

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, October 1, 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 September 17, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSTAIN: Williams, 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:**

Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen City Attorney Pappas is ill this evening so he won't be joining us.

C. **MAYOR:**

Mayor Bennett, the Illinois Municipal League had our annual meeting this past weekend and in conjunction with the Illinois Arts Counsel the I.M.L. requested from municipalities for an award on an Arts Friendly Community. They have two categories,

one above 20,000 population with the lowest (inaudible) they hand out two awards, and there are multiple communities that to submit applications for the Arts Friendly Award.

I submitted on behalf of the City of Palos Hills, in conjunction with not only the operations of our Community Resource Department, the award is also based on volunteerism; as you all know we have won 36 Illinois Hometown Awards.

But I am pleased to announce that the City of Palos Hills received the Presidents Award as an Arts Friendly Community for a population under 20,000. Again there are only two that are awarded from over about 20 municipalities in the state that had submitted for the award.

I want to thank Moraine Valley Community College for participating in the application process, and we are very, very proud as I indicated in the letter of support for the award that we were fortunate to have the College also as part of our community, and the numerous programs that go on through the community at the Fine & Performing Arts Center that affect not just our residents but the entire southwest area. It is great to receive that award and we are very proud of it.

I am also pleased to announce that as you recall about a year ago maybe even longer than that when we talked about the Buxton Corporation doing an economic development study in the City of Palos Hills that we would submit a grant and we did, we received a grant for \$30,000.00, which will cover the aspects of the study to be done by Buxton, and that was originally a proposal of \$50,000.00.

We had reduced that to match the grant application of \$30,000.00, and they will look into primaries in our town, 111th & Roberts Road that business district there and also Harlem Avenue between 103rd & 105th, as proposed in their presentation to us on doing an economic analysis study of that business property.

So it will be no cost to the City of Palos Hills and we have received the check so they will begin their work probably next week.

The project I think indicated about maybe only 45 days it would take for them to come back and report to the City Council, and when that takes place we will have them make their presentation to the City.

I have talked to Ald. Marrotta, unfortunately he could not be here he's got a very serious illness in his family, he Chairs that Committee and I will ask him to work with the group.

Ald. Hanson, I would be glad to work along with Ald. Marrotta on that.

Mayor Bennett, I would also like to thank Ald. Hanson for assisting me in procuring that grant from DECA for \$30,000.00.

Finally, bids came in on part one of our Stimulus money, the sidewalk aspect of it that went out to bid with the State that came in slightly actually under our estimate. So that may not begin until spring. The second part of that is streetscape, which are basically trees, which will go out to bid in March.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Ald. Brachman, I just have the monthly report about building permits; permit fees \$15,041.00, security deposits received \$1,450.00 and security deposits refunded were \$1,525.00.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF: No report.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Schultz, I just want to thank everyone who took the time to come to the Festival Meeting this evening.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated October 1, 2009 in the amount of \$231,834.03. 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: No report.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, prior to the meeting I passed out the agenda for the Planning & Zoning Committee and you will see that the hearing that was held on Sept. 14th, the applicant looking for a special use to open up a school for tutoring from 6 to 15 years of age was denied by the Plan Commission. The parking was the big issue; we just didn't see how it was going to work in the facility that they were going to put it in.

Also you have a letter in your mailbox that was sent out to the applicant that was looking to do various things at 103rd & Harlem Ave. Basically the City Attorney is telling him that he has to reapply.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2007-7 And Ordinance 2009-1 of the Palos Hills Municipal Code (**Scenic Tree Condominium signage**). SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. 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. Hanson, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-14 to an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2007-7 And Ordinance 2009-1 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code. (Scenic Tree Condominium signage)

Ald. Schultz, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2009-14. (**Scenic Tree Condominium signage**). SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-14, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2007-7 And Ordinance 2009-1 Of the Palos Hills Municipal Code, as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission to **deny the petitioner's request (Khaw la Abdel Razeq) for a special use for school tutoring** for ages 6 to 15 years of age for property located at 10608-10 S. Roberts Road. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch, we received a check from Municipal Recovery Service in the amount of \$378.00.

Also I would like to mention that Chief Madigan's father in law passed away recently.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, **Motor Fuel Tax Project update:** 2009 Motor Fuel Tax Project is

progressing well. All concrete curb work has been completed and grinding and resurfacing work has been broken down into two parts, the streets north of 103rd Street and the streets south of 103rd Street. Work is currently being completed on streets south of 103rd Street; this work is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 16th. The remainder of the project is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 30th.

Sanitary Sewer Lining Project update: The project is near completion with only a few hundred feet of pipe to be lined. The final meeting with the contractor has been scheduled for Oct. 8th. We have seen good results from the project and with M.W.R.D. approval we will soon start compliance with flow monitoring.

To help assure the city achieves I.C.A.P. compliance with M.W.R.D. letters have been sent out to our residents in the May and August water billing with regard to illegal sump pump connections to the sanitary sewers. Public Works will be actively seeking out illegal sump pumps and will use every resource available to have these illegal connections removed.

The emergency stand by generator update: Public Works crews have completed work at all lift stations and water system pumping station allowing our new emergency generator to be affectively utilized during power outages.

Cook County Highway Department 88th Avenue improvement update: Cook County survey crews have been in the city finalizing plans for the December 2009 Letting of this long waited project. County is anticipating the spring of 2010 start of the street project.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No report.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Kleefisch, I have two items, one is concerning applications that are available for Cook County Correctional Officers. They will be available this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at 26th & California, at the Maywood District Court House, and at the Markham Court House.

Also Jim Hook who use to work for the Southtown is now the Director of Communications for School District 117 and he wanted me to mention to everyone that there is an open invitation to all City Officials to attend the Oak Ridges School's 50th Anniversary Celebration, which is this Friday, October 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Bennett, Moraine Valley Community College also has an open house on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the College.

Ald. Moore, would you give us an update on the County Project on 88th Avenue from 103rd to 95th Street; is that still on schedule?

Mayor Bennett, the latest we heard again is that is to go out for winter bid. They are still talking about some right of way or drainage problems. We are still anticipating it.

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 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills