



JUNE 1, 2021

**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> Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 3</i> Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
		<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting May 18, 2021.
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending May 28, 2021.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman

Bylut. 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

- Nobe

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor: The Mayor reported on the well-attended recent Memorial Day ceremony at City Hall. The Governor is poised to announce the return to business as usual on June 11th regarding covid restrictions. City summer programming will be adjusted accordingly to reflect this fact. The CDC guidelines will remain but most normality will be restored pending the Governor's order. The Mayor reported that the local government distribution fund will not be reduced, which is the percentage of sales tax allotment due to local governments. Previously levels of funding will remain in place.
- B. Clerk: No report
- C. Treasurer: No Report
- D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Kathy Lovitt (11936 S. 74th Avenue) addressed the traffic signals at Route 83 and Southwest Highway noting that the Southwest Highway green light is not long enough to accommodate the amount of traffic in that direction. Ms. Lovitt spoke regarding the memory of her friend and Palos Heights resident Jane Carvey. Ms. Carvey was severely injured while riding a bicycle when she struck a stop block on the bike path. Ms. Carvey was an occupational therapist who struggled to overcome these incredible injuries and retained a positive outlook and disposition on life. Ms. Lovitt urged the City to take all steps necessary to seek the removal of these stop blocks to prevent further accidents. Ms. Carvey lived for over 20 years after her accident before passing away last October. Ms. Lovitt urged the City to replace these blocks with something safer.

Jim Murphy (12623 S. 75th Avenue) addressed a recent ordinance violation he received for construction that never occurred at his home. A month prior he was cited for boisterous music and received a citation by the mail. Notice of the violation was not provided and disputes the nature of the violation. Previous citations received included allegations of excess lighting and a trampoline and pergola cited by the building commissioner. Mr. Murphy stated that any construction will be done consistent with the applicable ordinances. Ms. Murphy also addressed the City Council stating that no construction has been undertaken at her home and that the citation was improper.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: Extended well-wishes to 2021 graduates and reported that a resident inquired regarding landscaping and maintenance in the Navajo subdivision which the City will address.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Reported that the pool opens on June 5th with reservations required at this time. The first concert in the park takes place on June 10th, the first movie in the park takes place on June 17th both events at Memorial Park.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Reported on ongoing construction on 123rd Street with gas lines, water mains and street construction to follow until October.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: Reminded residents to purchase vehicle stickers.
- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*:
 - Alderman Bylut moved to approve the hiring of Giant Maintenance and Restoration to paint 200 fire hydrants throughout the City in the amount of \$16,600.00 seconded by Alderman Key. Alderman McGrogan inquired if these were all the fire hydrants in the City. Alderman Bylut stated that these are not all of the fire hydrants in the City and that this method is more efficient and cost effective. Alderman Bylut stated that the City will assess the work when it is completed in order to determine if the balance of the fire hydrants in the City should be painted in this manner. Alderman Bylut stated that the fire hydrants will be sandblasted and refinished in order to properly conduct the work.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the 123rd Street Water Main project to Lindhal Brothers in the amount of \$117,667.60 seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the completion of a sewer repair in front of 6601 W. 127th Street with Suburban General Construction in the amount of \$13,385.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services in the month of April in the amount of \$5,507.50 seconded by Alderman Key.

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.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key reported that Farmers Market is ongoing Wednesday mornings in the municipal parking lot and urged residents to visit. Alderman Key urged residents to visit the City website in order to obtain information regarding community events and the business directory. Residents can also sign up to receive the City newsletter on the website as well which will include the various City and local events taking place.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported on live programming being conducted by Channel 4 including the Memorial Day ceremony.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 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 6.15.21
Thomas Kantas Date