

JUNE 2, 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 May 12, 2020.
- B. Approval of Payroll for the period ending May 7th and May 21st, 2020 and Voucher List for the periods ending May 15, 2020 and May 29, 2020.

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

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 that it was not necessary for the City to impose a curfew; the City has supplied additional police personnel as necessary; City events related to Independence Day, the Classic Car Show, movies in the park and the swimming pool have been cancelled because of COVID; the incentive program initiated by the City is ongoing has been positive. The Car Show event may be modified and plans for that are underway. Modifications to these cancellations may be made if the current pandemic subsides. Events such as fireworks or a parade honoring first responders during the pandemic are also under consideration. The decision to cancel these events was made taking into consideration the best interests of the health of the public.
- B. Clerk: Delivered emails received from residents regarding a break in the sewage drain line in Country Squire from the McGurk Family and a letter from the Kerry Funeral Home regarding recent flooding taking place on the property. The emails were disseminated to the appropriate personnel.
- C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending April, 2020 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,681,488.72
Revenues \$708,960.27
Expenses \$778,562.82
Other \$151,909.78
Ending cash balance \$4,459,976.39

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$19,489,419.87
Revenues \$1,339,316.68
Expenses \$1,368,561.29
Other \$106,950.02
Ending cash balance \$19,353,225.24

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

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Kramarski received an email from a resident regarding the Jewel and commending police efforts.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: None

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the City of Palos Heights seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Reported that future PUD and ZBA meetings are in the process of being scheduled.

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Reported that the Recreation Department is undertaking online programming and the Palmer Park redesign and reconstruction will be underway in the next week.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*: Alderman Kramarski moved to approve payment to Morris Engineering for professional services totaling \$20,572.48 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.

Reported that the Roads program is underway.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: Inquired on the procedural impact of a tie vote in committee meetings. The Mayor indicated he would address the issue for consideration at the next meeting. The City Attorney indicated that a tie should proceed to the entire City Council for consideration without a recommendation.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve continuation of the 2020 Water Distribution System Leak Survey Program with ME Simpson in the amount of \$12,675.00. seconded by Alderman Clifford. On roll call, the motion to approve the program 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 continuation of the 2020 Valve Exercising Program with ME Simpson in the amount of \$19,975.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford. On roll call, the motion to approve the program 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 installation of new 6” pressure reducing valve on 128th and Harlem with Genco Industries in the amount of \$15,550.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford. On roll call, the motion to approve the expenditure 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 payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services rendered in the month of April through May, 2020 totaling \$18,275.00 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.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve an agreement with Strand Associates for the Route 83 Tank Rehabilitation construction inspection in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00 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 the City incentive program has received broad support from residents and business owners alike. Encouraged residents to shop locally to support businesses during the pandemic. Farmers Market begins on June 17th.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - No Report

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 7:38 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

Date