

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held **Thursday, August 16, 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, Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak
ABSENT: Lebarre, 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 2, 2018 as presented.
SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Nowak, Knox
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Brachman, Marrotta, Moore
ABSENT: Lebarre, 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. **CITY CLERK:** No Report
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
 - a) Briefed the city council on the status of the hearing regarding the racquet ball club property (11050 S. Roberts Road) and reported that the hearing was continued to August 30, 2018.
 - C. **MAYOR:**
 - a) Mayor Bennett recognized the Gehle Family for their outstanding performance at the Illinois Special Olympic Competitions. Sarah Gehle was presented a Certificate of Excellence by Mayor Bennett for her accomplishments and achievements this past year; Sarah's achievements include Gold in volleyball with Stagg High School, Golf in floor hockey and soccer skills with Oak Lawn Special Recreation, and 2018 Summer Games Gold Medalist in soccer skills.
 - b) Mayor Bennett asked for a motion to allow for a 25% discount for the MidAmerica Orthopedics' permit; the total permit fees are about \$245,000 before the discount. Ald. Marrotta MOVED to grant the 25% discount for MidAmerica Orthopedics' permit. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Brachman
NAY: None
ABSENT: Schultz, Lebarre

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

A. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

- a) Ald. Moore had no reports for city administration or golf. He did announce that there will be a block party on August 25th on 99th Place off of 84th Avenue. He asked that Commissioner Oeffling drop off some horses in the cul de sac. Mayor Bennett asked that the police chief be notified of the street closure as well.

- b) Mayor Bennett asked for a motion to go into Executive Session regarding golf personnel. Ald. Marrotta MOVED to go into Executive Session to discuss golf personnel. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Brachman, Marrotta
NAY: None
ABSENT: Schultz, Lebarre

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B. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Nowak stated that the Commissioner would like to thank the Police Department; Public Works Department; Mayor; City Aldermen, Clerk, and Treasurer; Green Hills Public Library, North Palos Fire Department; local sponsors and volunteers for their assistance with National Night Out. The event was well attended and we received many positive comments. We look forward to another fun event next year!

The Department will also be offering a Super Seniors class on September 13. Administered through the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, this program brings the State of Illinois' driving resources and services into your community, offering a convenient way for people to renew their driver's license. There will be a rules of the road test in addition to a complementary vision screening exam. Also at this time, seniors 65 years and older can obtain a free, non-expiring, Illinois state photo ID card. Road tests will not be offered during this event.

Ald. Nowak asked for an update on the Halikas property from either City Attorney Pappas or Commissioner Hardison. City Attorney Pappas said that he's having a difficult time reaching the subject and that he's not sure what the city council would like to do regarding this matter since it could lead to litigation. City Attorney Pappas suggested that he go visit the gentleman and see if an agreement can be worked out and that he would report back to council at the next meeting.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. Marrotta announced that the following businesses have been issued their business license:

- 1) K9 Worldwide (10334 S. Harlem Ave)
- 2) Alrayan Group (9742 S. Roberts Rd., Unit A)
- 3) Salon 1 Studio (8803 W. 95th St., Unit A)

D. FINANCE:

Ald. Knox, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated, August 16, 2018 in the amount of \$508,458.71. 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, Knox, Brachman, Marrotta
- NAY:** None
- ABSENT:** Lebarre, Schultz

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E. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Knox presented a National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation whereby Gerald R. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Palos Hills did hereby proclaim the month of September, 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Palos Hills and encouraged all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey

their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

Upon request of Ald. Knox, City Clerk Mulderink assigned Resolution number 619 to A Resolution to Allow Service Credit for Military Service.

After the reading of Resolution 619, Ald. Knox MOVED for adoption of same. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Lebarre, Schultz

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F. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch read the Palos Hills Policed Department Monthly Activity Report for July 2018 and reported the following: 264 traffic tickets issued, 271 parking tickets issued, 22 misdemeanor complaints, and 5 felony complaints. Our CID Division handled a total of 106 cases.

G. PARKS

Ald. Stratton read the Park report as follows: The Community Resource and Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for fall programs. For further information or to receive a brochure, please call the Palos Hills Community Center at 708-430-4500. The brochure is also on the City website: www.paloshillsweb.org.

H. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Brachman read a letter from a resident into the record as follows:

Good Afternoon Mayor Bennett,

City employees recently did work on the drainage ditch in front of our house and the end of our driveway. Ted and the two men who worked with him did an outstanding job. Not only did they do great work, they were polite, professional, and considerate. They kept us informed during the whole process. You should be very proud to have employees of this caliber working for our city.

Sincerely,

Bernie and Dorothy Jarski

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Ald. Kleefisch stated that the Beautification Awards will be October 4th at our Council Meeting.
- b) Mayor Bennett announced that Alderman Knox will be leaving us after tonight's meeting. Alderman Knox got up and thanked all the elected officials, residents, and her family for all their help and support during the last 18 years.

Mayor Bennett thanked Alderman Knox for all her hard work and dedication and being a difference maker during the last 18 years. He then presented Alderman Knox with a plaque recognizing her dedication and service to the city for the last 18 years.

After Mayor Bennett presented Alderman Knox with her plaque, City Council Members and City Clerk Mulderink each praised Alderman Knox for her service and dedication and wished her well on her future endeavors.

- c) Mayor Bennett announced that at the next council meeting he intends to bring forward a council candidate to replace Alderman Knox. His resume will be in your mailboxes next week and I look forward to possibly working with candidate Mike Price to fill those shoes.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mayor Bennett announced that the City Council has to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and that they will come back out and close the meeting.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.
The City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Bennett announced that City Council has returned from Executive Session and that the discussion was about personnel.

Ald. Kleefisch MOVED to retire Alderman Knox's badge. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Lebarre, Schultz

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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 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills