

**JANUARY 5, 2021**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**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 & Brent Lewandowski
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, December 15, 2020.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending December 31, 2020.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

None

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**A. Mayor:**

The Mayor delivered remarks on the passing of former Alderman Alan Fulkerson. The Mayor recognized his many contributions and dedication to the City.

The Mayor reported on a meeting with the Southwest Conference of Mayors and Cook County. Phase 1 of the vaccination regarding health care professionals and long terms care residents is underway. Phase 2 will involve teachers and grocers and individuals over the age of 74. Individuals between the ages of 65 and 74 would follow. Representatives from the meeting anticipate that vaccination of individuals in this range would take place by February. Additional information regrading vaccination will be posted to the City website.

The May delivered a thank you letter from LaRabida Childrens' Hospital for the City's contribution.

**B. Clerk: Announced that the lottery for simultaneous ballot filers will take place on January 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.**

**C. Treasurer: No Report**

**D. City Attorney: No Report**

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kramaraski, Alderman McGrogan, Alderman Clifford extended condolences to the family of Alan Fulkerson.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: Reported that City departments are working on budgets will be submitted to the Finance Committee for review.**

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

- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: No Report
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: Thanked public works for their efforts during recent snow removal.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: No Report
- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*:

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve partial payment #2 to Kim Construction for the 2020 Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$203,932.01 seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the purchase of a new sanitary pump for the Westgate North lift station from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$12,950.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services for the month of November in the amount of \$9,503.70 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment nda was:

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key: No Report.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: No Report

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

The Council discussed prospects for honoring the legacy of Alderman Fulkerson in the near future.

**XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS**

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:15 the City Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

At 7:29 the City Council reconvened into regular session.

Alderman McGovern moved to accept executive session agreement as presented seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

*Thomas Kantas - by Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk* 1.19.21  
Thomas Kantas Date