

**FEBRUARY 2, 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: 1. City Council Meeting, January 19, 2021
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 29, 2021.

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

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:**

- The Mayor reported that Phase IV mitigation is underway in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Commerce has information on the venues and restrictions that pertain thereto. Vaccine availability update per meeting with the Cook County Board President is as follows: appointments are confirmed only when the vaccine is available. Certain drug stores offer the vaccine and the Mayor urges persistence with making appointments and obtaining the vaccine. The plan is to make the vaccine available to those eligible before offering to the next tier of eligible recipients. Private pharmacies offering the vaccine which will eventually be available to the general public. The Mayor thanked public works for their efforts and commended City personnel during the pandemic and recent snowstorm.
- The Mayor requested a motion to pass a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close a portion of Harlem Avenue on Sunday, July 4, 2021 for the Annual 4th of July Parade between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Alderman Key moved to pass the resolution seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested a motion to direct the City attorney to draft an amended Lake Katherine lease and begin negotiations with MWRD on an extension, to be not less than 5 years. Alderman Kramarski moved to direct the drafting of the lease seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**B. Clerk: No report**

**C. Treasurer: No report**

**D. City Attorney: No Report**

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:***

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve and adopt the proposed F/Y 2021 Budget for the City of Palos Heights seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve and adopt the 2021 Budget was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to adopt an Ordinance Providing an Appropriation for Corporate Purpose for the Period Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern:* Reported that the investigation into a recent armed robbery is ongoing. urged residents to use caution while removing snow.**

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

- Alderman Basso moved to approve continuing landscaping maintenance of the raised planters along Harlem Avenue with CNC Lawn Care from April 1 to October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$19,425.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the purchase of three F-350 pick-up trucks from Roesch Ford under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$136,238.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance declaring 1 irrigation water wheel and assorted landscaping block as surplus and to be sold on i-Bid seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the preparation of the ordinance was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Reported that the Recreation Center is adhering to covid related mandates, and as the restrictions are modified personnel will respond and notify the public accordingly.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: Reported that per the Public Works Director the January 30th snow storm was the 10th snow event of the season resulting in approximately 11 inches of snow beginning on Saturday afternoon and plowing was initiated which continued throughout the weekend into

the next week. The duration of the storm presented challenges which the crews were able to overcome. Alderman Kramarski thanked City personnel for their outstanding efforts.

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt an Ordinance updating the City Code Section 96.01(C) – Specific Nuisances Enumerated to update language seconded by Alderman Basso.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut:*

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve partial payment #1 to Insituform for the 2020 CIPP Sewer Lining Project in the amount of \$135,621.90 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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 Bylut moved to approve final payment #3 to Kim Construction for the Manhole Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$44,316.61 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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 Bylut moved to approve the purchase of a new Case 521G Loader from McCann Industries through the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract 32119-CNH in the amount of \$107,995.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with the Risk and Resilience assessment with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$14,250.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with RJN Engineering to develop bid specifications, bidding assistance, and oversight services for the 2021 Sewer Cleaning & Televising program in the amount of \$39,825.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the bid development was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with RJN Engineering for On-Call Engineering services for the year 2021 in the amount of \$25,000.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key: Reported that Manhattan Firehouse Grill at 127th and Harlem is now open.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: Reported that new Channel 4 programming featuring local restaurants and businesses is underway. The Channel 4 Annual report has been impacted by covid restricting interviews thus limiting live programming. There were 165 shows prior to covid broadcast and live broadcasting is anticipated to return.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman McGrogan commented on the budget noting that much of the expenditures are related to public works and providing City services.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor advised residents to use caution during upcoming cold weather and to inquire on neighbors.

Alderman Clifford asked about accommodations for public works during inclement weather.

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

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**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

Thomas Kantas

2.16.21

Date