

**JANUARY 19, 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 & Jerry McGovern

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, January 5, 2021.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 15, 2021.

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

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

None

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

A. Mayor:

- Reported on his participation in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Task Force on Covid which meets weekly. The State positivity rate is declining and further responses to covid are forthcoming. Regarding the vaccine, individual counties are handling the broadbased distribution. Cook County has not indicated how the distribution will take place countywide. Representatives from Cook County have indicated that Phase 1B will take place on January 25th. Registration for the vaccine via the county will take place online. The City website will have any updates from the County. The County will establish vaccination sites along with any vaccination conducted by hospitals and associated providers. Alderman McGovern noted that veterans can call 708-202-7000 to make appointments for the vaccine.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as our Convention and Visitors Bureau of record. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a Motion to approve the reappointments of: Edward Stevens and Michael Lombard to a 5-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Thomas Stuchly to a 5-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the reappointments seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the period ending December, 2020 as follows:

General Fund:  
Beginning cash balance \$4,180,569  
Revenues \$866,245  
Expenses \$2,505,505  
Other \$247,996  
Ending cash balance \$2,789,305

Total of All Funds:  
Beginning cash balance \$18,742,188  
Revenues \$4,929,527  
Expenses \$5,756,791  
Other \$207,979  
Ending cash balance \$18,122,903

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

William Tracy submitted the following remark electronically:

During this pandemic, the governor has issued a mandate that there is to be NO dine in dining. However, every restaurant in Palos Heights appears to be open for business with both dine in and carry out service. Why are the elected officials of Palos Heights NOT following this mandate since the governor clearly stated that enforcement of this mandate is the responsibility of the elected officials?

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report
- 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*: Reported on a recent news article which conducted a survey on public services. The Recreation Center received positive public feedback on the maintenance of the facility. Businesses in Palos Heights receiving commendation include Ace Hardware, Golden Shoes, O'Hara Salon, Revival Yoga.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*:
  - Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a payment to Morris Engineering for the December, 2020 invoice in the amount of \$15,953.60 seconded by

Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve final payment to Lindahl Brothers for the closeout of the 2020 Roadway Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$1,491.72 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that as of January 12, 2021, public works has responded to three winter events on: 12/29/20 (40 tons of salt applied); 1/1/21 (40 tons of salt applied); 1/3/21 (23 tons of salt applied) doing an excellent job keeping the roads clear for the residents.
- Reported that a pre-construction notice was received from IDOT regarding the cleaning and maintenance regarding the Harlem Avenue bridge over Route 83. Capital Industrial Services has been hired to paint the bridge at a cost of \$930,033 estimated to begin in February and estimated completion in August.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski:*

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve a permanent sign request for Steve's Bites at 11906 S. Harlem Avenue seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance updating the City Code Section 96.01(C) – Specific Nuisances Enumerated to update language seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key: No Report.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: Reported that Channel 4 will begin promotion videos featuring restaurants in the City which will be updated with additional information running for several weeks. Channel 4 reported on a local food pantry assisting members of the community during the pandemic.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman McGrogan noted that Andy's Frozen Custard is open.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Clifford announced that an traffic accident occurred in Ward 2 and urged residents to drive carefully.

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

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

*Thomas Kantas - by Margaret Carey*  
Thomas Kantas *Deputy City Clerk*

*7.2.21*  
Date