

APRIL 3, 2018
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the City of Palos Heights City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following were present:

<i>Mayor</i>	Robert Straz	<i>Ward 1</i>	Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i>	Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i>	Dolores Kramarski & Alan Fulkerson
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting of March 20, 2018

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending March 29, 2018.

C. Motion to approve a request from St. Alexander School to conduct their annual 5K Raider Run/Walk on Thursday, May 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. on a designated route in the Olde Palos and Navajo Hills subdivisions.

D. Motion to approve a request for a Special Event Permit from the Palos Heights Woman's Club to hold their Annual Flower Sale in the municipal parking lot on Saturday, May 19, from 7a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the above items on the Consent Agenda

seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor: The Mayor presented the following: Reminded residents of the Chamber of Commerce Expo and Half Marathon in May.

Requested a motion to approve the Cypress Lane Project as presented by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) pending final review by the City Attorney and staff of any and all documents that may be necessary to execute the project.

Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the project as presented seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to approve the project was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No Report.

C. Treasurer: No Report.

D. City Attorney: No Report.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman McGovern extended well wishes to former Alderman Art Phillips.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report.*

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report.*

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso:*

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the 2018 Landscape Maintenance Service Agreement with Zenere Landscapes to provide landscaping services for the medians, planting beds and planters along Harlem Avenue, the Art Garden, and other related services at a cost of \$895.00 per month for a seven-month period, April through November seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to accept and approve a proposal from Procut LLC to provide decorating services at Lake Katherine's E. G. Simpson Clubhouse at a cost of \$14,825.00. The scope of work includes removal of all the wallpaper, drywall repairs where needed, and 2 coats of paint on the walls and ceilings seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to approve the proposal was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to accept and approve the proposal from MarchOne Electrical Design, Inc. to provide electrical work and lighting improvements for the expansion of the Municipal Parking Lot in the amount of \$12,010.00 seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

On roll call, the motion to approve the proposal was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Chipper service is in effect.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford: No Report.*

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key: No Report*

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski: No Report*

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan: No Report.*

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut: No Report.*

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on the progress of the comprehensive plans which includes long-range plans. Residents can submit insight by going to www.plan4palosheights.com. The Beautification Committee has an adopt-a-pot program for interested residents or businesses for \$80.00.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: None.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan submitted information on programs the Chicago Blackhawks sponsors with local governments.

Alderman McGovern announced that on 4/7 there will be e-waste collection at the Police Department from 8 to noon.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date

APRIL 3, 2018
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order - at 6:00 p.m. the Mayor called the public hearing to order.
2. Roll Call - indicated the following were present:
 - Alderman Basso
 - Alderman Bylut
 - Alderman Clifford
 - Alderman Fulkerson
 - Alderman Key
 - Alderman Kramarski
 - Alderman McGovern
 - Alderman McGrogan
 - Mayor
 - City Clerk
 - Treasurer
 - City Attorney
3. Presentation by Cedric Robinson, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, on the proposed flood control project for 131st and Cypress Lane:
 - The preferred solution is to demolish 13040 Cypress Lane and divert the water away from adjacent properties. The estimated \$524,000.00 cost for this project shall be borne by the Water Reclamation District.
 - Project costs include the final design and construction which involve the preparation of the scope of work, acquiring necessary governmental approval, contract advertisement and award and construction to begin in the spring or summer of 2019.
 - The District will reimburse the City at closing for its assistance with obtaining an appraisal and executing the transaction and disconnecting utilities. The District requests that the City attempt to secure a grant for the demolition but will pay for any demolition costs should a grant not be acquired.
 - Prior to the project taking place, the City and MWRD must enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement which defines respective roles and responsibilities for the design, construction, maintenance and land acquisition.
 - Explanation of MWRD's Stormwater Management Programs (SWM). **The first program, SWM Phase II Flood Control Program** includes localized detention, upsizing storm water sewers and culverts, establishing drainage ways and combining Green and Grey Infrastructure projects.

- SWM Phase II Flood Control Programs are divided into two subcategories: Shovel Ready Projects and Conceptual Projects.
- Shovel Ready Projects have final or pre-final plans, specifications, estimates, and schedules in place or such plans that could be completed in a short period of time. The MWRD will provide construction costs only in this type of project with the applicant responsible for design, permitting, management, operations and maintenance of the flood control project.
- Conceptual Projects address documented flooding problems that do not have a solution or pre-final or final design phase. These projects identify a known flooding problem that has no engineering analysis performed to identify alternative solutions. The municipality in this scenario is seeking assistance from the MWRD to determine a feasible flood control solution through an engineering analysis.
- SWM Phase II Program has certain eligibility requirements: (1) project must be located within the MWRD's corporate limits; (2) project must be intended to address structure flooding, not nuisance flooding such as back-yard or street ponding issues; (3) project shall not be used to satisfy requirements of the District's Watershed Management Ordinance or other local, state or federal regulations; (4) projects using District funds must be bid in accordance with the District's Purchasing Act including publicly advertising the bidding and awarding contracts to the lowest bidder; (5) applicant must demonstrate a willingness and capability to perform maintenance and repair of the project; (6) applicant must have ownership or easement over the project site and property; (7) applicant must be a governmental agency capable of entering into a binding intergovernmental agreement with the MWRD.
- SWM Phase II Programs are intended to resolve structural flood problems and does not address local maintenance issues. Shovel Ready projects requires the applicant to submit an operation and maintenance plan, conduct maintenance activities following project completion and subject the site to inspection by the MWRD.
- Conceptual projects do not guarantee that a proposed flood control project will be approved by the MWRD board but does indicate that the MWRD will work with local partners to find a solution that can be implemented prospectively based on available local funding.
- **The second program is the SWM Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program.** This program has three components: local sponsor assistance, district initiated and local government application also known as a "buyout" program. The program addresses properties within a 100 year floodplain and/or MWRD's Detail Watershed Plan Inundation Area. The local government is responsible for interacting directly with the property owner, acquiring and demolishing the property, placing deed restrictions on the property, maintaining the property, certifying that the property meets specified terms and conditions, sponsor pays for appraisals, closing, escrow, demolition, and restoration to open land costs. additional responsibilities of the local sponsor include: provide funding assistance via the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Flood-Prone Property Program. The IEMA will provide 75% of the costs with the local sponsor responsible for 25%.

- If the MWRD initiates this program and the property acquisition costs are less than the proposed flood control alternative and flood control benefits are equal, the MWRD will discuss the acquisition of the property with the local municipality. If the flood control alternative is preferred than the municipality must pay the project difference.
- The SWM Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program involves the MWRD funding 75% to 100% of the acquisition costs. Programs with less than 100% funding will require the municipality to pay based on a sliding scale taking into consideration the median income levels of all municipalities in Cook County.
- The each acquisition project MWRD funds go towards the purchase price of the property (demo and closing costs borne by municipality).

4. Questions / Comments:

- The Mayor reiterated that the Cypress Lane project will be borne entirely by the MWRD.
- Alderman Bylut indicated that the potential properties must fall into the 100 year storm area.
- Alderman Kramarski inquired on storm retention programs that cause damage to adjacent properties. Mr. Robinson discussed the procedures for addressing such concerns.
- Alderman Clifford inquired regarding Navajo Creek and which entity has control over it.
- Alderman Basso inquired on the process moving forward.
- Alderman Key inquired on the City acquiring appraisals and the approval of the homeowner being necessary to move forward with the program.

5. Adjournment - The hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date