

MAY 12, 2020
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>	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 April 7, 2020.
- B. Approval of Payroll for the period ending April 9, 2020 & April April 23, 2020 and Voucher List for the period ending May 6, 2020.

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

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

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- Reported on the City's program regarding local business incentives offered during the pandemic. The online response to the advertising has been positive. The results of the program will be evident upon redemption of receipts to claim the incentives offered.
- Requested a motion to increase Class A Liquor License by one - Applicant Roof Top Tap, LLC. The applicant, Frank Costa, appeared at the meeting to field any questions from the City Council. Mr. Costa addressed the City Council providing an overview of the proposed business. The operation will be run in essentially the same way Zak's Tap had been operated. The rooftop will be open weather permitting with music ending in the evening around 11:00 p.m. The menu will be the same. Mr. Costa stated that the business will sponsor local teams and will offer the facility to clubs for meeting use. There will not be live entertainment during the evenings on the rooftop. Alderman Clifford asked about hours of operation and the applicant's commitment to being a good neighbor to the residents. Alderman Clifford asked if applicant will close at midnight and when the music will stop. The only music will be from a dj indoors finishing at 11:00 p.m. There will not be live music on the roof and all music will end at 11:00 p.m. Alderman Clifford reiterated that the music be turned off or down at a reasonable time and respect the neighbors.
- Alderman Kramarki moved to increase the liquor license by one seconded by Adlerman Bylut. On roll call, the motion to approve the license was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: No Report

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Clifford advised that Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is seeking donations for children if there are any interested parties.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: Reported that Cook County tax bill due dates may be extended. The Mayor indicated that the dates may remain by penalties may be waived.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Alderman McGovern moved to draft a surplus property ordinance for certain police vehicles seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported that chipper service is back on its regular schedule.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: No Report.
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:
 - Alderman Key moved to approve discretionary leave per policy to recreation department employee for leave utilizing any vacation and sick time accrued and available and the remainder to be unpaid not exceed 12 weeks seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve landscape service agreement with Zenere Landscaping for services provided on the landscape areas around the Recreation center for up to 8 months at \$525 per month seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve agreement with Zenere Landscaping to provide maintenance for several park areas through the 2020 season at a cost of \$3,900.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement 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*: Reported on a virtual Roads Program Reconstruction meeting on April 22nd attending by representatives from Linhal Construction, Morris Engineering, and the Public Works Director. Road Construction will commence on or before June 1st. Residents will be notified in writing by mail. For a list of street please check the City website.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: No Report
- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*:
- Alderman Bylut moved to approve award of contract to Era Valdivia for painting of Route 83 - one million gallon water storage tank - in the amount of \$451,700.00 which includes the base bid of \$423,400.00 and the tank mixer alternate of \$28,300.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford. Alderman Bylut noted that some of the work can be completed by the City substantially reducing the cost.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve purchase of Beehive Industries Asset Management Software totaling \$38,400.00 with an annual licenses and maintenance cost of \$12,000.00 beginning 12 months after commencement of the project seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the payment of RJN Group in the amount of \$17,089.90 for work completed on storm water sewer seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key reported that in conversations with local business owners the incentive program offered by the City has been well received. Some restaurants who rely on alcohol sales have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic. Alderman Key urged the City to consider some relief with respect to liquor licensing fees to assist business owners faced with this predicament.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported - No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Bylut suggested the City craft an opening plan allowing restaurants to

offer increased outdoor seating to accommodate outdoor dining customers possibly in parking lot areas. Such a plan would adhere to any social distancing measures necessary to ensure safety.

- Alderman Kramarski suggested the restaurants participate in a collaborative effort to utilize parking lots to facilitate outdoor dining.
- The Mayor and Alderman Bylut indicated that the available parking lots are sufficient to accommodate such a proposal.
- Alderman McGrogan requested a status of the Dominick's property.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

Date