City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held **Thursday, January 15, 2026**
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, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski
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, January 8, 2026 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Abed. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: 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.

8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
A. CITY CLERK: No report this evening.

B. CITY ATTORNEY: No report this evening.

C. MAYOR: No report this evening.

9) **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:**
A. BUILDING & LICENSING:
Ald. Abed MOVED for consideration of An Ordinance Amending Title 15, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.04, Construction Codes, Section 15.04.045, Building Permit Requirements, and Section 15.04.070, Violations, of the Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Ald. Price. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Price, Brachman
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Nowak assigned number 2026-1 to that proposed Ordinance.

Ald. Frankowicz MOVED to waive the reading of proposed Ordinance 2026-1. SECONDED by Ald. Lebarre. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Price, Brachman, Lebarre
NAY: Stratton MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Abed MOVED for passage of Ordinance 2026-1, An Ordinance Amending Title 15, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.04, Construction Codes, Section 15.04.045, Building Permit Requirements, and Section 15.04.070, Violations, of the Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Ald. Price. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: O'Connell, Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION:

Ald. Stratton stated that City Council will be going into Executive Session at the end of business tonight.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES/PARKS:

Ald. Price MOVED for adoption of A Non-Resident Fee Reimbursement Policy. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Donahue, O'Connell
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. O'Connell reported that A&A Accounting Group at 8104 W. 111th Street was issued their business registration.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, January 15, 2026 in the amount of $432,370.73. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Frankowicz, Abed, Krasowski, Price, Brachman, Leabarre, Donahue, O'Connell, Kleefisch
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Frankowicz had no report this evening.

G. GOLF:

Ald. Donahue had no report this evening.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Krasowski had no report this evening.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch had no report this evening.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Brachman reported that there will be an increase to the water bill. The new water rate, effective January 1, 2026 is $12.47 per thousand gallons delivered.

The minimum bill will be: $49.88/4,000 gallons of water
$11.50 for Sanitary Sewer Service
$12.92 for Cap Improvements
Total $74.30 monthly minimum

This represents a $1.68 increase to the monthly minimum bill.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None this evening.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None this evening.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mayor Bennett stated that City Council has to go into Executive Session.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:05pm.
The City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:06pm.

Ald. Stratton stated that the purpose of going into Executive Session was to review Executive Session minutes, and there were no minutes to review.

13) ADJORNMENT:

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:07p.m.

Submitted by

Dawn M. Nowak
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills