



MARCH 2, 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>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, February 16, 2021
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending February 26, 2021.
- Approval of a Special Event Permit request from the Parks & Recreation Department to

conduct their annual Chocolate Chase 5K on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 8 a.m. to noon on the designated race route.

- Approval for Palos South Middle School to put green ribbons on the light poles on Harlem Avenue for “Say Something” Week – March 2-5, 2021.

Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Clifford. 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 the status of vaccine distribution and weekly meeting with the Covid Task Force regarding improved distribution efforts. The Mayor urged residents to be persistent in scheduling appointments and to contact multiple providers in attempting to secure appointments. The Mayor met with the new president of Palos Hospital and there are vaccinations conducted at the hospital as well. Covid metrics are improving but the Mayor cautioned residents to remain vigilant.

B. Clerk: No report

C. Treasurer: No report

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Mike Coogan (123 Augusta Lane) thanked the City for its efforts during the pandemic. Mr. Coogan spoke in support of United Trust Bank’s request to expand its space on Harlem. Finally, Mr. Coogan spoke in support of a more flexible zoning policies to allow medical and other service providers to occupy vacant commercial space.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*:

- Alderman McGovern moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance updating Section 71.070 of the city code “Driver and Passenger Required to Use Safety Belts” seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman McGrogan urged residents to be alert to carjacking and other vehicle crimes which have increased in surrounding municipalities.
- Altered residents to upcoming area code changes taking place.

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

- Alderman Basso moved to approve a Resolution authorizing a power supply agreement from the winning bidder through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative on March 3, 2021 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Resolution 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 approval to participate in a joint bid with the Village of Homewood and Orland Park for tree removal and trimming seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for a zoning variance to allow a front yard fence to extend four (4) feet beyond the front building line of the home, and two (2) feet into the front yard setback along 125th Street for this corner single-family residential home located at 12512 S Melvina Avenue seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to waive the rules to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt the Ordinance for a zoning variance to allow a front yard fence to extend four (4) feet beyond the front building line of the home, and two (2) feet into the front yard setback along 125th Street for this corner single-family residential home located at 12512 S Melvina Avenue seconded by Alderman Key.

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.

- Alderman Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to allow a B-1 use to operate within an existing structure within a B District, specifically the mortgage lending division of United Trust Bank to operate within the south 6,000 square feet of the existing building located at 12330 S Harlem Avenue (formerly occupied by Mona Lisa), and contained within the following PIN: 23-25-409-006-0000 with an annual fee of \$5,000.00 for the expansion of the additional 6,000 square feet and a 2% escalation seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: No Report

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: No Report

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt an Ordinance amending small wireless facilities to provide for design standards seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve Request to post bids for the 2021 Clean and CCTV Sewer Program seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve proceeding with the 2021 hydrant flow testing by ME Simpson in the amount of \$16,320.00 seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call, the motion to approve the test 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 2021 valve exercising program by ME Simpson in the amount of \$19,824.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the program 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 repair of an existing altitude valve at the Route 83 pump station by Dorner Company in the amount of \$7,014.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the repair 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 on the Adopt A Pot Program as sponsored by the Beautification Committee and urged residents to participate in the program by sponsoring a pot which adds a significant visual benefit to the business district and other areas in the City.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman Basso alerted residents to an errant request from the County requesting a photo of vaccination records and not to respond to the message. Alderman Basso also read a letter to the Chicago Tribune from a citizen expressing frustration obtaining the vaccine. Alderman Basso also inquired on General Iron possibly relocating to the southwest suburbs. The Mayor indicated that the Southwest Conference of Mayors does not include the area where General Iron is currently located but will follow up on the inquiry. Alderman McGrogan remarked on the letter to the Chicago Tribune regarding the difficulty of obtaining the vaccination. The Mayor indicated that testing is still for individuals with 1A or 1B status and has not opened to 1C.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Clifford asked residents to message him with street repair requests.

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 3.16.21
Thomas Kantas Date