



MAY 4, 2021

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**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>	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, April 20, 2021.
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending April 30, 2021.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski, McGovern  
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:**

- Announced that City Hall has reopened to the public. The City is planning a Memorial Day commemoration ceremony on May 31st at 11 am at the memorial in front of City Hall. Planning is underway for anticipated 4th of July events in the City with the Illinois Department of Public Health making preparations to enter Phase V in the near future.
- The Mayor requested the passage of a Proclamation announcing the month of May, 2021 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Alderman McGovern moved to pass the proclamation seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor recognized Alderman Kramarski for her 21 years of service on the City Council and for her contributions to the City particularly her work on the roads program.

**B. Clerk:**

- Read of the Official Certificate of Results for the Consolidated Election held on April 6, 2021 as follows:

Mayor, Robert Straz — 1,771 Votes  
City Clerk, Thomas Kantas — 1,711 Votes  
Treasurer, James Daemicke — 1,118 Votes  
Alderman Ward 1, Donald Bylut – 283 Votes  
Alderman Ward 2, Jack Clifford – 262 Votes  
Alderman Ward 3, Heather Begley – 332 Votes  
Alderman Ward 4, Jerry McGovern — 457 Votes

**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 McGovern*: Reported that members of the police department successfully participated in the apprehension and prosecution of a robbery suspect.

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

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the joint bid results for tree maintenance services: 1.) Winkler – sectional trimming, spot trimming and emergency removal, and 2.) Homer – Tree removal & stump removal seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Announced assignments of committee chairpersons.

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

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: Alderman Clifford announced that public works is conducting shoulder work on 127th East of 76th Avenue and the response to a recent water main break.

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

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve posting for bid the 123rd Street Water main Improvement project between Harlem Avenue and 72nd Court seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Bylut moved to approve awarding the 2021 Clean and CCTV Program to Sewertech LLC in the amount of \$109,135 seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve Final Payment to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc. for the College Drive 1 MG Ground Level Reservoir Rehabilitation in the amount of \$47,895.00 seconded by Alderman Basso.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve engineering services for the 2 MG Reservoir Rehabilitation at the 80th Avenue Pump Station with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) in the amount not to exceed \$82,460 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve a proposal from Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) for the Menominee Lift Station Rehabilitation

project in the amount not to exceed \$39,500 for Design Engineering and \$12,125.00 for Construction Services seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve Payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services rendered in the months of February and March in the amount of \$22,234.43 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key reported that on 5/12 the Farmers Market will begin continuing until October, the Adopt a Pot Program is underway and that on 5/15 planning will take place.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern: Programming for new business openings in the City is ongoing and urged interested residents to volunteer.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Judge Christopher Lawler administered the oaths to the newly elected City officials: Mayor Robert Straz, City Clerk Thomas Kantas, Treasurer James Daemicke, 1st Ward Alderman Donald Bulut, 2nd Ward Alderman Jack Clifford, 3rd Ward Alderman Heather Begley, 4th Ward Alderman Jerry McGovern.

**XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS**

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Key moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**XVI. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the appointment of a City Administrator seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote/

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the appointment of David Strohl as City Administrator. Alderman Bylut moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 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* 5-19-21  
Thomas Kantas Date