



JULY 18, 2023
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>	<i>Ward 2</i> Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
<i>City Treasurer</i> James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i> Heather Begley & Brent Lewandowski
<i>City Attorney</i> Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

Absent: *City Treasurer* James Daemicke

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending July 14, 2023.

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

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

Orchard Park Project

Innovation Landscape, Inc.	\$628,934.46
Hacienda Landscaping	\$491,715.00

All bids included bonds.

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

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor: The Mayor notified the City Council and public that City Clerk Thomas Kantas resigned effective immediately for personal reasons. The Mayor will be looking for candidates to fill the vacancy.

- The Mayor introduced a Motion to adopt an Ordinance calling for a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Palos Heights Business District No.2 Harlem Avenue Corridor Plan and the designation of the Palos Heights Business District No.2 Harlem Avenue Corridor.

Alderman Key moved to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

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 McGrogan stated he received emails complementing the Public Works staff. The Director of Ponds of Palos stated they were very appreciative.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Harlan Weivoda 7640 West 135th Street addressed the City Council to compliment the business Harmony 2 and in hopes the business receives a liquor license.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

Alderman McGrogan moved to adopt an Inducement Resolution for Tiffany Square, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Inducement Resolution was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

Economic Development Coordinator Ken Busse approached the City Council to state that the Inducement Resolution for Tiffany Square is to allow the City to begin negotiating with the owner of Tiffany Square to make necessary improvements such as parking, façade, and a creation of a public easement.

The owners of Tiffany Square addressed the City Council to express their commitment to renovate the shopping center.

- 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 Stan’s Roofing and siding in the amount of \$11,820.00 for work completed on the shelter at the pool, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.
 - Alderman Key moved to approve proposal and payment to Cedar Forest Products Co. in the amount of \$60,327.72 for the pavilion at Orchard Park, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.
 - Alderman Key moved to approve proposal and payment to NuToys in the amount of \$13,164.00 for site furniture at Orchard Park, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.
 - Alderman Key moved to approve proposal and payment to NuToys in the amount of \$5,838.00 for site games at Orchard Park, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment #6 to JSD Landscaping in the amount of \$6,466.01 for electrical, engineering, design, construction documents, and grant administrative work completed on the Orchard Park Project, seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

Alderman Key thanked the Recreation Center, Public Works, and the Police Department for all components that involved the 4th of July week.

August 3rd at 7 p.m. is the last and biggest concert of the year having The Chicago Experience perform at the gazebo.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*

- Alderman Clifford moved to award Airy’s Inc. for the 123rd Street Culvert Replacement project with their lowest bid in the amount of \$422,550.00, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to bid the Ridgeland Avenue Crosswalk Project, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services for various projects throughout the City in the amount of \$49,007.16, seconded by Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve payment was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

Alderman Clifford reported that Oak Park Avenue is approaching the final stages by laying asphalt.

Ridgeland Avenue Crosswalk is a similar sign and crosswalk to the one that is near the Recreation Center.

The Classic Car Event is Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 5 p.m.

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt an Ordinance amending City Code, section 96.01-96.50 pertaining to the regulation of cutting grass and weeds, seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve a variance for installation of a fence at the property of 12142 S. 71st Ave., seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion approve the variance was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*

- Alderman Bylut moved to award the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation Program to Performance Pipeline Inc. with their lowest bid amount of \$363,700.00, seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment for engineering professional services with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, Inc. for the 70th Ave Lift Station Rehabilitation in the amount of \$6,311.25, seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve payment was:

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

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 20th anniversary of the Classic Car Show is Thursday, July 20, 2023. The businesses are involved. There will be hundreds of cars with vendors, music, food, and raffles. The Mayor and all 8 Alderman will each award a prize to a vehicle.

- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported that Channel 4 was featured on WGN Channel 9. The history of Channel 4 was told along with the other staff and volunteers that have helped make Channel 4 what it is today. The interview showed the quality of our volunteers can do. Congratulations on all your efforts!

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Ashley Pala

Date