

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
Held **Thursday, September 6, 2018**  
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:** Knox, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak  
**ABSENT:** Schultz
- 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, August 16, 2018 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
**AYE:** Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** Schultz 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. MAYOR:**

- a) Mayor Bennett announced that there is a vacancy created in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward of the City of Palos Hills with Alderman Knox retiring. Mayor Bennett recommended to the city council a candidate for Alderman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, Mr. Michael Price.

City Attorney Pappas administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Michael Price to fill the vacancy of Alderman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.

- b) Mayor Bennett announced a recommendation for a replacement for the Golf Course Superintendent position. He recommended Mr. Michael Airolti as the replacement for the retiring Jay Druhan as Golf Course Superintendent and asked the city council to entertain a motion to accept his nomination. SO MOVED by Ald. Moore. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Lebarre, Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Price, Brachman

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Schultz

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Mayor Bennett also asked for a motion to upgrade the sound system in the council chambers and board room; a proposal from Procom came in around \$27,000 to complete the project. SO MOVED by Ald. Moore. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Schultz

**MOTION CARRIED**

- d) The Moraine Valley Rotary Foundation submitted a request for a raffle license for Saturday, October 13, 2018. They did submit the \$50.00 license fee, but if the council wishes, we can waive the fee; it is a non-for-profit. I will entertain a motion. Ald. Stratton MOVED to grant a raffle license to Moraine Valley Rotary Foundation and waive the \$50.00 license fee. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Schultz

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. CITY ATTORNEY:**

- a) City Attorney Pappas updated the City Council regarding the demolition on the racquet ball club (11050 S. Roberts Road); the affidavit requested by the presiding judge will be presented by City Attorney Pappas on Tuesday and he is hoping that the order will be entered on Tuesday as well and the tax buyer can then go in and begin demolition.
- b) Contact was attempted to be made with Mr. Halikias regarding the ordinance violations pertaining to the fence constructed at the Valley Plaza. A letter has been sent to him after not being able to reach him by telephone. City Attorney Pappas anticipates the letter triggering some sort of a response from him.
- c) City Attorney Pappas gave the City Council an update regarding the storage of the inoperable/junk vehicles located at 7841 Peak Drive that violates the agreement in place with the City. The property owner has a hearing this Saturday; if he does not agree to do something at the hearing (i.e. move those vehicles) I will ask the Council to consider taking action against him.

**C. CITY CLERK:** No Report

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

Mayor Bennett announced that with Alderman Knox retiring, a couple of Aldermen have volunteered to take some of the committees. I will formalize those changes at the next Committee Meeting.

**A. BUILDING & LICENSING:**

Ald. Lebarre, No Report

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:**

Ald. Moore mentioned that the Golf Committee is one member light, so if you'd be interested please let the Mayor know and so he can make the appropriate appointment.

**C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

Ald. Nowak reported that the Illinois Secretary of State's office will be coming to the Community Center on September 13 for their Super Seniors Day. Super Seniors brings the State of Illinois' driving resources and services into your community, offering a convenient way for people to renew their driver's license. Participate in the Rules of the Road review course and receive a complimentary

vision screening exam. Please note there will not be a driving exam on this day. The event begins at 10:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

For further information about these and other programs, please contact the Community Resource and Recreation Department at 708-430-4500.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Ald. Marrotta stated that the following businesses have been granted their business licenses:

- IFI Holdings Corp located at 10612 S. Roberts Road
- Temple Fuel located at 9734 S. Roberts Road

I have been in contact with the general manager of the local McDonalds on Southwest Highway. They are currently owners of six local McDonalds and are interested in working with the city on Veterans events, Friendship Fest, National Night Out, etc. I told them that we would be in contact with them, so I will pass along his information to Commissioner Violante.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Lebarre, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated, September 6, 2018 in the amount of \$324,874.78. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Price

**ABSENT:** Schultz

MOTION CARRIED

**F. PLANNING & ZONING:**

In the absence of Ald. Schultz, Commissioner Hardison stated that two variances were approved and the minutes have been submitted.

Mayor Bennett announced that the Southwest Conference of Mayors and CMAP are holding a Plan Commissioner Workshop on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 5:30p.m. at the Orland Park Police Department. If interested, you need to RSVP to Vicky Smith at 708-403-6132.

**G. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch noted that we received a check from Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the amount of \$186.20.

Ald. Kleefisch MOVED for CONSIDERATION on an Ordinance titled "An Ordinance Authorizing Disposal by Public Auction/Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Palos Hills". SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Kleefisch

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Schultz

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2018-7 to that proposed ordinance.

After the reading of proposed Ordinance 2018-7 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing Disposal by Public Auction/Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Palos Hills", Ald. Kleefisch MOVED for PASSAGE of same. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Schultz

MOTION CARRIED

## **H. PARKS**

Ald. Stratton stated that the Recreation Department will be hosting a pizza and trivia night on Friday, October 5, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Pizzas from local pizzerias will be served. In addition, we will have trivia available which is sure to be lots of fun. Please call the Community Center at 708-430-4500 for further information. Everyone attending must pre-register.

I would like to announce a Park & Recreation meeting scheduled for next Thursday, September 13, beginning at 7:00 pm here in the Council Chambers. This meeting is open to the public. The main two items discussed at this meeting will include getting input about the possible purchase of a handicapped accessible van for the Resource & Recreation Department and discussion about applying for an OSLAD grant to help cover costs for Phase 2 of the Pleasure Lake Park renovations. The OSLAD grant program covers 50% of costs. We are looking to add such amenities as a pavilion, play pods, fitness equipment and a rock amphitheater.

## **I. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:**

Ald. Brachman, No Report

**10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** No Report

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No Report

## **12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Ald. Kleefisch mentioned that the Beautification Awards will be presented at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ald. Lebarre stated that he is going to ask the City Council to approve three additional street lights along 99<sup>th</sup> Street between 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue on existing poles. I would like Commissioner Oeffling come up with a price for us. Recently, a PACE Bus Stop was added to that area and there are no sidewalks and it is quite dark with traffic going back and forth.

## **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 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills