

FEBRUARY 18, 2020
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>	
<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 4, 2020 & Public Hearing February 4, 2020.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending February 14, 2020.

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

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

Ayes: (6) Bylut, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor: The Mayor reported on the status of the vacant space formerly occupied by Dominicks at 127th and Ridgeland. The Mayor reported that he attended a recent meeting at the Library with residents to discuss the issue. The owner of the Jewel is the leaseholder of the space formerly occupied by Dominicks until 2022. The City has engaged the Jewel to discuss conditions under which the Jewel would relinquish its lease to the premises. The Mayor has met with mayors from other municipalities facing this issue in Geneva and Naperville. The Jewel is resistant to any large grocery store occupying the space because of the close proximity of the existing Jewel store at 127th and Harlem. Efforts in other municipalities facing this issue included subdividing the space between a number of non-grocery entities. The City has engaged in discussions with prospective developers to gauge interest in the location and those efforts are ongoing. The president of the Jewel contacted the City by way of correspondence indicating its willingness to engage in discussions regarding the future of the location.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: Delivered report for the month ending January, 2020 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$3,565,210.58

Revenues \$786,190.36

Expenses \$1,184,661.26

Other \$119,122.47

Ending cash balance \$3,047,617.21

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$17,982,303.70

Revenues \$1,470,254.11

Expenses \$1,605,985.71

Other \$509,265.81

Ending cash balance \$17,337,306.29

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*: Officer Carlson will report at the next committee meeting.

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

- Alderman Key moved to approve a payment of \$45,825.50 for the 2nd installment for 2019-20 membership contribution to the South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (6) Bylut, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*:

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the replacement of two 2000 GMC Pickup Trucks under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative with two new 2020 Chevrolet Silverado Trucks. Purchase to be made with Currie Motors Chevrolet in the amount of \$64,166.00 seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

Ayes: (6) Bylut, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,

McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski reported on the 14 winter events resulting in 350 tons of salt applied at approximately 30 tons applied per event.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: No Report

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 - No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan stated on steps the City can take regarding the Dominick's property and potential incentives the City can offer to prospective developers including 7(b) tax incentives.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

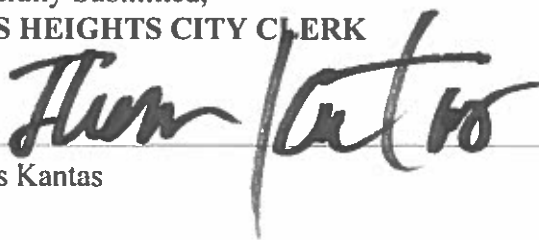
None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas



Date