

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018

### **Call to Order**

Chairman McGrogan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on June 12, 2018. In attendance were Chairman McGrogan, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso and Alderman Kramarski. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore and residents.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Business License Report**

Chairman McGrogan referred to the business license report in the agenda packet. He reported \$72,229.75 was invoiced, \$70,824.75 was paid, and \$1,405.00 was owed for Business Licenses, Health Inspections, Elevator Inspections & Vending Licenses.

### **Permit/ Code Enforcement Report**

Chairman McGrogan then referred to the permit/code enforcement report. For the permit period from 1/1-6/7 we have collected \$90,959.56. Year to date there have been 342 permits issued. For the period from 1/1 – 6/7 there have been 96 code enforcement cases and 238 code enforcement inspections.

### **Driveway – 6823 Linden Drive (Karrasch)**

Mr. Mark Karrasch is replacing his driveway and requesting a variance to extend the driveway to the fence line.

Chairman McGrogan mentioned that the city has side yard setback requirements that we would like to maintain. The Chairman would like to know if there are any alternatives the home owner can come up with without asking for a variance.

Mr. Karrasch mentioned that right now he parks his car outside to the side of the garage, because there are already two cars in the garage. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McGrogan stated that if we approve the variance, we make it subject to the water runoff going down the driveway toward the street versus tipping toward the neighbor. Also, if we could get a letter or email from his neighbor, making that part of the approval. Engineers will have to look at it and the cost will have to be covered by Mr. Karrasch.

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve the request. Chairman Fulkerson moved to approve the request subject to acknowledgement from the city engineers that drainage will be contained on the subject property and will not spill over to the adjacent property owner and any associated cost to be born by the petitioner, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Driveway – 12503 S 70<sup>th</sup> Ave (Soltis)**

Mr. Soltis approached the committee to request a new driveway where the new garage is going to be on the south side of their property.

Chairman McGrogan stated that he had enough yard on each side. Alderman Fulkerson pointed out that the resident is asking for 2 curb cuts. Chairman McGrogan questioned if the original could be removed.

Mr. Soltis would like to keep it for the convenience of bringing in groceries during inclement weather since the original garage is attached to the house.

Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Driveway – 12661 S 68<sup>th</sup> Ct (Lanowski)**

Chairman McGrogan noted that it looks like the homeowner is requesting a side pad.

Mr. Lanowski approached the committee and mentioned that he parks one of his cars on the side of the one car garage and would like to get a permit to keep the car there. One option is to pave the area next to the garage and another option would be to add three posts and make a little roof over it that would match the garage roof.

According to Chairman McGrogan, if you make it into structure, you would be getting too close to the side yard setback. Alderman Basso sees the problem with it being a corner lot, you essentially have two front yards and it appears that a car is parked in the front yard. Alderman Basso would like to see it closed off with a privacy fence. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Fulkerson would like the pad to be tapered as it extends to the existing driveway.

Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve the request for variance with the amendment that the side drive is tapered down as it meets the driveway and screening is added (arborvitaes), seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried.

### **Amendment to the City’s Code Section 91.11: *Prohibited Animals***

Chairman McGrogan turned it over to Chris Kransberger to give us some background. According to Chris, the purpose was to clean up the code explaining that chickens and ducks are considered livestock. The City Council says they are in our definitions.

Chairman McGrogan recommended that we correct the wording or expand on it so there is no gray areas left in the code. Moved to approve by Alderman Fulkerson and seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried. **AGENDA**

### **Old Business**

Chairman McGrogan said there was a request from the owner of one of the businesses to reconsider video gambling in Palos Heights.

Zach from Zachery’s and Zach’s on Tap approached the podium and told the committee that it has come to his attention that there are fantasy machines in the area. He would like to go about it the right way so the City and the State can collect revenue through those gaming machines.

Chairman McGrogan mentioned that we have had this request before and it’s an item that generates quite a bit of interest in the community. This would have to be discussed at several committees because of the impact across the City.

Zach mentioned that the police department has been to X’s and O’s and they are aware there is a loophole and that they have gaming machines. According to Chris Kransberger, the police are currently working on it.

Zach would like to maybe start with a one year term for one license. He has a room at Roof Top Tap that is already secure and he would not advertise it to the public. There would be nothing on the exterior windows. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McGrogan said they will talk more and check with the Mayor and see where he stands. This group doesn’t have enough authority to either approve it or turn it down. Palos Heights has survived without it and maybe there are other ways for us to make money.

### **Alderman comments**

Alderman Basso questioned the rope light ordinance. Do we want to prohibit them in the business windows? According To Chris Kransberger, they are not allowed. We are allowing one business keep his because he was here prior to the ordinance.

**Adjourn**

Chairman McGrogan moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary