



AUGUST 1, 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:

Mayor Robert Straz

Ward 1 Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key

City Clerk

Ward 2 Robert Basso & Jack Clifford

City Treasurer James Daemicke

Ward 3 Heather Begley & Brent Lewandowski

City Attorney Tom Brown

Ward 4 Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

Absent: *Alderman Bylut*

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023.

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending July 28, 2023.

C. Approval of a request from Knights of Columbus to conduct tag days on designated corners in Palos Heights in accordance with the City's Code on September 15th and 16th, 2023.

D. Motion to approve a request from Chicago Christian High School for a Special Event Permit to conduct their annual Light the Knight Family Fun Run on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on a designated route (subject to change due to Public Works projects).

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

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

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

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Bylut

With eight (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None.

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor: No report
- B. Clerk: No report
- C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2023.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$6,103,684.87

Revenues \$1,089,254.29

Expenses \$1,504,521.56

Other \$3,819.37

Ending cash balance \$5,684,598.23

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$27,976,878.88

Revenues \$2,105,036.42

Expenses \$3,149,072.68

Other \$157,521.97

Ending cash balance \$26,775,320.65

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2023, seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- D. City Attorney: No report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Susan Murphy 7903 Breakwater Way addressed the City Council to raise concerns of business property maintenance near Palos Point.

Sue Jankowski 7410 Ishnala Drive addressed the City Council to raise concerns of the motorized vehicles that are being utilized by children in streets and parks.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan* – Reported that the Cook County Assessor’s Office have sent out assessments and are available online.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso* – Complimented the Police Department on maintaining safety during the Classic Car Show. There is an event titled National Night Out at the Police Department tonight to meet and great with the residents.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*
 - Alderman Begley moved to approve payment to The Door Authority in the amount of \$14,690.00 for the installation of ADA accessible doors at the Lake Katherine Nature Center, seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Clifford, Key, Begley, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern.
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Bylut

With eight (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key* – Reported that Thursday night the Chicago Experience will be playing at the Concert in the Park.

- Alderman Key moved to award bid to Hacienda Landscaping LLC for the development of the Orchard Park project in the amount of \$498,034.35, seconded by Alderman Begley.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Clifford, Key, Begley, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern.
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Bylut

With eight (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford* – Reported that Oak Park Avenue project has been completed.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: No report

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the purchase of 902 meters and 918 smart readers from Core & Main in the amount of \$275,548.00, seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Clifford, Key, Begley, Lewandowski, McGrogan, McGovern.
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Bylut

With eight (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key reported that the Classic Car Show was a huge success with 682 cars and thousands of people were present. Local businesses were out interacting with the crowd. Thanked all volunteers and City staff that made this a beautiful event.

The Mayor complimented Bob Starzyk on his continued dedication to the event.

Alderman McGrogan stated that the video provided by the Mayor in the bi-monthly report was very well done.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern reported Palos Heights Channel 4 is one of the best in the state of Illinois. Channel 4 has aired 200 shows and have worked over 1200 hours.

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