



FEBRUARY 16, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, 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 & 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, February 2, 2021.
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending February 12, 2021.

Alderman Clifford 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:**

- The Mayor reported on the fine efforts of public works in the recent heavy snowfall removal and cautioned residents to be vigilant with the rapid melting which will follow.
- Garage day will take place on Friday this week.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the policy seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- The Mayor requested the approval of an Agreement with GovHR for employment consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the agreement seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- The Mayor requested approval of an Agreement with Kane, McKenna and Associates regarding consulting for upcoming economic development matters. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the agreement seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No report

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending January, 2021.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$2,789,305

Revenues \$883,955

Expenses \$957,815

Other \$304,326

Ending cash balance \$2,411,119

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$18,122,903

Revenues \$1,480,356

Expenses \$1,300,493

Other \$765,190

Ending cash balance \$17,537,576

Alderman Kramarski 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**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Urged residents to use caution while driving.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*:
  - Alderman Basso moved to adopt 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 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.

- Urged residents to use caution while driving and while using snowblowers.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: No Report

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:

- Alderman Key moved to approve Integral Construction payment #4 in the amount of \$62,395.21 for work completed on the Palmer Park project, pending receipt of waivers 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 Key moved to approve \$44,299.00 for the second installment for 2020-21 membership contribution to the South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) 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 Key moved to approve Audio Visual Systems INC. (AVS) payment in the amount of \$9,177.25 for A/V equipment, installation, and training in the Orchard Room 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 Key reported that Recreation Center programs are ongoing and to review the website for a description of the activities.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: Delivered snow report for the 2/13 snow storm as follows: in the early morning of 2/13 plowing began at 4:30 a.m. and finished at 13:30 after the streets were clear removing approximately 3 inches using 32 tons of salt. On 2/15 snowfall began in the early morning with snow removal beginning at 4:30 a.m. finishing at 7:30 a.m. removing approximately 1.5 inches of snow using 16 tons of salt clearing the streets by 7:00 a.m. On 2/15 snowfall began again at approximately 3:30 p.m. with plowing beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 1:00 a.m. the next day. Snow precipitation slowed at 12:00 a.m. and stopped at 3:00 a.m. Plowing resumed at 4:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on 2/16 with clear roads at 7:30 a.m. with salting from 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with clear streets. The snowfall total was approximately 11.5 inches and 32 tons of salt was used. Alderman Kramarski commended public works for their fine efforts and urged residents not to blow snow into the street.

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve an extended unpaid leave for a Building Department employee seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance regarding regulation of Small Cell Wireless Facilities within the City seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion pertains to the aesthetics of the cell towers in the City. 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: Channel 4 programming in the community is ongoing.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**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*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date