

SEPTEMBER 1, 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>	Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i>	Dolores Kramarski & Brent Lewandowski
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

John Hanley (7121 W. 130th Street) presented Alderman Jerry McGovern with honors for his military service on behalf of the Honor Flight Chicago.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, August 18, 2020
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending August 28, 2020.
- C. Approval of a Proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17 to 23, 2000

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

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 on the Dial A Ridge Program which had been suspended during covid but is now back in service with the transportation vehicle modified to address covid concerns. Interested riders are encouraged to contact the City to obtain service. On September 3rd at the Train Station an e-waste disposal service will be offered for eligible items. The Recreation Department and Lake Katherine offer programs consistent with covid restrictions for children learning remotely. The Mayor encouraged residents to wear a mask in order to restrict the spread of covid.
- B. Clerk: No Report
- C. Treasurer: No Report
- D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

- Brian Stach 12849 S. Shoshone stated that regarding the Route 83 and Harlem Development an online survey indicated a strong lack of support for the proposal. He reiterated the importance of small businesses to the community and urged the City to collaborate with small businesses moving forward to encourage them to flourish in the City.
- Tom Keating 12814 S. Oak Park Avenue discussed the proposed development at Route 83 and Harlem and stated that the location of the gas station is ideal for residents and the proposed landscaping will present an enhanced image for the City.
- Maria Decaprio-Sunta 12032 S. 75th Avenue opposes the proposed development at Route 83 and Harlem based on a lack of creativity for the area. The proposed development has nothing unique to add to the overall aesthetic of the City and lacks curb appeal.

- Lisa Kanz 12742 Westgate Avenue stated that the recent robbery at 135th and Ridgeland will entice further criminal behavior at Route 83 and Harlem and that the proposal does not present a welcoming image to the City.
- Nick Robles 6851 Edgewood Road addressed the development at Route 83 and Harlem and stated that seniors and potential residents at the senior living facility adjacent to the proposed development would benefit from the proximity of the convenience store.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*:

- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an ordinance declaring vehicles owned by the City of Palos Heights Police Department as surplus and to be sold seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGovern addressed a resident concern regarding the whether permits were issued during the recent protests/demonstrations that took place in Palos Heights. Alderman McGovern stated that no such permits were issued for the two events. Alderman McGovern stated that the demonstrations were peaceful and that one event at Shepard High School was not located in the City of Palos Heights proper. Alderman McGovern stated that the City response to the demonstration was appropriate. The cost to the City for the police presence was approximately \$10,000.00 to maintain safety.

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

- Alderman Basso moved to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Central Management Services for the purpose of selling excess Public Works equipment inventory on the Illinois iBid website seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve selling excess Public Works inventory on the Illinois iBid website seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to adopt an ordinance declaring vehicles owned by the City of Palos Heights Public Works Department as surplus and to be sold 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.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the installation of concrete paving at the back of the Public Works garage in the amount of \$8,500.00 by Crest and Son Cement Contractors seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve replanting the area around the Veterans Memorial with JGS Landscape Architects in the amount of \$8,100.00 seconded

by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford:*

NOTE THIS MATTER WAS ADDRESSED CHRONOLOGICALLY BEFORE ANY OTHERS DURING REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an ordinance allowing a 7-Eleven/ Mobile Mini-Mart Gas Station to operate as a Special Use at 7150 W College Drive, or the northeast Corner of Harlem Avenue and College Drive and to allow for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a two-lot subdivision with a 7-Eleven/Mobile Gas Station containing an approximate 4,000-SF Mini-Mart convenience store located on Lot 1, and a retail building on Lot 2. The proposed PUD is located at the NE corner of Harlem Ave and College Drive seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (5) Bylut, Clifford, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (3) Basso, Lewandowski, Key

With five (5) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:* No Report

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt an ordinance updating the City Code with regard to permits for door-to-door solicitors seconded by Alderman Basso.

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.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve a partial payment to Era Valdivia Contractors for the Route 83 Pump Station Tank Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$406,530.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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 Change Order 1 – Final Change Order – with Era Valdivia Contractors for the Route 83 Pump Station Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$2,725.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the change order 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 proceeding with the 127th Street Water Main improvements with Airy's Inc. in the amount of \$63,520.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the improvement 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 pursuing the First Right of Refusal regarding the purchase of property located at 7752 W. 123rd Place seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key No Report
- 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 7:40 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas Kantas

Date