



MARCH 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

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, March 2, 2021.
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending March 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: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor reported on his State of the City address and developments with the Covid Taskforce which met last week with the Governor's staff focusing on moving from Phase IV to Phase V. Phase V planning is underway and will be announced by the Governor which will allow for modified capacity for outdoor events and indoor dining. The Mayor reported that anticipated summer programming will proceed including 4th of July events, the concert series and classic car show.

B. Clerk: No report

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

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$2,411,119
Revenues \$1,171,647
Expenses \$818,692
Other \$10,796
Ending cash balance \$2,774,870

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$17,537,576
Revenues \$1,931,744
Expenses \$1,320,654
Other \$258,807
Ending cash balance \$17,889,860

Alderman Clifford 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*: Reported on the status of city finances noting that the City currently has just under 18 million dollars in assets for day to day operations. These funds are used to manage the City on a daily basis and are reported upon each month. All expenditures are accounted for and reported by the City.

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*:

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an Ordinance updating Section 71.070 of the city code “Driver and Passenger Required to Use Safety Belts” seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an Ordinance granting a B-1 Special Use within a “B”†District at 12330 S. Harlem Avenue, United Trust Bank seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key:*

- Alderman Key moved to approve the hire of Sertoma Centre, Inc. for general cleaning of 4 washrooms in Community Park from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$5,950.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Experimental Station, to ensure compliance with the USDA/GusNIP Grant for the Farmers Market Link Program seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Palos Heights School District 128 to use Independence Junior High School facilities for the Summer Day Camp Program. There is no financial obligation attached to this agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a Resolution for Construction on State Highways for years 2021 and 2022 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve an Engineering Agreement with Morris Engineering for construction engineering on the 123rd Street Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$175,151.83 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with IDOT for the 123rd Street Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$1,838,564.00 and accept the low bidder of Lindahl Brothers seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the posting of the 2021 MFT Road Program out for bid seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Announced that IDOT conducted a preconstruction meeting for the Harlem avenue repaving project from 159th to 111th Street. Crosswalk work will begin on April 1st and asphalt patching will begin on April 12th. Roadway resurfacing will begin in early May and will be completed 2 miles at a time. Harlem will be

clear for the 4th of July.

- Announced that including the 123rd Project in excess of 20 million dollars in funding has been overseen by the Roads and Construction Committee for road improvements.

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

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$152,204.00 for the purchase of the 2020 Ford Super Duty F59 Custom Step Van. (The purchase was approved during the 02/04/2020 council meeting under Item 18.) seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key: No Report

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman Basso inquired on the status of General Iron's planned relocation. The Mayor indicated that the move is the subject of a federal lawsuit.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman McGrogan stated that the proposed roads improvement in the City includes Winnabago from Manitoba to Ishnala Drive, a portion of 71st Court east of Harlem. The Mayor indicated that the improvement will be posted on the City website.
- Alderman Clifford reported on recent bonds issuance that have been satisfied by the City, and ongoing road improvement programs, decreased City health care costs and improved recreational offering.

- Alderman Basso thanked the police department for assistance to residents seeking to acquire the vaccine; thanked channel 4 for their excellent programming and inquired if the City could issue a newsletter that could be delivered electronically. The Mayor indicated that such a newsletter is currently delivered in that format to interested residents.
- Alderman McGrogan inquired if Palos Hospital can provide statistics on vaccine distribution or if the City could disseminate information on vaccine distribution.
- The Mayor indicated the next City Council meeting will be cancelled due to the election.
- Alderman Key stated that the City website offers a sign up for residents notification which includes updates from City entities including the police department, library, the hospital, Trinity and Lake Katherine.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 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 4.21.21
Thomas Kantas Date