

APRIL 7, 2020
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**PLEASE NOTE: CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDED THIS MEETING
ELECTRONICALLY**

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> Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
<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, March 3, 2020
- B. Approval of Payroll for March 12, 2020 and March 26, 2020 and Voucher List for the periods ending March 13, 2020 and April 3, 2020.

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

- The Mayor requested a motion to grant Permission for the Public Works Director to open bids for the Ground Level Reservoir Rehabilitation Project. Alderman Kramarksi moved to authorize the Director to take said action seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- Thanked City and Hospital workers for their service. Indicated that the Palos Hospital has capacity for patients and has sufficient equipment to treat patients.
- Proposed the approval of COVID-19 action items discussed in the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting which allows for residents to receive one of the following: 1. two vehicle stickers; 2. 30 Metra Tokens; 3. \$100.00 voucher for Recreation Department programs if a receipt for \$100.00 spent at a local retail business or restaurant is tendered to the City by July 1, 2020. The Mayor also added that neither water penalties nor shut offs would occur during the shelter in place order. Alderman Basso moved to approve the measure seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: Delivered report for the month ending March 31, 2020 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$3,437,083.22
Revenues \$2,059,735.05
Expenses \$801,205.34
Other \$15,133.41
Ending cash balance \$3,681,488.72

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$17,683,553.66
Revenues \$3,426,075.81
Expenses \$1,512,370.20
Other \$107,839.40

Ending cash balance \$19,489,419.87

Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Delivered report for the month ending as follows:

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 that the southwest quadrant of the City will be re-assessed.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Urged residents to adhere to social distancing protocols. The police will take low priority calls over the phone.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*:
- Alderman Basso moved to approve a contract with CNC Lawn Care for maintenance of the Harlem Avenue berms and medians, Ridgeland Avenue berms, and the Art Park in the amount of \$2,775.00/month (April 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020) totaling \$19,425 seconded by Alderman Clifford.
 - Alderman Basso moved to amend the contract to provide for month to month service and payments. Mr. Nisivac indicated that he could approach the provider about revising the contract to provide for month to month service. Alderman Kramarski indicated that the contract provides for month to month service. Mr. Nisavic indicated the contract could be resubmitted. Alderman Basso indicated that yard waste will not be picked up nor will items not in the receptacles.
 - Alderman Bylut asked for a roll call on the motion to approve the contract which was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:

- Alderman Key moved to approve awarding the Palmer Park Redevelopment project to Integral Construction in the amount of \$675,551.00 –subject to budget review upon issuance of return to work order seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman Key indicated that a grant was obtained to partially cover the cost of the redevelopment.

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

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve entering into an agreement with Tivity Health and the Silver Sneakers program for the purpose of providing qualifying members discounted fitness center memberships seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman Key indicated that this program applies to senior citizens and has been the subject of resident requests for a number of years. On voice vote, the motion carried.
- Alderman Key moved to approve the hire of Upland Design in the amount of \$14,660.00 to provide professional services and OSLAD Grant preparation to the City of Palos Heights for the landscape architecture development of the Orchard Park master plan –subject to budget review upon issuance of return to work order seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the hire of Charles Vincent George Architects in the amount of \$23,000.00 to provide professional services to the City of Palos Heights for the architecture redevelopment of the Orchard Park barn/garage –subject to budget review upon issuance of return to work order seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the Engineer’s 5th Payment Estimate for Country Landscape & Supply in the amount of \$5,857.19 for work completed on the Pool Deck project seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve awarding the 2020 MFT Resurfacing program to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for \$429,994.38 seconded by Alderman Clifford. Alderman Kramarski stated that because of petroleum prices this is an ideal time to approve the program. Alderman Basso stated that the roads are not hazard to residents and opposes the measure. The Mayor stated that these MFT funds must be expended.

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

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve that the current Spectrum construction performance bond be replaced with a 15 month maintenance bond seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- 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 - Recognized City efforts to support local businesses and the community for supporting local businesses.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported - Reported that Channel 4 is in the process of obtaining new equipment to replace obsolete equipment; Channel 4 is temporarily suspending operations during the pandemic.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Basso requested updates on businesses which are still open and statistics at the Hospital and the region.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan inquired on the issuance of new cell towers. The Mayor stated that no new cell towers are under consideration.

Alderman Key stated that he supports review of licensing, particularly liquor licensing, to support local businesses.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

5.18.20

Thomas Kantas

Date

*by Margaret Carey
Deputy City Clerk*