

JULY 20, 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 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 July 6, 2021.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending July 16, 2021.

C. Approval of a request from a request from Knights of Columbus to conduct tag days on September 17-18, 2021 on designated corners in Palos Heights in accordance with the City's Code.

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

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

The Mayor reported on events in the City such as last week's Classic Car Show and encouraged residents to participate but to use caution regarding the pandemic. The Mayor reported that Harlem Avenue will be resurfaced and to use caution with respect to traffic conditions.

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt an Ordinance authorizing a 12-month extension for the approved PUD at the Northeast corner of Harlem Avenue and College Drive, at the request of GW Properties. Alderman McGovern moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (1) Basso

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve a Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to IRMA. Alderman McGovern moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No report

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

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,010,192

Revenues \$884,519

Expenses \$876,973

Other \$104,517

Ending cash balance \$3,913,219

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$19,451,204

Revenues \$1,740,520

Expenses \$1,464,829

Other \$104,712

Ending cash balance \$19,622,183

Alderman Bylut 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 McGovern reported that from 127th to 131st street work regarding the water extension project work has not taken place at an acceptable rate and that currently at and near Crawford Park the construction work has gone unattended to and is unacceptable.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the first amendment to the Verizon Tower Lease Agreement for Location #380655 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Standard Terms and Conditions with Municipal Systems LLC seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a Resolution amending the Health Flexible Spending Arrangement seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on recent scams pervasive in the county including a fraudulent phone call he received from an unknown caller posing as one of his grandchildren requesting money and that Alderman Basso will report during his report on recent scams happening in the community.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: No Report.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Reported that the next committee meeting is changed to July 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:
- Alderman Key moved to approve a payment to Seal-Rite in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for spot asphalt, seal coating and re-lining the bike lanes of the Cal-Sag trail from the Lake Katherine parking lot east to the Chicago Christian High School crosswalk seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that the land acquired by the City east of the Rec Center is under consideration for development and a design company has been hired by the City to review certain possibilities. On July 22nd at 6 pm interested residents are invited to attend the presentation and offer input on these ideas.
 - Reported that on July 22nd the next movie in the park will take place at Meyers Park and that on August 5th the next concert in the Park will take place at Community Park. These presentations are sponsored by CNB Bank.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Reported that Harlem Avenue repaving will take place and to expect delays. Last Monday the annual road program began with affected residents receiving letters informing them of the construction. At 120th and 70th Avenue he reported a near collision involving a small minibike driving erratically and urged residents to use caution. Unlicensed operators should not be driving these vehicles.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*:
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance updating the City Code, Section 150.110 – Commercial Tents seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Alderman Lewandowski reported Building Commissioner Kransberger is leaving the City and thanked him for his service to the City.
- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*: No report.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key thanked all involved with the successful Classic Car event. The business department at Trinity has developed a group called Fusion 59 which is a business innovation center working with local businesses to enhance social media and website needs. Fusion 59 also works with the City on projects. A recent Channel 4 interview with Fusion 59 will air to allow local businesses to participate with this group. The Chamber of Commerce will feature Fusion 59 at a meeting on July 29th at noon at the Rec Center for any interested residents or local businesses.

- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported that during the last three months Channel 4 online viewership has increased from the City website. Moraine Valley will participate in monthly interviews with Channel 4 regarding courses at the college and events.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Bylut moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property under Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Alderman Key moved to reconvene into open session seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Bylut moved to enter into a right of first refusal agreement regarding a potential property purchase seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to authorize the action was:

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

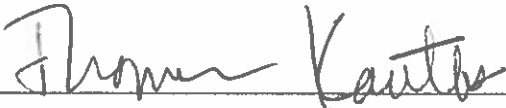
Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

8.3.21

Date