



MAY 18, 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 & Heather Begley
<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 May 4, 2021.

B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending May 14, 2021.

Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

123rd Street Watermain Project

Bidder	Amount	Bond / Insurance Included
Airy's Inc.	\$163,659.00	Yes
Lindal Brothers	\$117,667.60	Yes
Sheridan Plumbing	\$165,569.00	Yes
Copenhaver Construction	\$134,977.00	Yes

- Alderman Bylut moved to refer the bids to committee for consideration seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

A. Mayor: Reported on the openings of three new businesses opening in the City with an additional three to open in the upcoming weeks. The State of Illinois has entered the "Bridge" Phase of covid which will continue for the next three weeks. All covid related information will be posted on the City website. On 6/11 Phase V is expected to begin in Illinois and that phase will initiate the return of regular activity in the state. Vehicle stickers are available for purchase at City Hall. Sticker applications will be mailed to the residents who can purchase stickers online as well. The Mayor introduced the new incoming City Administrator, David Strohl, to the City Council and invited him to share his remarks. Mr. Strohl addressed the City Council and introduced himself and shared his background information with the City. The Mayor announced that Carl Germany and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The Motion requested a Resolution to Oppose SB2298 Amending the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No report

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending April, 2021.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$3,857,351  
Revenues \$901,152  
Expenses \$854,775  
Other \$3,566  
Ending cash balance \$3,907,295

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$19,860,462  
Revenues \$1,590,975  
Expenses \$1,538,475  
Other \$49,541  
Ending cash balance \$19,962,503

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

D. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman McGrogan commended Dan Nisivac for his years of valuable service to the City. The Mayor remarked that Mr. Nisivac has agreed to assist during the transition to the incoming city administrator and likewise commended him for his service to the City.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a revision to the Personnel Policy, Section 5.3 Drug and Alcohol Policy seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a revision to the Personnel Policy, Email and Electronic Communications Policy seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. Alderman Lewandowski inquired regarding when the personnel policy is subject to review. Alderman McGrogan stated that the policy is reviewed for consistency with any new state legislation as well as at periodic intervals. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman McGrogan stated that City funding is earmarked for infrastructure improvement such as pipes for stormwater.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: No Report
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:
  - Alderman Key moved to approve payment to McCloud Aquatics in the amount of \$10,155.77 for algae treatment and inspections of Lake Katherine seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve Payment #5 and Final to Integral Construction in the amount of \$15,222.35 for work completed on the Palmer Park project seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to Vermont Systems in the amount of \$4,444.00 for two new receipt printers for the Recreation Center, a new membership card printer, and a new card printer for the pool seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the annual Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the PACE Vehicle Program Agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve July 3rd and 4th schedule and plan for events and parade seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve current proposal for 2021 Pool Operations seconded by Alderman Bylut. Pool regulations will be consistent with state regulations and will be modified to incorporate any changes accordingly. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve updated summer hours of operation for the Recreation Center beginning Saturday, June 5 through Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). Hours will be Monday-Friday 5:30 AM-9:00 PM, Saturdays 7:30 AM-7:00 PM and Sundays 7:30 AM-5:00 PM seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Reported that the first concert in the park will take place June 10th sponsored by CNB Bank and that the first movie in the park will take place at Meyers Park on the 17th.

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve awarding the 2021 Road Program Resurfacing Section 21-00000-01-GM to M&J Asphalt Paving Co. for their low

bid of \$440,961.32 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. Alderman Clifford announced the streets in the City subject to the road resurfacing program and also noted that the information is available on the City website.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an IGA between the City of Palos Heights and the Village of Palos Park for reimbursement of road resurfacing outside the City limits on 123rd Place seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to to approve the commitment of \$2,000 to form and then manage the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) watershed group required by the Pollution Control Board seconded by Alderman Basso.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment of Morris Engineering invoices totaling \$22,451.06 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski:*  
Announced that vehicles stickers are now on sale.

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*: No report.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key thanked the chairs of the adopt a pot program and reported on last Saturday's planting day. The work was dedicated to the memory of Ed Dombrowski who devoted his time and energy to the program and encouraged interested residents to participate in the program. Alderman Key reported on the new businesses opening in town as well as the time and energy necessary to initiate a new business particularly during covid.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported on Channel 4 programming which totalled 852 hours during the last month focusing on City events as well as newly opening businesses in the City.

**CONFERENCE CALL WITH COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT**

Cook County Board President Preckwinkle called during the meeting to discuss developments taking place in the County. The Mayor discussed that Palos Heights is involved in an intergovernmental agreement with the County to renovate Ridgeland Avenue and remarked on the positive contributions on both sides to the agreement. Specifically, President Preckwinkle reported that the County is responsible for certain roadway in the County and is pleased that the parties were able to work together. President Preckwinkle reported that a balanced budget was passed by the County Board with certain priorities for covid related health care, criminal justice reform, mass transit and infrastructure. The County has focused on mass vaccinations during the last six months at the sites around the county including the site in Tinley Park to provide greater accessibility. The vaccination work continues in the County with the goal of vaccinating all eligible residents to reduce the spread of covid. As more residents become vaccinated the County will focus its efforts on economic recovery from the pandemic in the form of cash assistance, rental assistance, mortgage assistance and aid to small businesses. A portion of Cares Act funding will also go directly to municipalities. President Preckwinkle looks forward to a positive working relationship with Palos Heights which is bordered by unincorporated areas of the County. Alderman Lewandowski conveyed the gratitude of a self-employed constituent who received assistance by way of the Cook County Community Recovery fund.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Lewandowski inquired on the Memorial Day Ceremony which will take place at 11:00 am on Memorial Day.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Basso stated that House to Home, a local business, has remodeled and is offering art classes in the location as well.

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

Harlan Weivoda (7640 West 135th Street) addressed the City Council regarding his 34 resident subdivision that although residents of Palos Heights receive an Orland Park mailing address. Mr. Weivoda indicated that the roadways in the subdivision require attention from the City. He also discussed efforts to obtain a second zipcode to remedy the mailing address situation. Mr. Weivoda also discussed the school district's assignment of school children from the subdivision to the Palos West school and not the closer Palos East school.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XVI. 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  
Thomas Kantas Deputy City

6.7.21

Date