

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
held **Thursday, June 2, 2016**
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, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak

ABSENT: Brachman

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 May 19, 2016 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Moore, and Nowak

ABSTAIN: Pasek and Knox

ABSENT: Brachman

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.

There were no 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.

B. **CITY ATTORNEY:**

City Attorney Pappas, regarding the Chicken Ordinance I have prepared a draft and what I did was instead of amending the Ordinance 2015-14 I prepared one that is repealing the old one because I am assuming additional changes and corrections I thought it was wise to prepare a totally new ordinance so that who ever wants to check it (inaudible) back and for the between the old and the new ordinance.

What I would like to do is ask the City Council to review it and perhaps we can move on it. If you have any changes or additions we move on it at the next City Council Meeting. In the mean time I know the Ordinance Enforcement Officer is anxious about registering citizens who have chickens she can go ahead and begin using the form, which she has prepared and then we can move on this at the next City Council Meeting.

Ald. Knox, I will present the Ordinance tonight and then I will bring it up for discussion at next weeks Committee Meeting.

City Attorney Pappas, if anyone has any changes or comments please let we know and we can have a final version at the next City Council Meeting.

City Attorney Pappas, Mr. Mayor, our Building Commissioner prepared an amendment to the Vacation of 86th Ave. the legal description in the original ordinance, which was enacted back in 1989, was incorrect. He prepared a perfect version of the amendment and the City Council can move on that tonight.

Also, the re-subdivision Csek petition for the lot split is before you. I believe it is in proper form and we will move on that tonight (inaudible).

C. MAYOR

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen I would like to announce to you that Southwest Central Dispatch is celebrating its' 30th Anniversary and Open House on Thursday, June 16th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Their Headquarters are located next to the Palos Heights City Hall, 7611 W. College Dr.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSE:

Ald. Lebarre presented the May 2016 Building Report. He stated total permits issued were 74, permit fees totaled \$25,407.00, security deposits totaled \$700.00.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore, as everyone knows the City of Palos Hills Golf Club moved to a different concept effective March 1, 2016 of this year. It was \$10.00 for 9 holes, \$9.00 for Veterans all day every day. I will be honest I did a little sweating but I am happy to report that at this time for March 1st to May 31st for 2015 total revenues were \$73,511.50. March 1st through May 31, 2016 total revenues was \$94,247.00; that is over \$20,000.00 from last year.

Also, I would like to let everyone know that Christine Christensen which has a Doctorates Degree in Website Design is revamping our Website for us. She will be working in conjunction with Ben; probably we will have a target date of actually bring that on line by January 1, 2017, but it is in the works it is going to be a nice face-lift. We are going to incorporate a new contact manager and some things like that. It is just another thing we are looking forward to under Administration.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Marrotta, just a reminder that Friendship Fest is taking place July 7th through July 10th at Moraine Valley Community College. Mega passes will be sold at the Community Center beginning June 1st. Mega passes give individuals admission to the carnival for the entire weekend. Passes will be \$40.00 if purchased before noon on July 7th, and \$50.00 after noon on July 7th. If interested, either contact the Community Center at 430-4500 or stop in at 8455 W. 103rd St.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. Nowak, the only announcement if you guys didn't see it, Bertucci's has a sign out there this month so as I understand it will be open by the end of this month.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Knox stated you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated June 2, 2016 in the amount of \$202,116.28. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak and Knox

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Knox, at this time I am presenting to the Council the Ordinance allowing and regulating the maintenance of Chickens on residential property. If all of you can take a look at that for next week's discussion at the Committee Meeting and possibly for passage at the Council Meeting.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, the Recourse Department will be hosting a Playing in the Park event on Monday, June 13th, at Town Square Park. Come join us from 7:15 to 8:15 pm with magician Dave Fleming. Directly following Dave Fleming will be an outdoor movie showing of Norm Of the North. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information please call (708) 430-4500.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Schulz, I MOVE for PASSAGE for the Ordinance for the lot split at 10235 S. 90th Ave. and 8932 W. 102nd Place. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek.

Mayor Bennett, the Chair will recognize that as the motion for consideration. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, and Lebarre

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Schultz, I MOVE for PASSAGE of the Ordinance for the lot split. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek.

Mayor Bennett, again, the Chair will recognize the motion and the second is to waive the reading.

City Clerk Mulderink, the Ordinance number is 2016-6, An Ordinance Approving The Subdivision Of Realty Commonly Known As 10235 South 90th Avenue and 8932 West 102nd Place, Palos Hills, Cook County, Illinois.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2016-6. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Moore, Nowak, Lebarre and Marrotta

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: Stratton, Pasek, and Knox

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, the Chair will recognize now the motion of Ald. Schultz and seconded by Ald. Pasek for passage of the Ordinance 2016-6. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Lebarre, Marrotta and Schultz

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for consideration of An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 919 Providing For The Vacation Of A Portion Of 86th Avenue In The City Of Palos Hills.

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

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, and Kleefisch

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned Ordinance number 2016-7 to that Ordinance.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2016-7, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 919 Providing For The Vacation Of A Portion Of 86th Avenue In The City Of Palos Hills as presented and read. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch and Stratton

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch, we have several checks that we have received recently, one is Forfeited Funds in the amount of \$5,553.28. We have a check from NCI Receivable Management and Recovery in the amount of \$2,223.00. We have a check from Consolidated High School District 230 in the amount of \$24,391.07. We have a second check from Consolidated High School District 230 in the amount of \$11,208.90 and we have a check from Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$67.80.

Also, I want to compliment Chief Madigan on the Palos Hills Police Crime Prevention new summer addition, which I am sure everybody has a copy of. It went over some very important items including identify theft, vehicle registrations, texting and driving, solicitors, scam alerts, do not call list and other important information. This notice will be included with the upcoming water bills going out. It will also be posted on our city website.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

In the absence of Ald. Brachman, Ald. Kleefisch reported on the following activities in the Public Works Department as follows:

Street Crack Sealing Bid Opening: The Public Works Commissioner reports bids for this year's Motor Fuel Tax Crack Sealing program was opened June 1, 2016 at City Hall. Four bids were opened. At this time the documents are being reviewed for contract compliance and contractor qualification. The Commissioner will report at the June 16, 2016 Council Meeting the results of the bid opening.

Lift Station Emergency Generator: During budget review the City Council approved the purchase of an emergency power generator for 105th St. and 82nd Ct. sanitary sewerage lift station. The commissioner located a used Onan generator with 234 run hours in very good condition. The unit was sent out for evaluation and tested excellent at all service levels. With the Mayors approval the Commissioner purchased the unit for \$8,000.00. A new unit would have cost \$23,000.00. The unit has been placed in the lift station in advance of installation of the emergency power transfer switch and new electric service drop.

John Deere Mower: Also approved during budget review was the purchase of a new John Deere Mower for park maintenance through state purchasing for \$6,767.30. With the Mayors approval the commissioner has completed this purchase.

Water Main Replacement: Public Works crews were scheduled to install 40 feet of 6 inch water main on the corner of Sun Valley and Stowe Ct. Crews started the project today but had to stop due to the discovery of an unmarked ComEd power cable. The project will be reengineered and will resume in the next week or two.

Cook County Forest Preserve "Growing Not Mowing Initiative": Should you receive calls about grassy areas within the forest preserve around Palos Hills not being cut – The Cook County Forest Preserve has started a "Growing Not Mowing Initiative". The No Mow Initiative is designed to improve storm water storage capacity and promote the return of particular plants, insects, birds and small mammals. Signs should be posted near the no mow areas. For additional information please visit the Cook County Forest Preserve website at www.fpdcc.com/no-mow-zones.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ald. Lebarre, I had a driveway request I think it was presented at the May 19th meeting for 8702 96th Place. It is for removing and replacing of an existing driveway, which I guess

normally it would not be an issue but our Building Commissioner has an issue with it and I would like to have him address the issue you have with this driveway. Commissioner Hardison, the homeowners are going to pull a permit to add on to an existing residence and converted a garage into a kitchen and wanted to keep the driveway that was in front of the old garage but destroyed it during construction and (inaudible). In the past the previous Commissioner has not allowed a second driveway to be installed on this (inaudible) residential lot. On this particular driveway (inaudible) lead to the proper (inaudible). The homeowner (inaudible).

Ald Pasek, so you are recommending that we disallow?

Comm. Hardison, that is correct.

Ald. Lebarre, I went by there this afternoon and it drives right up to the front of the house. He's already got it ready for a driveway, he had it all sketched out, but it really just goes right to the front of the house, there is no doorway there is nothing there.

Mayor Bennett, and as indicated that has happened in the past (inaudible) deny definitely. It turns the entire front of the house into a parking lot.

Ald. Knox, he's got a driveway already?

Someone responded a brand new one.

Mayor Bennett, he got a garage in back and a driveway in back.

Ald. Pasek, this is the house that is on the corner that we just approved the fence about 6 or 8 weeks ago.

Ald. Lebarre, they've got the new garage obviously and their driveway goes right into their garage.

Ad. Lebarre, I MOVE that we do not approve the driveway at 8702 96th Place. Seconded by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Moore, Nowak, Knox, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton and Pasek

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Kleefisch, I just wanted to mention that applications for the Beautification Contest can be picked up at our Community Resource Dept. and I would encourage everyone to talk up the contest and get people to go and pick up those applications.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Marrotta, I would like to bring up these addresses. I will give out the addresses and Beverly is going to visit them and then without compliance within 2 weeks then our City Attorney can mail them.

Mayor Bennett, the motion will consist of two points; one that we authorize cutting the grass by contractor and two that we will have a lien placed on the property based upon those costs.

Ald. Marrotta, before I make the motion I will read those addresses and one motion can cover all the addresses. The addresses for the 4th Ward are as follows: 7982 W. 100th Pl, 9923 S. Roberts Rd, 7943 W. 100th St. 7800 W. 100th Pl., 7900 W. 101st St., 7820 W. 102nd St., 9859 S. 81st Ave., 10040 S. 82nd Ct., 10155 S. 84th Ave., and 8113 W. 98th St. All of these have grass that is at least 2 to 3 feet high and some of them are just a ditch. Some people don't need to be reminded that the ditch is also their responsibility.

Ald. Stratton, these are 2 empty lots, one is being maintained at the intersection of 105th & 83rd Avenue. The Ordinance Officer mentioned that it is suppose to be cut tomorrow but in the event it isn't.

Ald. Pasek, I have one that is at 8808 W. 97th Pl., Beverly is working on it but I just want to make sure that in 2 weeks if it doesn't get cut, then she can have it cut by the contractor then liened. Then in 2 weeks I will have two more properties that I gave to her earlier this week. One of them is people living in and the other one is a vacant lot.

Ald. Marrotta, so I will make a motion with the solution that was spoke earlier. **SECONDED** by Ald. Knox.

Mayor Bennett, the Chair will recognize that the motion is for notification be given to property owners a violation of nuisance of grass and in that motion if there is no compliance upon notification of the property owner that the City will contract that those addresses be cut and the property will be liened.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Nowak, Knox, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek and Moore

ABSENT: Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, again, in 2 weeks we will further discuss the contract with our waste hauler and hopefully the Council will want to take action which basically will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with the hauler.

Ald. Knox, Comm. Hardison do we know what is going on with Harlem Motors on 105th, it is just a mess and there is left over (inaudible) and garbage lying all over.

Comm. Hardison, we have had lots of people call (inaudible) and a few other things.

Ald. Knox, do we know who owns it because somebody needs to do something on that.

Mayor Bennett, they did cut the grass I went by there today. Everything should be off that property to the best of my knowledge. We do know who the owner is and unfortunately he

bought the property thinking he was going to get a used car dealership and (inaudible) a special use Plan Commission hearing and I said I doubt if anybody on this Council would want to go backwards and restore what was there. So he is in the process of putting the property up for sale.

Ald. Knox, what about the little white house on 105th St. that was demolished.

Comm. Hardison, we met with them last week and he is working in trying to find a contractor who will continue grading for him and remove the items that are there. So far he is (inaudible).

Ald. Knox. So what is our time frame for that because I can see that stretching out until next year?

Comm. Hardison, we keep on contacting him but he (inaudible) find somebody (inaudible) works for him.

Mayor Bennett, I just talked to the City Attorney. You know sometimes that could take forever and if we don't put a match underneath somebody. I obviously would like to give him a reasonable amount of time; 30 day George is that reasonable?

City Attorney Pappas, what we want him to do is just to clean it up?

Ald. Kleefisch, and grade it.

Comm. Hardison, to clean up what is there and re-grade it.

City Attorney Pappas, maybe the best thing would be to send him a letter telling him that is what the City Council wants done with the property and hopefully he will comply. I have had several conversations with him, he wants to move forward but I don't think he's has the money or wants to spend the money. After the meeting I will go by there and take a look at the property.

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 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk

City of Palos Hills