

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, August 6, 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, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Williams

ABSENT: Moore

- 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 July 23, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSTAIN: Stratton

ABSENT: Moore

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 under my portion of the meeting I would like to ask that the City Council go into Executive Session regarding a matter of personnel. Will the City Clerk please call the roll.

Upon roll call to go into Executive Session the following Ald. vote:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

The City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Bennett, I sent to everyone a memorandum regarding the Chief's recommendation for replacement of the Deputy Chief and obviously he has a right to do that but as I have done in the past I've asked for Councils concurrence on his recommendation. So I will ask for a concurrence of the **appointment of Jeff Cuccio as Deputy Chief**. So MOVED by Ald. Kleefisch, SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At this time Mayor Bennett ask Jeff Cuccio to step forward at which time he administered the Oath of Office appointing Jeff Cuccio to the office of Deputy Chief of the Palos Hills Police Department.

Mayor Bennett, the only other update to give you is under Public Works is our Commissioner last week explained to us the necessary need for some clean up on some Resolutions regarding some past projects which Ald. Williams will be bring up under his portion of the meeting.

Also I have been waiting to hear on a couple of grants that I mentioned from the State & Captial grants, the latest word that we heard last week is that they are still waiting to fund those grants. There are some possible bond issues that they have to pass so we are going to hold any additional expenditure on our part until be get a better reassurance from the State that that money is going to come to us. Unfortunately we can't spend it now, we will be able to use that at a future date or a couple of projects that are being proposed.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Ald. Brachman, for the month of July 2009 \$13,490.00 was collected in building fees, security deposits received \$1,300.00 and refunded \$1,700.00.

Also Gene Nelson brought to my attention a request to construct a shed, we need Council approval I am just going to read the part – requesting for the construction of a utility shed for a partial improvement of a building having more than 3 single family living units shall be submitted for review by the Building & Licensing Committee of the

City Council of Palos Hills. I have talked to Ald. Williams & Ald. Schultz and they see no problem with this.

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE to approve the shed request. (address or name was not given) SECONDED by Ald. Schultz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF: No report.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Schultz, the next Palos Happenings Newsletter will be mailed in October and will cover very late October, November, December, January and into early February. Please have your articles to Mary Jo or Mark no later than Sept 15th and you can email them to Mary Jo if you like.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

D. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated August 6, 2009 in the amount of \$240,422.33. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

E. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE: No report

F. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, Movie in the Park will be held on Wednesday, August 12th at dusk at Town Square Park. The movie will be the The Tale of Despereaux. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair. A concession will be available for foot items.

Get Ready! The Circus is coming! The Carson & Barnes Circus will be here on Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th at Roberts Road & Sunny Creek Dr. Get your advanced ticket discount by purchasing your tickets before the show at City Hall and the Community Center.

G. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, just a reminder that we have a hearing coming up on August 17th to hear about a special use for tanning services by applicant Razik.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to set a hearing for August 31st for the Plan Commission to hear applicant Shi for a special use for massage therapy facility at 10033 S. Roberts

Road, and also applicant Razeq needs a special use for tutoring students ages 6 to 15 also for August 31st.

Mayor Bennett, the Chair will recognize the first motion on the first hearing (Jian Shi) and Seconded by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I would like to set a second date for August 31st for applicant Razeq for a special use to set up a tutoring service for ages 6 to 15. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity report for the month of July 2009 as follows: 283 traffic tickets were issued, 412 parking tickets were issued, 25 misdemeanor complaints, 3 burglaries, 11 thefts, 1 motor vehicle theft and the C.I.D. Division handled a total of 92 cases.

I. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, at our last meeting our engineer reported several Resolutions needed to be passed to bring our M.F.T. account into compliance. The funds for these resolutions have already been expended. There are no additional costs to the city. This action is required to create the documents needed to bring our M.F.T. account into compliance.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number **556** to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, designated as **Section 04-000-29-00-CH** for installation of traffic signals at 111th Street and College Parkway, hereby appropriating the sum of **\$73,800.00**.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Resolution **556**. SECONDED by Ald. Hanson. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for ADOPTION of Resolution **556**, designated as **Section 04-00029-00-CH**, appropriating the sum of **\$73,800.00** for installation of traffic signals on 111th St. & College Parkway. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number **557** to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of **\$127,043.00** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities as part of a Cook County Highway Department construction project, designated as **Section 00-00026-00-LT** – 107th Street from Roberts Road to 88th Avenue.

Ald. Schultz, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Resolution **557**. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for ADOPTION of Resolution **557** in the amount of **\$127,043.00**, designated as **Section 00-00026-00-LT** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities – 107th Street from Roberts Road to 88th Avenue.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number **558** to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, designated as **Section 05-00025-01-LT** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities, hereby appropriating the sum of **\$54,000.00** for the 88th Avenue lighting from 95th Street to 103rd Street.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Resolution 558. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE to ADOPTION of Resolution **558** in the amount of **\$54,000.00**, designated as **Section 05-00025-01-LT** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities – 88th Avenue from 95th Street to 103rd Street.

SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Ald. Williams, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number **559** to a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code,

designated as **Section 00-00025-00-LT** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities as part of a Cook County Highway Department construction project, hereby appropriating the sum of **\$228,900.00** – 88th Avenue from 103rd Street to 111th Street.

Ald. Pasek, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Resolution 559. SECONDED by Ald. Hanson. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for ADOPTION of Resolution **559** in the amount of **\$228,900.00** for construction of a street light system and pedestrian facilities designated as **Section 00-00025-00-LT** – 88th Avenue from 103rd Street to 111th Street. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Williams, at last weeks meeting the Commissioner reported bids were opened for the 2009 Motor Fuel Tax Overlay Program. A low bid was received from James D. Fiala Paving Company in the amount of \$1,433,704.52. The engineer has reviewed the bid document and recommends we accept the low bid from James D. Fiala Paving Company.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE to accept the low bid from **James D. Fiala Paving Company** in the amount of **\$1,433,704.52** and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with James D. Fiala Paving Company. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek.

. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Ald. Pasek, I MOVE to authorize our lawn cutting service cut the property at 10210 S. 87th Avenue. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Kleefish mentioned he received the results for the Beautification contest for the 5th Ward so now he has all the results for all the the Wards and a date will be set for presentation of the awards and will be announced to the City Council.

Mayor Bennett, one last item of clean up, the Council did ask after we passed the amendment to the contract regarding waste containers Ald. Pasek had asked about recycling and that was written into the amendment with Waste Management. I will entertain a motion to accept that as part of the contract. SO MOVED by Ald. Pasek, SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek
ABSENT: Moore
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Pasek asked if we are going to have discussion on the poker game gambling.

Mayor Bennett stated he has been to a series of meetings and from his understanding it is going to take a year at a minimum to work our any rules and regulations.

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 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills