

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
**Held Thursday, September 17, 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:  
Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore

**ABSENT:** Knox, Williams

- 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 September 3, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Hanson. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams, Moore

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen this is a great night for the city because we get an opportunity to recognize our residents for something very special that goes on every year in this town and that is our Beautification Awards. Under the idea of Ald. Kleefisch for the last years started this program and each year it has progressively caught on where more and more people have become involved in this Beautification Contest.

I can't express to you enough our appreciation of your support of this program but more importantly the investments you've made and continue to make in your property in the beautification of that property.

We try to set a standard ourselves with our own public buildings and as you know the baskets we put up every year, just a side note to that people keep asking about those baskets. We don't purchase new baskets every year. We have a small green house at our Public Works Dept. and all those flowers are started by seedlings and we reuse the baskets every year so it obviously saves us a lot of money, and the Public Works Dept. has done a great job in maintaining that basket program which has certainly added to the beautification of our community

At this time I would like to recognize the various winners of Beautification Contest as follows along with certificates and beautification signs:

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward:</b> | Guillermo Family<br>Xirafakis Family<br>Selke Family<br>Lesnicki Family<br>Griffin Family      | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward</b>  | Zikos Family<br>Borgo Family<br>Kelly Family<br>John Zapotoczny Family<br>Jan Zapotoczny Family  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward:</b> | Aumueller Family<br>Stempinski Family<br>Gardunio Family<br>Velasquez Family<br>Uzzardo Family | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward:</b> | Fuksa Family<br>Figus Family<br>Furczon Family<br>Marusarz Family  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Ward:</b> | Tsokolas Family<br>Skupin Family<br>Bennett Family<br>Carter Family<br>Wischhover Family       | <b>Businesses:</b>          | Sid's Greenhouse<br>Bertucci's Restaurant<br>Palos Gaidas Funeral Home<br>Belvedere Chateau<br>Aviana Banquets<br>Stay Kleen Car Wash<br>Midas<br>Hills Funeral Home<br>Moraine Valley College<br>Village Pub<br>Kozy Coffee & Ice Cream |

Mayor Bennett also the recognition of the volunteer Judges who took the time to go out and tour the city and comb the neighborhoods, they are the ones that helped us put this award recognition program together. They are as follows:

**Judges:** Sharon Opeila  
Anele Semke  
Jacqueline Rice  
Barbara Senzel  
JoAnn Doherty

Mayor Bennett, thank you again for all your hard work and continue your hard work and encourage your neighbors, and we hope to increase the size of this crowd that are being recognized every year.

Ald. Kleefisch, I would like to thank the Judges again, if it weren't for those Judges we would not have a contest, they were all gracious about volunteering their time. I would also like to thank Mary Jo Vincent and her staff at the Community Resource Dept. because every year she does the job of helping us put all these awards together along with

a few members of our City Administration and I would like to thank them also. Congratulations once again to all the winners.

6. **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.

6) **CITIZENS HEARING:** None

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

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

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

C. **MAYOR:**

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen the Winners of the Joel M. Tomas Scholarship will be recognized tonight. Unfortunately due to being in school the winners will not be with us this evening.

This years winners are Kathryn Balster, she is attending Cartage College in Kenosha Wisconsin, majoring in Biology and Japanese and, Rachel Weist, she is attending University of Illinois at Chicago, majoring in Biological Sciences. This Saturday is the annual scholarship walk/run at 8:30 a.m. Congratulations to both of those young ladies they each will be receiving a \$500.00 scholarship towards their education.

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

A. **BUILDING & LICENSES:** No report.

B. **CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:**

Ald. Moore, once again we have a property foreclosure, (inaudible) don't like mowing lawns. So at this time I MOVE to authorize the City Attorney to file a lien for the property located at 8057 Valley Dr. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams, Knox

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Also on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, our cleaning company will be waxing floors and cleaning the carpets. I ask that if at all possible, please refrain from entering City Hall on this weekend. Also, all employees are asked to remove all boxes and items on the floors/carpet for this weekend. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

C. **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

Ald. Schultz, everyone should have the Ordinance regarding Trick or Treating and we

are striking Section 3 and we are also just changing the hours on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. With that in mind I now ask the Clerk Mulderink to assign an Ordinance number.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-11 to a proposed Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines And Hours For Trick Or Treating On Halloween In The City Of Palos Hills.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2009-11. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Moore, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Williams, Knox

NAY: Stratton, Pasek

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Schultz, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-11 with those changes made. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams, Knox

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated September 17, 2009 in the amount of amount of \$206,921.32. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same.

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

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

ABSENT: Williams, Knox

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE:** No report.

**G. PARKS:**

Ald. Stratton, earlier this evening we had a Park Meeting, thanks to everyone who attended.

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Joel M. Tomas Memorial Fund Walk/Run at Pleasure Lake, 8:00 a.m. is registration and, 8:30 a.m. the race begins.

Also Palos Hills Fishing Derby at Pleasure Lake on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:**

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 17.65.010 of Title 17 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, will the City Clerk please assign a number.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-12.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2009-12. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
AYE: Pasek, Moore, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-12. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
AYE: Moore, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Granting A Special Use To Permit A Hair Salon And Tanning Salon At 10035-37 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, will the City Clerk assign a number.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-13.

Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2009-13. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-13. Seconded by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore  
ABSENT: Williams, Knox  
NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, Mr. Mayor we have the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission Meeting, and I just want to ask everyone to please review those minutes,

and we will be discussing those at the next Committee Meeting, and hopefully move on something with them at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Bennett, Aldermen as you recall there was a gentleman here from Scenic Tree last week and the Council appeared to not have a problem with the extension of the use of outdoor signage for the complex for one more year. So therefore I will entertain a Motion that we have the City Attorney draw the Ordinance to extend that one more year until the month of September 2010. So MOVED by Ald. Kleefisch, SECONDED by Ald. Brachman.

Ald. Schultz, why are we extending it another year?

Mayor Bennett, because I think the Council agrees with the idea of continuation of marketing, being able to market those units to be sold.

Ald. Pasek, is there going to be a cost for drawing up this ordinance?

Mayor Bennett, there usually is yes.

Ald. Pasek, I'd like to make sure that the petitioner pays the cost, can that be put in the ordinance.

City Attorney Pappas, yes.

Ald. Pasek, so before we do this ordinance that should be stated. Also the signs are fine but can we take the picture down. Personally I don't think the pictures are selling anything.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Williams, Knox

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Activity Report for the month of August 2009 as follows: we issued 341 traffic tickets, 385 parking tickets issued, 71 misdemeanor, 2 felonies, 1 aggravated assault battery, 1 burglary, 10 thefts, 1 motor vehicle theft.

We received a check from Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$200.00 and we received an Asset Sharing check in the amount of \$3,978.58.

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

**10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** No report.

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ald. Moore, the College has completed their new buildings and there is an open invitation to the community and public for November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you guys have time come out there, it is truly amazing. I work at that campus every day and it is amazing what they have done so far.

Ald. Hanson, one other thing I wanted to bring up and to clarify something on the agenda that I handed out for the Planning & Zoning Committee, we addressed the Razek that we are awaiting ordinance, and then I asked everyone to look at the minutes of the last one that is on the agenda.

For everybody's information on the first two, we are still sort of going for some clarification as far as the status of this. Attorney Pappas will be contacting (inaudible). We received a letter from the Attorney that the petitioner has retained and Attorney Pappas will be contacting him and getting the clarification as far as the real status of his original application, which we had actually moved on and that and we are going to take off the agenda. But I just want to make sure that everyone knows that we are looking for clarification. He has come in with plans of type for a structure he would like to do there but we are going to wait before we take it off, I think we will wait to see.

City Attorney Pappas, if I may, I think items 1 & 2 really should be taken off the agenda because the City Council has already voted that he has to reapply. So items 1 & 2 really should not be appearing on the agenda for the Planning & Zoning Committee.

What the Council should be aware of on Sept. 14, 2009 the Commissioner received a letter from Attorney's representing this gentleman indicating they were submitting along with that letter certain information that the Building Commissioner requested originally.

Prior to that time though as the Council is aware I notified Mr. Schweil that the items were going to be taken off the agenda because he has not been diligent in submitting the information to the Building Commissioner.

The letter that I sent to him was addressed to the address he had provided in his application and that letter came back to me. So Mr. Schweil apparently never received it and the address that he gave is not a valid address.

So with the Council's permission as indicated to Ald. Hanson I will write the Attorney's, tell them the matter has been taken off the agenda because of the delay on the part of their client, and I will also supply them with a copy of my letter and the envelope itself indicating the letter (inaudible) never receive and they will have to reapply. With the Council's permission I will to that.

Mayor Bennett, the Council had given you direction regarding that issue, the follow up was just a matter of them not receiving that letter and coming back, and the Building Commissioner did inform me that he did receive that information but he hasn't had an opportunity yet to go through it. So we don't even know what he has submitted, whether

its original plans or a change of plans. But in either case both those items have been taken off the Plan Commission Agenda as instructed by City Council to the City Attorney.

City Attorney Pappas, I will take care of that next week.

**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 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills