be granted up to three times per year for (3) consecutive nights each. Any extension must be approved by the Police Department Watch Commander.

No overnight exceptions shall be given when snow begins to fall until snow removal operations have been completed. The police department may also suspend overnight exceptions anytime overnight snowfall is expected. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 for overnight parking – Call (708) 598-2151.

Also, Chief Madigan received a letter of gratitude from a resident who does not live in Palos Hills but was frequenting one of our businesses; in this case it was the Shell Station at 103rd & Harlem, and he left without his wallet and when he realized that he called our police department in an effort to retrieve that wallet and he just wanted to mention that he received professional services from our police department for which he was very grateful and he did eventually recover his wallet, minus his cash but all of his other documents were in the wallet.

Also, there is one letter from the Office of the States Attorney that Chief Madigan received and I think we've kind of discussed this in conjunction with the Chief. Briefly I will just read the first paragraph.

It reads Dear Chief Paul Madigan, I am writing to formally advise you of a major new policy change that I am implementing in the Cook County States Attorney's Office that addresses low-level drug offenses.

As I announced last week this policy will seek to keep low-level non violent drug offenders out of the system, provide other with linkage to necessary treatment and services and provide juvenile offenders with access to support systems within their own communities.

Ald. Marrotta, I would like the Council to address in the near future the fines for our parking on the street, the fine is \$80.00. I will be bringing this up at the next Committee Meeting for further discussion.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER: No report.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Bennett, I do have one item and that is to put on the record the fact that we have replaced the police car that was totaled. The insurance company reimbursed us and the money was then sent to the leasing company. They wanted us to recognize that in the minutes of the meeting. I will ask for your acceptance of that matter of record. So MOVED by Ald. Stratton, SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Knox, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton

ABSTAIN: Nowak, Lebarre

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Kleefisch, I do have a report from our Public Works Commissioner, and he reports the following activities in the public works department.

Motor Fuel Tax Projects: Reconstruction of 112th Pl. west of Southwest Highway and resurfacing of 98th St. west of 88th Ave. have been completed. Minor sod repairs and stone shoulder restoration work will be completed in the next few days.

112th Pl. a very short dead end roadway that due to a large volume of semi-truck traffic proved to be a very challenging road to repair. Traffic was reduced to westbound only, one-way traffic, to allow for construction activities. The commissioner extends a thank you to the Palos Police Department and Palos Hills Emergency Services Department for their help with traffic control while the project was being completed. Without their help a timely completion of the project would not have been possible.

Concrete and Sod Restoration Work: Crews are completing concrete and sod restoration work throughout the city. Concrete restoration work should be completed next week at which time crews will shift their work efforts to asphalt restoration work. Sod restoration work should be complete in a few weeks.

111th St. Tree Warranty: 25 to 28 trees planted in 2010 along 111th St. failed for various reasons. The commissioner contacted IDOT who agree to replace the trees. Underground locations have been requested by the IDOT contractor and new trees will be planted in the next few weeks.

ComEd Cable Replacement Project and NiCor Gas Line Replacement Project: Com Ed and NiCor Gas are working in our community replacing electric cables and gas service lines. Both projects increase the reliability of services provided by ComEd and NiCor. The bulk of the work being completed is located from Roberts Road west to 88th Ave. and 97th St. south to 107th St. Residents are being notified prior to any work starting. Contact information is being provided in the form of door hangers. Concerned residents should contact ComEd or NiCor or the Public Works Commissioner for additional information.

Ald. Kleefisch, Mr. Mayor I do have one item under the Fence Committee. The Fence Committee is being asked to review a request to build a fence at 9941 Windsor Dr. and the reason that the Fence Committee is being involved in this is because that address is a through address, meaning that by definition that lot has 2 front yards.

Ald. Pasek and I will take a look at this and then we will report back to the City Council.

Ald. Pasek, just on the light side I just want to tell the two new Aldermen welcome and that there will no more of this abstaining all the time. Today was a free one.

Mayor Bennett, that was going to be my comment I want to thank the Aldermen this evening. I just wanted to say to the two new Aldermen that I was an Alderman on this Council prior to becoming Mayor and I remember my first Council Meeting, and back then things were crazy. Nobody mentored me and I got walked right into the hornet's nest with a whole lot of legislation and I think both of you express your concern about being up here tonight and you did the right thing; abstaining is the proper procedure, you have not been involved in any legislation yet. But as indicated in going forward you are on the hook.

To the families of the new elected and re-elected officials congratulations. I know as Aldermen Hanson said on the way out the door for all of us; without family support this job doesn't take place and the hours that are put in, the intervention at times of family members

on concerns regarding activities that take place in the ward certainly for the city. We really do appreciate your dual service as they commit to this job going forward. So thank you for being here.

Again, congratulations to all of you.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills