

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
**Held Thursday, November 19, 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, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, and Knox arrived at 7:06 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Ald. Schultz, Ald. Knox absent at time of roll call arrived at 7:06 p.m.

- 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 November 5, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Hanson. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Schultz, Knox

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 I do have a few items this evening. One I passed out an Ordinance to Ald. Brachman regarding the Valley Catering sign, which he will present under his portion of the meeting.

I also have for you Ald. Pasek our Appropriation Ordinance, which must be passed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

I have received a letter from the Corporate Office for Walgreen's requesting a package liquor license for your consideration. I would have to ask the Council to increase the number of packaged liquor licenses because they are the only ones that can do that. The Council would then have to authorize the City Attorney to draw an ordinance to allow them to sell package liquor.

If the Council has no objections I will entertain a motion to authorize the City Attorney to draw an ordinance increasing the number of package liquor licenses. So MOVED Ald. Hanson. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Marrotta, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, also I have talked to the Council over the last 2 or 3 weeks regarding the proposed Ordinance creating the Eating In Food Places Tax. If the Council wishes I will entertain that motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft that Ordinance. So MOVED by Ald. Moore. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Kleefisch, Stratton, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: Pasek

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, finally some good news, the Chief was in Washington 2 weeks ago meeting with the Department of Justice and we have gotten permission to be able to purchase squad cars through the DEA fund; it is approximately over \$200,000.00 that they are allowing us to use that money for those purchases. The purchases will probably take place some time this spring.

Also I have indicated to the Council last week regarding an Ordinance on the prohibition of the sale of retail tobacco in Palos Hills, and I will entertain a motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft the necessary Ordinance. SO MOVED by Ald. Marrotta. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

**A. BUILDING & LICENSES:**

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Allowing The Installation Of A Sign At The Valley Catering Building. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Mayor Bennett, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-16 to a proposed Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Allowing The Installation Of A Sign At The Valley Catering Building.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2009-16. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-16, An Ordinance Allowing The Installation Of A Sign At The Valley Catering Building. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Stratton

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:** No report

**C. COMMUNITY RESOURCE:**

In the absence of Ald. Schultz, Ald. Stratton stated the Community Resource Dept. is collecting mittens, gloves and scarves for the Holiday mitten tree. Items will be donated to Moraine Valley Church for distribution during the holidays and cold weather months to those receiving food baskets. Please drop off your items to the Community Center.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Ald. Marrotta referred to Ald. Hanson and he stated the information from Buxton will have a printed progress report for next weeks Committee Meeting.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Pasek, the Appropriation Ordinance has been presented this evening, and in two weeks I will be moving for passage.

Mayor Bennett, again Aldermen because of caps on non-home rule communities there is about a 3.2% increase in the levy for next year however that is always subject to the caps applied which are based upon the cost of living. So in fact next year they are talking about zero increase in the cost of living so that would be a zero increase in additional revenue coming to the city.

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated November 19,

2009 in the amount of \$ \$522,410.61. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same.  
SECONDED by Ald. Williams.

Mayor Bennett, again for edification or knowledge of that \$500,000.00, \$426,000.00 of that is approximately \$250,000.00 for completion of our sewer project, which is out of a separate fund. There is about \$250,000.00 approximately for the Motor Fuel Tax, which is out of a separate fund and approximately \$95,000.00 water bill going to Oak Lawn, which is also out of a separate fund. The actual net to the general fund is only \$95,000.00 out of that entire warrant.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Pasek, also last week we talked about the I.M.L. Annual Conference; that is Resolution 495, so what I'd like to do is make a MOTION on Resolution 495, which is the Illinois Municipal League Annual Fall Conference. Basically what I want to do is make a vote where the City of Palos Hills shall pay for full conference registration only at the Illinois Municipal League Conference, and not the Part B which is the meals, and Part C expenses for spouses were not reimbursed and they are still going to stay not reimbursed. The hotel and parking will be stricken from this Resolution, and the attendance at the Sunday closing session, which is mandatory; this year they didn't even have that. So basically all we are going to do is just vote on full conference registration at the Annual Illinois Municipal League Conference. Seconded by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Knox, Brachman, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: Williams, Hanson, Marrotta, Moore

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, by the way that would require a Resolution drawn by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Pappas, you are going to have to amend that, and it should really be done by Ordinance.

Mayor Bennett, the Chair will recognize that as the motion to have the City Attorney draw the Ordinance.

City Attorney Pappas, and I think this is something that Marge can do and take a look at it and review it.

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

**G. PARKS:**

Ald. Stratton, on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center Stag High School Chorus will come together in Christmas celebration as they present the “Sounds of Christmas” Concert under the direction of School Music Director Christopher Betz.

Also mark your calendars for Evening with Santa & Holiday Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:** No report.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity Report for the month of October 2009 as follows: 308 traffic tickets were issued, 356 parking tickets were issued, there were 68 misdemeanor complaints, 4 felony complaints, 1 robbery, 1 aggravated assault, 2 burglaries, 20 thefts, 2 motor vehicle thefts, and the C.I.D. Division handled a total of 113 cases.

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

**10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Bennett, next week Thursday is Thanksgiving and I don’t know what the City Councils pleasure is as to when to meet or just to cancel the next Committee Meeting because of the upcoming holiday.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE to cancel the next Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2009 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Schultz

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, the City Council will meet at its regular time for the first meeting in December, which is a City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will not meet next week for the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Ald. Kleefisch, Joan & I have a situation in our ward involving a single family residence that has been renovated, and subsequently rented to at least 6 Collage students, and I would like to bring that up for discussion at next Committee Meeting with the entire Council.

I have a letter from an Attorney that I would like to copy to all the Council Members to give you a little bit more background on this, which I will do and put in your mailbox.

Ald. Marrotta, are we going into Executive Session?

Mayor Bennett, the consensus is no, I will talk to you afterwards.

Mayor Bennett, everyone have a nice safe holiday next week.

**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 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills