

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
Held **Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
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, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed  
**ABSENT:** Price
- 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 1, 2025 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
**AYE:** Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** Price MOTION CARRIED
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None this evening.
- 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.

Mayor Bennett entertained a motion for the appointment of Artur Krasowski to fifth ward Alderman. SO MOVED by Ald. O'Connell. SECONDED by Ald. Abed. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
**AYE:** Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Brachman  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** Price MOTION CARRIED

At this time City Attorney Cainkar administered the Oath of Office of 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson to Artur Krasowski.

Chris Getty, Mayor of the Village of Lyons and Supervisor of Lyons Township spoke of his support of Ald. Krasowski as he has worked and served the residents of Lyons Township for many years.

**8) REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. **CITY CLERK:** City Clerk Nowak thanked Mayor Bennett for his encouragement and unwavering support when she made the decision to run for City Clerk and throughout the process.

City Clerk Nowak reported that Palos Township passed an Ordinance creating the Disability Awareness Committee and noted that they are looking for 3 residents to serve who either have a disability or are a caretaker for someone with a disability. Those interested in applying can visit the Township's website at [palostownship.org](http://palostownship.org).

City Clerk Nowak added that the Township has a link for a petition on their website called Urgently Needed Property Tax Relief for South Suburban Cook County.

**B. CITY ATTORNEY:** No report this evening.

**C. MAYOR:** Mayor Bennett asked for the consideration that City Council approve the outdoor eating area at the ice cream shop located at 8650 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Ald. O'Connell MOVED to allow construction of a patio at 8650 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton.

Ald. Lebarre stated that he is not comfortable without having a conversation with all the residents.

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to table the original motion until he and Ald. Frankowicz are able to talk to all the residents that would be affected by that change. SECONDED by Ald. Frankowicz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Kleefisch, Frankowicz, Lebarre

**NAY:** Donahue, O'Connell, Stratton, Abed, Krasowski, Brachman

**ABSENT:** Price

MOTION FAILED

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted on the original motion allowing construction of the patio at 8650 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street:

**AYE:** O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Abed, Krasowski, Brachman, Donahue

**NAY:** Frankowicz, Lebarre

**ABSENT:** Price

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Lebarre added that he voted 'no' because this is against what has normally been done in the past.

Ald. Frankowicz asked that the property owner keep all areas of communication open to the neighbors and business owners going forward.

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

**A. BUILDING & LICENSING:**

Ald. Abed had no report this evening.

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATION:**

Ald. Stratton had no report this evening.

**C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

In the absence of Ald. Price, Ald. O'Connell announced that the Bennett Park Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Bennett Park – there will be food, inflatables, and music and runs from 11:00am-2:00pm, and there will a concert at Bennett Park on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. These are free events.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Ald. O'Connell stated that the grand opening of Gorgeous Galas at 8078 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street is going to take place on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm.

Ald. O'Connell added that the walk-through at Mid-America Orthopedics is going to be Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Lebarre stated that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been distributed and will be presented and voted on at the next City Council meeting in three weeks.

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, May 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,116,247.69. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

MOTION CARRIED

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:**

Ald. Donahue MOVED to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission for Agapi Wellness Studio at 8648 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Unit B and have the City Attorney draw an Ordinance.

SECONDED by Ald. O'Connell. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Donahue MOVED to set the date for a Plan Commission hearing for Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00pm for Noble Wellness at 10506-08 S. Roberts Road in consideration of a Special Use for adding massage therapy to an existing business. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton.

Ald. Kleefisch asked if the licensing of massage therapists is handled through the state. Mayor Bennett replied that they have to have a state licensed therapist.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

MOTION CARRIED

**G. PARKS:**

No report this evening.

**GOLF:**

No report this evening.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:**

No report this evening.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch reported that we received a check from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System in the amount of \$464.00, and mentioned that our Police Officers will be participating in the Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser for Special Olympics tomorrow, Friday, from 5:00am-12noon at the Dunkin Donuts at 10340 S. Harlem Avenue.

**J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:**

Ald. Brachman had no report this evening.

**10)REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None this evening.

**11)UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ald. Brachman mentioned that he had made a purchase somewhere and there was a sign informing patrons of a service charge when using credit cards, and stated

that all businesses should be required to have it posted if they are imposing a service fee. City Attorney Cainkar stated that he will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Mayor Bennett stated that next week he will distribute his recommendations on the Committee structures. Mayor Bennett noted that the City of Palos Hills will be monitoring any outdoor eating area to ensure it remains clean and safe.

**13) ADJORNMENT:**

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Donahue. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Submitted by

Dawn M. Nowak  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills