

APRIL 16, 2019
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:

Mayor	Robert Straz	Ward 1	Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
City Clerk	Thomas Kantas	Ward 2	Robert Basso
City Treasurer	James Daemicke	Ward 3	Dolores Kramarski & Alan Fulkerson
City Attorney	Tom Brown	Ward 4	Michael McGovern & Jerry McGovern

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The Mayor presented a Recognition and Proclamation congratulating Alderman Fulkerson on his retirement after serving the City as Ward 3 Alderman for 22 years. The Mayor and members of the City Council expressed well-wishes and gratitude to Alderman Fulkerson for his many years of dedicated service the City. Alderman Fulkerson reflected on his years of public service and wished the City well in its future endeavors.
- The Mayor presented a Proclamation congratulating Dr. Michael Lynch on his retirement after 25 years serving on the Board of Palos Heights Elementary School District 128.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting, March 19, 2019
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending April 12, 2019.
- C. Approval of a request from St. Alexander School to conduct their annual 5K Raider Run/Walk on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m. on a designated route in the Olde

Palos and Navajo Hills subdivisions.

D. Approval of a request from Richard's Bicycles to conduct a Tent Sale from May 18-27, 2019.

E. Approval of a request from Richard's Bicycles to conduct an Ebike event on July 13-14 and August 17-18, 2019.

F. Approval of a request from Misericordia to conduct their annual Candy Days fundraiser in the City of Palos Heights on Friday, April 26 and Saturday April 27.

Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the above items on the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- Thanked Public Works for their efforts during the recent unexpected snow storm.
- Requested a motion to approve an Ordinance correcting the City Code to reflect the number of Liquor Licenses currently issued. Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the ordinance seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Requested a motion to approve the Mayor's re-appointments of the following: Pat

Scully, Planning & Zoning Commission, 5-year term John Sexton, Police & Fire Commission, 3-year term Charles Doerr, Police & Fire Commission, 3-year term Matt Hunt, Police Pension Board, 2-year term, Denise Hyker, Recreation Advisory Board, 5-year term Lynda Schiappa, Recreation Advisory Board, 5-year term.

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the appointments seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Requested a motion to pass a resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close a portion of Harlem Avenue on Wednesday, July 4, 2019 for the Annual 4th of July Parade between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Alderman Key moved to pass the resolution seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: Announced the following:

- A public hearing has been scheduled before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a petition for a zoning variance to allow a 6-foot, 6-inch side yard setback to allow the construction of a garage at 12200 S. 69th Avenue, John Evans, petitioner. Docket #2019-02.
- A public hearing has been scheduled before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a petition for a zoning variance to allow a 7-foot yard setback to allow the construction of an oversized detached garage (1,200 square feet) at 12554 S. 76th Avenue, John Sokolowski, petitioner. Docket #2019-03.

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2019 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$2,910,874.92

Revenues \$2,059,891.55

Expenses \$901,921.01

Other \$18,261.64

Ending cash balance \$4,050,583.82

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$15,805,757.19

Revenues \$3,394,758.94

Expenses \$1,702,370.21

Other \$76,207.98

Ending cash balance \$17,421,937.94

Alderman Fulkerson 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

- Alderman Kramarski reported on the construction the Cal Sag Bridge and urged residents to use caution.
- Alderman McGrogan delivered a letter from Ms. Dekarnay (sp) regarding the successful clean-up day in Palos Heights and thanked the volunteers and City personnel who assisted in the effort.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report

B. Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso:

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the purchase of an algae/chara maintenance program for Lake Katherine from McCloud Aquatics in the amount of \$9,860.00 seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the purchase of lawn service and vegetation control from TruGreen in the amount of \$15,278.59 seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,

McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the Motor Vehicle Maintenance Department through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$32,673.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford: No Report
- E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on the annual Chocolate Chase 5K taking place this Saturday.
- F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:
 - Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a Resolution establishing prevailing wage rates on Public Works contracts seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a payment to IDOT in the amount of \$13,086.75 for the Ridgeland Avenue project seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- The Mayor and Alderman Kramarski discussed the Arrowhead Lake groundbreaking for the flood control project.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan: No Report

H. Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Bylut: No Report

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on the upcoming efforts of the Beautification Committee and that interested residents who would like to adopt a pot should contact City Hall with the planting to take place on 5/18.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: Alderman Fulkerson reported on the incredible success of Channel 4 which has taken place over the many years and thanked the dedicated volunteers who allow for the excellent programming to take place. Alderman Fulkerson urged anyone interested in Channel 4 to volunteer.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

Date