

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
Held **Thursday, November 16, 2017**  
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:** Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak  
**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre
- 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 November 2, 2017 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
**AYE:** Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak  
**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre **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:** None

**B. CITY ATTORNEY:**

City Attorney Pappas, the two lots where the trees were removed, our public works commissioner was able to negotiate, in my opinion, a satisfactory settlement. Nick please fill us in on what is going on.

Commissioner Oeffling, we are accepting two donations to the tree fund from those two lots. One is in the amount of \$4,000.00 and the other is \$16,000.00.

City Attorney Pappas, that is a \$20,000.00 settlement and I recommend that the city council approve that.

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE to accept the \$20,000.00 settlement for the two lots where the trees were removed. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Brachman

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Lebarre, Knox

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. MAYOR:**

Mayor Bennett, I would like to thank the Resource Department for the very nice Veterans Ceremony that we had last Saturday. I thank the participants: Color Guard from Lincoln National Cemetery, Cub & Boy Scout Troops who got up and read letters, and Stagg Choir.

Ald. Kleefisch, I agree with all your comments. I would like to make a request to put this in the water bill immediately before this event to let everyone in the city know that it is coming up.

Mayor Bennett, certainly. We had it on the website and had flyers out already. We had a nice turn out, but as always we would always like to see more people especially at an event like that.

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

**A. BUILDING & LICENSING: No Report**

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:**

Ald. Moore, I have an ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum contribution agreement for the City of Palos Hills. I MOVE for consideration of said ordinance. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Brachman

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre

**MOTION CARRIED**

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2017-23 to that proposed ordinance.

After the reading of proposed Ordinance number 2017-23 entitled An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for the City of Palos Hills. Ald. Moore MOVED for its PASSAGE of same. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Brachman, Marrotta

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

Ald. Nowak, the Resource and Recreation Department will have a mitten tree at the Community Center, 8455 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Individuals can drop off items such as mittens, hats and scarves to hang on our tree. We will then donate them to an organization that helps those in need. We also will take items for pets such as collars, leashes and toys. We will stop collecting items for the mitten tree on January 2.

A mailbox for letters written to Santa will be in the Community Center lobby beginning December 1. Drop off your letter in the special mail box. Don't forget to include your name, address, city and state. Santa's elves will stop taking letters at the end of the day on December 15.

I am also going to hold off on that sign ordinance and bring that back up at our next meeting.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Ald. Marrotta, I have no report, but do have a question regarding the old Philly T's. Are they open?

Mayor Bennett, there is a new application that came in and are getting close to opening.

**E. FINANCE:**

In the absence of Ald. Knox, Ald. Pasek stated you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated November 16, 2017 in the amount of \$305,373.82. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre

**MOTION CARRIED**

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES: No Report**

## **G. PLANNING & ZONING:**

Ald. Schultz, I have the ZBA minutes from the meeting that was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> for the variance for the addition of a 2-car, 24 foot by 20 foot garage to a pud not previously permitted with a garage at 9747 S. 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The zoning board did pass and approve it.

## **H. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch, we received a check from Forfeited Funds in the amount of \$222.31.

I also have two letters that I would like to read into the record. One is from the Orland Park Department of Police directed to Chief Madigan. It reads: Last week our department received information that Orland Park might be the target of demonstrations by certain radical groups. This intelligence dictated that we update and refresh the Mobil Field Force training of our members. Officers Randy Rasmason and Jeff McDonald of your department directed two days of training for almost fifty officers of our department. Your two officers were outstanding professionals who demonstrated their expertise throughout the two days of training. Our officers responded very positively to their expertise and are far better prepared to respond as a result. I want to thank you personally for your prompt assistance to our department by these outstanding representatives of the Palos Hills Police Department. Please pass along my personal thanks to them. Thanks again on behalf of Mayor Pekau and our Board of Trustees. Sincerely, Tim McCarthy, Chief of Police.

The second letter is from a resident and again directed to our chief of police. It reads: I wanted the chief of police to please recognize Officer Joba. On Monday early morning about 12:30am my daughter was in a very bad accident on Southwest Highway and Harlem. She is a young 20 year old mom that was coming home from work with her daughter in the car. She was actually coming home from picking up her daughter after work. She collided head-on with another vehicle. Officer Joba happened to be passing by and stopped to help everyone. My daughter was hysterical because every airbag deployed and the fumes from the airbag my daughter thought the car was going to catch fire – very scary for a young girl with a baby in the car. Officer Joba reached in and got my granddaughter out of the car safely. He helped my daughter; even let her use his cell phone to call me and put her and my granddaughter in his squad to keep warm. She refused to go to the hospital even though she was injured because she didn't want to leave her baby. I ask that you please recognize this officer and please let him know that my daughter was so thankful for him. She was telling everyone that she had a guardian angel that helped her because she didn't know what to do. Many police officers today get bad raps so I want to personally thank him for helping my daughter and tell him how thankful I am for him. Thank you, Susan Granat.

We had a request for a fence to be erected at 10001 S. 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. I talked to the building commissioner about this and also went out to visit the site. I discussed this with the two other members of the fence committee, Ald. Marrotta and Ald. Pasek, and I MOVE for approval of this fence request. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Brachman, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Knox, Lebarre

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **I. PARKS**

Ald. Stratton, the Community Resource and Recreation Department will be holding a holiday camp while most local school children are on break. The camp will be held Tuesday through Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center from 9:00am-4:00pm. Before and after care are also available. The Department is currently also taking registrations for upcoming holiday events. These include a breakfast and dinner with Santa. For information on all of these programs, please contact the Community Center at 708-430-4500.

## **J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER: No Report**

## **10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Ald. Pasek, regarding legislation and ordinance; on the sign ordinance that we discussed earlier, there is no mention of fines in this ordinance.

Mayor Bennett, we have a general penalty clause in all of our ordinances that will be so noted in the ordinance.

Ald. Pasek, I will talk to Joan since she is legislation and make the minor changes needed.

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**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 7:16p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills