



MAY 2, 2023

**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>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor read the Official Certificate of results of the Consolidated Election held on April 4, 2023:

Alderman Ward 1, Jeffrey M. Key - 309 Votes

Alderman Ward 2, Robert Basso - 231 Votes

Alderman Ward 3, Brent Lewandowski - 285 Votes

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting – April 18, 2023

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending April 28, 2023.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor: Discussed the structure of distribution of state income tax to local municipalities. The statute provides for a 10% distribution but that amount has not been realized in recent years. The receipt has been approximately 6%. The City has been requesting that the legislature distribute the 10% to the municipalities and will follow up on those efforts because the reduction costs the City approximately \$800,000.00 in lost revenues. Additionally, the City is responsible to pay for unfounded mandates imposed by the state legislature. Efforts will be ongoing to recover the lost revenues from the state. The Mayor delivered a Proclamation announcing the month of May, 2023, as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

- B. Clerk: No Report

- C. Treasurer: No Report
- 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*: No Report
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Delivered a message from the Police Department that Greg Castor has announced his retirement and recounted his many commendations during his service.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*:
 - Alderwoman Begley moved to approve the purchase of Holiday Outdoor Décor for Harlem Ave decorations in the amount of \$8,840.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Farmers Market will begin in two weeks in the Municipal Parking Lot.
- F. Roads and Construction - *Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Announced that the road dedication to Alderman Kramarski will take place on May 27, 2023 at Noon. Alderman Clifford stated that private traffic control signs are not permitted.

G. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski: Thanked the City for its assistance during the Palos Power and PBO opening day parade.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve partial payment to Integral Construction Inc. in the amount of \$39,348.00 for the Menominee Lift Station Rehabilitation project seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to award the West College Drive Water Main Lining project to Airy's, Inc. for their lowest bid in the amount of \$975,000.00 seconded by Alderman Key. Alderman Bylut noted that as a part of the City's ten year plan this is a significant project.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve purchase of a 2023 F-250 4x4 SD Regular cab 8' box 142" WB SRW XL (52B) vehicle in the amount of \$65,677.00. Purchase to be made utilizing the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for Vehicles seconded by Alderman Clifford

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to National Power Rodding Corp. for the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation Program that was completed in February and March of 2023 in the amount of \$215,602.52 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to go out for bid for the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Program seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Bylut moved to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Palos Heights to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes

Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment for professional services with RJN Group for the 2022 & 2023 Sewer Rehab Design and Construction, On-Call Underground Infrastructure Services, and for the GIS Services rendering through March 31st, 2023 in the amount of \$46,972.78 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve an agreement for construction engineering services with Strand Associates for the College Drive Water Main Lining Project in the amount of \$35,000.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderwoman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGovern	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve additional construction engineering services with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, Inc. for the Menominee Lift Station Rehabilitation in

the lump sum amount of \$5,775.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman	Basso	Yes
Alderman	Begley	Yes
Alderman	Bylut	Yes
Alderman	Clifford	Yes
Alderman	Key	Yes
Alderman	Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman	McGovern	Yes
Alderman	McGrogan	Yes

With eight 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

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk swore in in the Newly Elected Officials: 1st Ward Alderman Jeffrey M. Key, 2nd Ward Alderman Robert Basso, 3rd Ward Alderman Brent Lewandowski, 4th Ward Alderman Michael T. McGrogan

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

Date