



JUNE 15, 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
<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

The Mayor and the City Council recognized Steven A. Rhodes for his 30 years of service to the City of Palos Heights.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting June 1, 2021.
- B Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending June 11, 2021.

- C. Motion to approve a request for a Special Event permit from St. Spyridon Orthodox Church to conduct their annual Greek Fest on July 10, 2021.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman McGovern. On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (7) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Clifford, 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: The Mayor reported that the City has entered Phase V regarding covid and thanked the residents and city personnel for their perseverance during the pandemic. Moving forward the City will host a movie in the park this Thursday with the Library, pool and Rec Center all open. The CDC guidelines regarding masks and the unvaccinated are still in effect. Sno Daze Tropical Sno is now open on Harlem Avenue and recognized businesses who have recently opened.

B. Clerk: No report

C. Treasurer:

B. Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending May, 2021.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$3,907,295

Revenues \$927,935

Expenses \$822,995

Other \$2,043

Ending cash balance \$4,010,192

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$19,962,503

Revenues \$1,806,231

Expenses \$2,187,893

Other \$129,636

Ending cash balance \$19,451,204

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman

McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- D. City Attorney: Reported that the City recently received the deed for the property located on Cypress Lane involved in the drainage project and can move forward with the contract with the MWRD.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the adjustment of IMET Liquidating Trust balance seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the City Hall copier lease agreement with Xerox Financial Services LLC at a cost of \$344.25 per month for 60 months seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the Third Amendment to the Verizon tower lease agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on recommendations from the police department to use caution and lock doors to their residences and cars, keep residence doorways lit and front doors dead bolted, keep garage doors closed at all times, do not leave valuable in plain sight and keeps records of valuables in a safe location, suspend mail service while out of town, secure sliding doors with security bar, install motion detectors, and call 911 for unknown visitors. Alderman McGrogan reiterated to use caution while at the gas station as well.

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

- Alderman Begley moved to adopt an Ordinance declaring the following Public Works vehicles as surplus and to sell on i-Bid: 1979 Chevy Step Van, 2000 GMC 2500 Pick-up, 1996 Ford F-250, 2-2003 International Dump Trucks seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report

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

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute 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 Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to waive the rules to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous

voice vote.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to draft a “Statement of Need” to IDOT for the Audible Pedestrian Crossing project at 123rd Street and Harlem Avenue seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call, the motion to draft the statement was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford reported that 123rd Street construction continues and to use caution, standing water between Ridgeland and Harlem is being addressed with MWRD identifying a family of beaver contributing to the water.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski:*

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve a permanent sign request for Seva Brands at 11849 Southwest Highway seconded by Alderman McGovern. Alderman McGovern inquired regarding the specific size of the proposed sign. Alderman Lewandowski stated that the variance allowed will be six inches in excess of that permitted by ordinance.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve a variation for a Stair Lift for Chicago Christian High School at 12001 S Oak Park Avenue seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*: Reported that the next committee meeting will be cancelled.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: No Report

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported on a new program on Channel 4 called “City News” which runs approximately 20 minutes featuring current events, upcoming events and other information regarding events in the City.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan discussed an invoice he received regarding an energy bill. Further discussion with Nicor indicated that the energy company submitting the bill collects fees from Nicor and urged residents not to pay twice.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING’S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

7.6.21

Date