

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held **Thursday, June 4, 2020**
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: Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak
ABSENT: None
- 4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.
- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**
Ald. Kleefisch MOVED to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated, May 21, 2020 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None this evening.
- 7) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** No report this evening.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** City Attorney Pappas stated that the two matters we have pending at the Bridgeview courthouse have been continued again because the courts are still closed. They're going to be heard at the end of July.

Ald. Marrotta addressed the issue concerning the vehicle parked at Insurance Navy, 10340 S. Harlem Avenue, as it is blocking a clear view of southbound traffic for those pulling out onto Harlem Avenue, and they are claiming they are unaware who is the registered owner of the vehicle.

Commissioner Hardison stated that they are working with the Police Department to verify the VIN against the information provided by Insurance Navy.

Ald. Marrotta stated that we do not allow any kind of advertisement of that size that is on the vehicle in question.

Commissioner Hardison stated that they were informed that they would need to move the truck to a safer location, but we do allow advertising on the side of the vehicle.

MAYOR: Mayor Bennett announced that the State of Illinois entered Phase 3 of the COVID recovery plan. As of last Thursday, all businesses are allowed to open while exercising safe conditions such as mask requirements for employees and practicing social distancing measures for the patrons, and our local restaurants have been allowed to have outdoor dining.

Mayor Bennett stated that over the last seven days, Palos Hills has not had any incidents of criminal activity in response to the protests or civil unrest. We are still going to maintain extra

patrols especially over this weekend. It is encouraged that residents who see any suspicious activity to call 911.

Mayor Bennett reminded everyone that beginning Monday, June 15, 2020 City Hall will reopen to the public; there will be restrictions as to how many people are allowed to be in the lobby as well as distancing from the front counter.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSING:

Ald. Price read the May 2020 and noted that 71 permits were issued for a total of \$17,682.00 in permit fees and \$1,100.00 in security deposits. The total construction cost of May permits was \$879,179.00.

- o The long time Electrical Inspector for the City, Pat Fox, has retired from doing electrical inspections, he will be sorely missed. Steve Coash, a resident of Palos Hills and a union electrician with Integrated Electric is taking over that position.
- o Dunkin Donuts has submitted drawings for permit; they are being reviewed.
- o Paperwork has been submitted for the demolition of the kennel on Harlem Avenue, and preliminary images of a new building to go on the site have been submitted for review and comment.
- o Thornton's has scheduled their construction to start at the end of June or early July.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Marrotta provided a Golf update as follows:

The fairways, rough and greens continue to be cut on a regular basis. The rough is finally starting to slow down and the course is drying out nicely. The leaks in the sprinkler system are still being worked on as well as the replacement of sprinkler heads. Golfnow is up and running replacing Teesnap.

We continue to remain compliant with what has been mandated by the Governor.

Upon request of Ald. Marrotta, City Clerk Mulderink assigned Ordinance number 2020-10 to An Ordinance Superceding Ordinance 2017-27 Which Adopted A Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment By All Municipal Employees Of The City Of Palos Hills, Cook County, Illinois.

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to waive the reading of proposed Ordinance 2020-10. SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Lebarre, Marrotta, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman
NAY:None **MOTION CARRIED**

Ald. Marrotta MOVED for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2020-10, An Ordinance Superceding Ordinance 2017-27 Which Adopted A Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment By All Municipal Employees Of The City of Palos Hills, Cook County, Illinois. SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre
NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Nowak had no report this evening.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. O'Connell mentioned that the restaurants are able to extend their hours from 9:00 p.m. to midnight per the Mayor, as of last week.

Ald. O'Connell said that the new brick work at the Public Works entrance is very nicely done.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, June 4, 2020 in the amount of \$444,147.10. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Abed, Nowak, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Abed had no report this evening.

Mayor Bennett stated that by the next City Council meeting he should have a recommendation for a new Ordinance Officer.

Mayor Bennett thanked Commissioner Hardison for filling in to address some of the Ordinance issues that have surfaced.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton had no report this evening.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Nowak had no report this evening.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch read the Palos Hills Police Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2020 and noted that there were 10 misdemeanor complaints, 2 felony complaints, no criminal homicides, 1 robbery, no aggravated assault and battery, no burglary, 2 thefts, 1 motor vehicle theft, no arson, and the CID Division handled 49 cases.

Ald. Kleefisch stated that we are still awaiting delivery of the vehicles that were ordered back in January. The new Officer that was sent home from the academy when it was closed will be returning this month to complete his training. The Police department continues to be very busy with a high volume of domestic violence calls along with the normal calls.

Ald. Kleefisch mentioned that we received a check from Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems in the amount of \$1,856.00, and a check from Carfax in the amount of \$80.00.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Brachman had no report this evening.

9) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None this evening.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ald. Pasek asked if the next City Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. Mayor Bennett stated that according to the Illinois Municipal League we'll need to wait until the end of this month to see if the Governor moves to Phase 4 where larger groups are allowed to gather.

11) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None this evening.

12) 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 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills