



SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
PALOS HEIGHTS, 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> Jeffrey Key & Donald Bylut
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i> Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 3</i> Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
		<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - September 7, 2021
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending September 17, 2021.

Alderman Clifford 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, Begley, 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 welcomed the new building commissioner to the City Frank Giordano. The Mayor stated that construction is ongoing in the City and noted that Route 83 and 127th Street is scheduled to commence continuing into November.

B. Clerk: No report

B. Treasurer: The Mayor delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending August, 2021 as follows:

General Fund:
Beginning cash balance \$3,353,464
Revenues \$737,645
Expenses \$962,243
Other \$6,630
Ending cash balance \$3,122,225

Total of All Funds:
Beginning cash balance \$19,005,174
Revenues \$1,466,077
Expenses \$2,044,350
Other \$118,579
Ending cash balance \$18,308,321

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Bylut conveyed the concerns of residents who live near 71st Avenue east of Harlem who pay flood insurance who no longer live in a flood plain. The MWRD is completing

a mapping process that will allow for the affected residents to not be subject to the increased flood insurance. The Mayor stated that he has contacted the MWRD and that the process is nearing conclusion and that he will follow up on the residents' concerns.

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 #420054 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a tower lease extension with American Tower until 8/31/2044 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the lease extension was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a postage meter lease with Neopost for City Hall seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on recent scams involving fraudulent testing services on behalf of Medicare and other health care providers. These scams seek personal information in order to obtain fraudulently private medical and other information. Alderman Basso urged residents to be aware of such scams and to contact your medical providers for further guidance or to notify the police.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: Reported on the successfully Monarchs and Margaritas fundraiser hosted by Lake Katherine.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*:
 - Alderman Key moved to approve Addendum #1 to the agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Experimental Station for participation in the Link Up Illinois Link Match Grant Program to award an additional \$5,000.00 in funds to be used by December 31, 2021 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve JSD's Legal Bid Notice for the Misty Meadows park project seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve a payment to JSD Professional Services in the amount of \$7,530 for work done on the Misty Meadows Park Project seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the Parks and Recreation 2021-2024 Strategic Plan seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve final payment to Campfire Concepts for work on the Parks and Recreation 2021-2024 Strategic Plan in the amount of \$4,250 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve hiring Central States Fireworks in the amount of \$18,000 for the July 3, 2022 Independence Day Celebration seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve Morris Engineering Invoices totalling \$42,141.64 seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that 123rd Street construction continues with access restricted to the residents who live in that area. An easement agreement has been reached with the Fire Department and the City. The construction project is on schedule to be completed in late October or November.

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

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve entering into an agreement with the Illinois Elevator Safety Program seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut:* No report.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - No Report

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Reported that live programming has resumed with features including the recent Patriots' Day Program, the 9/11 Ceremony and the Trinity Welcome Back program.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford remarked on the Monarch Butterfly Festival at Lake Katherine.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. OPEN 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



10-5-21

Thomas Kantas

Date