

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, July 2, 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 June 18, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

Knox

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.

- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

Donna O'Connell a resident of Palos Hills informed the City Council that there is a benefit being held for former Aldermen Dan Scurek at Toyota Park on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.

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

C. **MAYOR:**

Mayor Bennett, two weeks ago the City Council did authorize the City Attorney to draw an amendment to our existing ordinance relating to B.Y.O.B. for next week's Committee Meeting.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Ald. Brachman, there were 60 total permits issued last month, \$12,837.00 in fees, \$1,500.00 in security deposits received and \$100.00 in security deposit refunds.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore, once again we have a property that is in foreclosure and vacant at 10525 S. 83rd Ave. I MOVE to direct the City Attorney to put a lien on the property so we can start getting the lawn cut. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted.

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Schultz, a survey was done in the Palos Happening asking residents if they would be interested in garbage and recycle totes for a cost of \$4.00 each per month. We only received 5 responses and Waste Management received less than 10 phone calls. Due to this we will not be revising the garbage contract at this time to include these containers. We may repeat the survey at a later date.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated July 2, 2009 in the amount of \$186,263.01. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE: No report.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, don't forget Friendship Festival 2009 to be held July 9th through July 12th. Any City Council Member who ordered a shirt should have received it on their chair tonight. If not please call Barb at the Community Center on Monday.

The Community Center will be closed tomorrow and Saturday for the holiday and again next Saturday, July 11th due to the Festival.

Mayor Bennett, in fact with the Friendship Festival next week that evening is our

Committee of the Whole Meeting and we traditionally held that meeting an hour early because of the Festival. I will entertain a motion that we hold our Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for July 9th be held at 6:00 p.m. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton, SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett asked the City Clerk to post the proper notice of the time change for the Committee Meeting.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson distributed the Planning & Zoning Committee agenda for July 2, 2009.

Upon request of Ald. Hanson, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-7 to a proposed ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use To Permit A Dog Grooming Shop And Grooming School To Be Operated On The Property At 10031 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois.

Ald. Schultz, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2009-7. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-7, an Ordinance Granting A Special Use To Permit A Dog Grooming Shop And Grooming School To Be Operated At 10031 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The next two items on the agenda we have not heard anything from the applicant.

We received a request from Raed Razik for a Plan Commission Hearing for property located at 10035-37 S. Roberts Road. The request is for a special use to allow Tanning Services & non-medical cosmetic procedures by licensed professionals.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to set that hearing date before the Plan Commission for August 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch, the construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed for the Red Light Camera at 111th & Roberts Road tomorrow.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER: No report.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Brachman, Mr. Mayor do you know anything about some Mayor's getting together from different cities to talk to Oak Lawn about water. I was reading an article in the Southtown and I was wondering if you knew anything about that.

Mayor Bennett, what Oak Lawn is proposed some 2 years ago was basically an upgrade of their system; they wanted to basically do another parallel line throughout their entire water system, which is a great thing. But in doing so they are asking all users of their system to (inaudible).

We have been in daily communication with Oak Lawn regarding our particular concern with that in Palos Hills. What happened out south is because they are down of the system, is that they are approaching the idea of hiring a consultant to work out ---- their numbers are a lot bigger than ours but our Public Works Sewer & Water Commissioner has been in a daily communication with them in voicing our objections to what we think.

We also think that they have not done enough research to come up with some alternate ways of doing what they are proposing to do and we are not at a point yet where Oak Lawn is going to demand that. They are also in the process of trying to get State & Federal funds to pay for part of it. But we have great concerns about it.

That group is hiring a consultant and I think our Public Works Commissioner is doing a great job so far on the research on our part and has expressed that and has attended all those meetings that Oak Lawn has had and at some point and time he is doing some additional research that he will report back to the City Council as to his findings or what position he would recommend the city to take for some reason down the line Oak Lawn came to a push and shove. They have not done that yet but in saying that (inaudible), but that is basically in a broad sense of what they are proposing to do. They literally want to build a parallel to their existing system so obviously that is like starting from scratch.

There is a lot more to this but I am waiting for Dave to come up with some more information before we do it. Kind of update this Council as to where Oak Lawn is at (inaudible) down the road.

Ald. Pasek, regarding the B.Y.O.B.; sorry I wasn't here last week but I did issue a paper with some of my ideas. Is there any reason why we've gone for so many years without a problem and now all of a sudden; it there a problem or kind of like (inaudible).

Mayor Bennett, I think my point last week at the meeting was that there was nothing in the works regarding and to bring it up to the Council in addressing the issue, yes for future consideration. Because we have nothing on the books and I don't want to get into a situation if something came up and we had nothing on the books that we are kind of caught behind the eight ball on how to react to it instead of being proactive with ---- either take a position for it or against it or somewhere in between.

Pretty much the discussion last Thursday at the Committee Meeting was (inaudible) and for those who were here in supporting the concepts of not having or allowing bring your own bottle.

City Attorney Pappas, I think the Illinois Liquor Control Commission is recommending that the individual municipalities do something with it whether to replace restrictions on it or ban it completely or allow it. We should at least have something on the record as to what position we take in that regard. That is the only reason why we should do something.

Ald. Kleefisch, Mr. Mayor have you heard anything more about Palos Extended Care and when he might start construction.

Mayor Bennett, Alderman the last time I think I reported to the Council that I got a call from the gentleman about 3 weeks ago and he was finishing up getting bids from various contractors and he kind of indicated to me he thought he would be ready or have a plan or have some type of ready to go around the beginning of this month. I have not heard from him since then. There was bidding on different parts of the building, hadn't gotten them all back in. Again only reflecting what he said to me he's anxious to get going on this.

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 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills