

MARCH 1, 2022

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

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - February 15, 2022
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending February 25, 2022.

- Approval of a Special Event Permit request from the Parks & Recreation Department to conduct their annual Chocolate Chase 5K on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the designated race route.

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

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor: The Mayor reported on the end of the covid mask mandate and thanked the residents for their endurance during the pandemic along with employees at the City who likewise endeavored to continue city services during the pandemic. The Mayor congratulated Kendall Coyne for her success in the Olympics. The Mayor urged residents to contribute to the two Ukrainian churches sponsoring donations to the citizens of Ukraine during the crisis.
- B. Clerk: No Report
- C. Treasurer: No Report
- B. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Michael Higgins, 6209 Princeton Lane, requested an update on inquiries to IDOT regarding the speed limit on Route 83. The Mayor advised that IDOT has conducted a study and that the City will share the findings. Mr. Higgins also requested that IDOT address the turning lane into his subdivision.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported that mailbox thefts are on the rise and to exercise caution. Alderman Basso recommended that residents utilize a Knox Box which is a security box on your home with the key that can be utilized in times of emergency.

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

- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd for professional services for the CalSag Trail (at Lake Katherine) from September 21, 2021 to January 29, 2022 in the amount of \$17,501.32 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd for Lake Katherine Nature Center Environmental Site Assessment for the month of January in the amount of \$4,937.13 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to award the 2022 Tree Removal, Trimming, & Stump Grinding bid to Homer Tree Care in the amount of \$41,250.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to award the bid was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern:*

- Alderman McGovern moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance allowing a 5-foot non-privacy fence on a corner lot to extend beyond the front building line along Comanche Drive, specifically twenty-three (23) feet beyond the building line at the northerly property line, and seven (7) feet beyond the building line at the western-most corner of the house, and connecting between these two points in a general straight line for the single-family residential home located at 7358 Pueblo Lane, which approval and variance is contingent upon the applicant submitting, and the Building Commissioner approving at his sole discretion, a landscaping plan that appropriately screens the fence, and preserves the character of the neighborhood. PIN: 23-36-216-023-0000. seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman McGovern moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance allowing a seven (7) foot Side Yard Setback, in lieu of the required ten (10) foot Side Yard Setback along the westerly property line, which variance is limited to the distance of the length of the proposed addition to the principal residential building located at 12740 S Palos Avenue. PIN: 23-36-204-011-0000. seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key:*

- Alderman Key moved to to approve an Ordinance to sell on i-Bid the “pontoon boat” as surplus equipment seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

F. Roads and Construction - Chairperson Alderman Clifford- No report.

G. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski: Reminded the public that his committee will conduct a public hearing on March 7th at 7pm in the Orchard Room to consider video gaming in the City.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to award The Menominee Sanitary Lift Station Rehabilitation to Integral Construction Inc. in the amount of \$453,200.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to award the bid was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with the 2022 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LEAK SURVEY by ME Simpson in the amount of \$15,275.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with the 2022 HYDRANT FLOW TESTING by ME Simpson in the amount of \$16,960.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the purchase of a hydraulic powerhead saw for the purpose of cutting water main piping and concrete piping in the amount of \$11,865.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the painting of 230 hydrants by Giant Maintenance & Restoration in the amount of \$19,090.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. Alderman Basso inquired as to the duration of the project. Alderman Bylut indicated that the project is to be completed in phases. Alderman Bylut explained that the process is more extensive and will last longer.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the 2nd payment for Lindahl Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$59,865.30 for the 123rd Street Water Main seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services in the month of January in the amount of \$5,229.95. Services included: GIS assistance and on-call sewer system services. seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve engineering services for design and construction of the 2022 Sewer Rehab Program in the amount not to exceed \$63,700.00 with RJN Group seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the 2022 On-Call Engineering Services with RJN Group not to exceed \$20,000.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with Engineering Services with Strand Associates, Inc. for the lining of 16- inch Water Main on College Drive from South Austin Ave to South Menard Ave in the amount of \$54,000.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Strand Associates for professional engineering services in the month of December in the amount of \$14,212.59. Services included: Water capital projects prioritization and Emergency Response Plan development seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut reported that the services undertaken by Strand Associates is part of a ten year plan which prioritizes the most urgent needs in a phased in approach. Alderman McGrogan stated that this approach will be cost effective long term.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - No Report
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Reported that Channel 4 last month undertook 110 hours of programming and commended the personnel at Channel 4 for their fine efforts.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

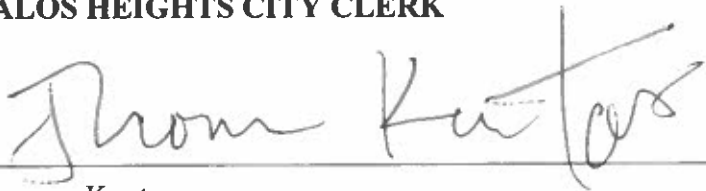
None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

Date