

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, January 21, 2010
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 by electronic attendance, Moore, 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 January 7, 2010 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Moore, Williams, Knox
ABSTAIN: Pasek
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:** None
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:**
At the last City Council Meeting the Council voted to hold an Executive Session on Thursday, January 21, 2010 for the purpose to reviewing Executive Sessions meetings as required by law. At 7:02 p.m. the City Council went into Executive Session.
At 7:05 p.m. the City Council returned from Executive Session.

Ald. Stratton stated while in Executive Session the Council reviewed two meetings relating to personnel so those minutes will not be released.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

C. MAYOR:

Mayor Bennett reminded everyone of the NIPSTA Training being held at Chicago Ridge Village Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. for those of you who signed up.

Also those who received a letter from the Southwest Conference that they will be holding an Expo on Saturday, February 20th, please fax your confirmation to them.

Finally just a note I was just informed that the third Red Speed Camera at 103rd & Harlem that process will begin. That intersection is also a very dangerous intersection and unfortunately a lot of traffic coming from the Court House does not take that intersection seriously and that will be the next location for the Red Light Camera.

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Ald. Brachman MOVED for consideration of an Ordinance Amending Title 17 of the Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Stratton, Pasek by electronic attendance, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman

NAY: Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Mayor Bennett, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2010-1 to that Ordinance.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2010-1. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek by electronic attendance, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

NAY: Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2010-1, an Ordinance Amending Title 17 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek by electronic attendance, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore reminded everyone of the upcoming Golf Meeting to be held at city hall on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES: No report.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Brachman, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated January 21, 2010 in the amount of \$181,795.55. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSTAIN: Pasek

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE: No report.

G. PARKS: No report.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson passed out a sheet on the applicant James Davenport who had an application for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated the request is beyond what they are able to approve. Copies will be made for the Council Members to review and we can discuss this at the next Committee Meeting.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Expenses for the Illinois Municipal League Annual Fall Conference. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek by electronic attendance, Moore, Williams, Knox, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz

NAY: Brachman, Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Mayor Bennett, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2010-2 to that Ordinance.

Several voiced their opinions on the new ordinance.

Ald. Moore MOVED to WAIVE the reading of Ordinance 2010-2. SECONDED by Ald. Schultz. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Moore, Williams, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz

NAY: Knox, Brachman, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek

TIE VOTE

Mayor Bennett, it is a tie vote, **the Ordinance will be read for the record.**

After the reading of Ordinance 2010-2 by Ald. Williams he then MOVED for its PASSAGE as read. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Williams, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Moore

NAY: Knox, Brachman, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek

Mayor Bennett voted AYE

TIE VOTE
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bennett, for 30 years that I have been Mayor of this community, and certainly since this ordinance was passed I have attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference, and have seen over times prior to this ordinance where Aldermen either submitted an expense or didn't; it was always on their own. I would

I would think this Council would come to some majority as to that decision about doing it amongst your selves. I don't think that decision should be solely mine. I certainly believe that the Ordinance on its own merits should stand as a majority of this Council, a yes or no, and not a single person to decide that right of the Aldermen or any other City Official to submit that expense.

I think this Council needs to come to a majority decision either way on that and not be split as it is, and for me to make that sole decision as to whether or not you have a right to do that in the future. This is an ordinance for all times it is not a one-year deal.

Again I should not be the sole person to make that decision on whether your rights that you established years ago by Ordinance to submit the expenses. Therefore **I am voting for in favor of the Ordinance.**

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Bennett, one final note to the whole thing about the League. I don't think there is an Alderman up here who knows and understands how important that meeting is every year. In fact I will and have encouraged people to attend that conference.

What I would like to see is 10 Aldermen, City Clerk and Treasurer down there every year bringing back necessary information for all of us to make good decision making. This is the only conference that is offered in the State for local government officials and the information that you receive from that and the education that you get from that is second to absolutely none.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by
Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills