

January 17, 2023
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council
Palos Heights, 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

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>	Jeffrey Key & Donald Bylut
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i>	Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i>	Brent Lewandowski
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting – December 20, 2022

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 13, 2023.

Alderman Bylut move to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the consent agenda was:

Ayes (7)	Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0)	None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor requested a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Rychlicki to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 5–year term, expiring 1/17/28. Alderman Clifford moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve the appointment of Todd Probasco to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 5–year term, expiring 1/17/28. Alderman McGovern moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve the re-appointment of Vanessa Sunta to the Pubic Arts Commission for a 3-year term, expiring 1/17/26. Alderman Key moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a Motion to adopt a Resolution acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record. Alderman Key moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a Motion to adopt a Resolution supporting Illinois Tax Increment Financing. Alderman McGrogan moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. City Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: No Report

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Clifford conveyed gratitude from Mr. Ervin whose father was recently ill.

IX. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance: Chairperson Alderman McGrogan - Alderman McGrogan encouraged residents to contact their local state representatives and object to the Governor's proposal to raise utility costs.

B. Public Safety: Chairperson Alderman Basso -

- Alderman Basso moved to to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles (2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV IGNLCDEC2JR236479, 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV IGNLCDEC1JR325310, 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV IGNLCDECXJR327461) seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to adopt the ordinance was:

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso reported on recents scam alerts in the news including phone scams involving the lottery. Also scams involving fraudulent gift cards are on the rise. Finally, mailboxes have been targeted with criminals stealing checks. Property tax deadline has been pushed back a month.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property: Chairperson Alderman Begley - No Report

D. Planning and Zoning: Chairperson Alderman McGovern - No Report

E. Recreation: Chairperson Alderman Key

- Alderman Key moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 128 for use of rooms at Independence Middle School for the summer camp programs. There are no financial obligations attached to this agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve proposal from Association of Nature Centers Administrators for overall review and evaluation of operations, governance and finances for Lake Katherine seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve hiring J&M Displays Fireworks in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the July 3, 2023, Independence Day Celebration seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve Vermont Systems Inc. payment for the annual contract in the amount of \$9,817.93 for use of the RecTrac Computer System seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

G. Roads and Construction: Chairperson Alderman Clifford -

- Alderman Clifford moved to install a blue honorary street sign for former Alderman Dolores Kramarski at the intersection of Carmichael and 76th Avenue seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call, the motion to approve the street sign was:

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to implement a policy for an honorary street name program and application seconded by Alderman Basso.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending Chapter 76 of the City Code, Schedule IV: Stop Intersections, to create a stop intersection at the intersection of 125th and 72nd Ct. for north and southbound traffic seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

H. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski- No Report

I. Water and Sewer: Chairperson Alderman Bylut - No Report

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

B. Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman McGovern: Alderman McGovern reported on the end of the year for Channel 4 for 2022. Channel 4 has exceeded all of its goals regarding the use of state of the art equipment, increased staff, and increased programming.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford reported on the Palos Lions recent Christmas Tree sale.

XIV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn at 7:17 PM which passed unanimously.

Thomas Kantas
Palos Heights City Clerk

