

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, May 21, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.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 as present: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Marrotta

- 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 May 21, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Brachman, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSTAIN: Hanson, Schultz, Knox

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:** None.
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

C. MAYOR:

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen what I want to give you is an update; I was down in Springfield again yesterday and the purpose of that was to travel with some other Mayors from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for the purpose of as a direct threat by the Governor about cutting our state share of the income tax 10%. I think that message got across clear and I think our representative are in support of maintaining our level of revenue.

What the Governor was proposing is that an increase in the income tax but to reduce our share of that, he had thrown out, we get a 10%, he threw out like a 9%, we would get 9% of the new money; there is numbers all over the place and we are holding steady fast to our share or portion of the income tax no matter what happens. Once you give it up as we have found out down state, they don't give it back.

But I also happen to be around yesterday they passed the Capital bill, which is actually in two phases. Phase 1 is a multi billion dollar bill that they passed yesterday for the purpose of road construction, construction for schools, additional monies for the E.P.A. for water projects and a couple of other things that we say in the paper.

Phase 2 will take place next week and that is more of a legislative initiative package that will be voted on and it looks like they have the support of that. But more importantly I had submitted to --- I got a call last Friday from our State Representative Kevin Joyce & Senator Maloney was to initiate a list of potential capital projects.

I gave him a list that included projects like our Public Works & Police Department construction project. I submitted almost five million dollars of local roads. I put in for Capital Improvements on equipment of both Police and Public Works. I put for about \$200,000.00; we need to rehab one of our water towers internally and a couple of other things. So it is close to seven million dollars I submitted for capital projects to be on the list, which is to be dispersed throughout all the Legislative Districts in the State of Illinois. So I do not want to miss an opportunity for that to happen.

We also submitted a list if you recall about a month ago; the State passed what they call an emergency mini capital bill, actually that was initiated by a request from the City of Chicago because of pot holes and immediate response to local roads.

We have also submitted a similar list again of our Motor Fuel Tax Projects that we already have in the can and as I told you they have that broken out into 3 phases; the worst to the best and so we have literally submitted that list for both the mini capital and this new capital plan that was passed yesterday and also for part 2 of the second capital plan for next week. Just to let you know this is going to be a once not necessarily in a lifetime opportunity but they have not passed a capital plan in 10 years and I wanted to make sure Palos Hills was down there and at the table so to speak to receive some money back to our community.

We are going to follow up myself and Comm. Weakley with our Representatives and our Senator to make sure they are in tune with what we submitted and as I think I told you the Federal Transportation bill which is suppose to be voted upon before September that I submitted our local road projects again to our Congressman for possible Federal money on that. But the bottom line I think I told the Council I wanted to wait to see what happens out of Springfield before we can put together a final package of initiating the local roads project in Palos Hills and regardless of the fact we do have plan D so to speak ready to go hopefully by the next Committee Meeting I will be able to present that along with getting information as to a commitment by the state money as to how we can

possibly expand the program that we are talking about and along with the other projects that we have. They were suppose to end the session next Friday pending getting the budget together, which is not necessarily unusual, but to get the capital plan passed first before the budget. They thought that was a priority and they did it so I hope to have an answer by next Friday as to whether or not our projects in particular or we have some light as to what we can do with our plan.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSES: No report.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF: No report.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Schultz, join us on June 10th for a summer concert at Town Square Park, entertainment for the evening will be Enzworth Rose the famous Jamaican one-man band. The concert is free and open to the public; refreshments will be available for a nominal price.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated May 21, 2009 in the amount of \$881,871.86. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE: No report.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, garbage cans for the Park contest. Join the Palos Hills Resource & Rec. Dept. on Thursday, June 11th from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at Pleasure Lake Parking lot and pain a 55 gallon garbage can for our parks to be used in various parks. Go “Green” is the Theme.

Families are encouraged to work together as group prizes will be awarded in several categories. Cans are limited to the first 2 entrants and paint and brushes will be provided. Registration will be taken at the Community Center until June 5th or until we run out of cans.

G. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, the Zoning Board of Appeals hearings that were held on May 12th we have not yet received the minutes we should have them by May 26th.

The other item, the Plan Commission Hearing was held on May 18th for the petitioner who was looking to operate a Martial Arts School requiring a special use. The Plan Commission recommended this to the City Council and at this time I MOVE to accept the petitioners' request. SECODED by Ald. Moore.

Mayor Bennett, the motion is to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and authorize the City Attorney to draw the necessary ordinance on the request. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Just a reminder that we have several hearings coming up; one on June 1st for a Dog Grooming Shop at 10031 S. Roberts Road and then the same petitioner for 2 different businesses basically in the same complex which will be heard on June 8, 2009.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch, we received a check from Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$5,118.59. We received an Asset Sharing check in the amount of \$3,599.29 and another in the amount of \$6,149.14. We received a check for forfeited funds in the amount of \$1,144.00.

I. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, at last weeks Committee Meeting the Commissioner asked me to present two resolutions for engineering two projects utilizing \$500,000.00 in funds, received through Mayor Bennett's efforts, from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The ARRA guidelines require the funds be utilized for projects along State & County FAU routes. We will be utilizing the funds to repair and upgrade sidewalks, handicap access ramps and tree planting. The guidelines also require the City to provide engineering dollars for the projects.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 553 to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code: Section 09-00030-00-SW, ADA ramp conformance and sidewalk removal and replacement, preliminary engineering for ARRA construction.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for ADOPTION of Resolution 553 allowing funds to be appropriated from the Motor Tax Fund in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for engineering sidewalk repairs and upgrades to handicap access ramps along various State & County FAU routes and that upon approval the Mayor and City Clerk to authorized to sign the M.F.T. agreement 09-00030-00-SW. SECODED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 554 to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code: Section 09-00031-00-LS, Tree planting in the parkways of various FAU routes preliminary engineering for ARRA construction.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for ADOPTION of Resolution 554 allowing funds be appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for engineering of tree planting in parkways along various State & County FAU routes and that upon approval the Mayor And City Clerk be authorized to sign the M.F.T. agreement 09-00031.LS. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Schultz, Kleefisch

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills