



OCTOBER 5, 2021

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS**

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**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
<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**

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - September 21, 2021
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending October 1, 2021.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

None

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**A. Mayor:**

- The Mayor reported that the Mayor for a Day Program will take place at the next City Council meeting. The Mayor for a Day Program gives students from Palos Heights the opportunity to consider the role of local government and to offer suggestions on issues of importance in the City.
- The Mayor reported that the City has declared a portion of alley right-of-way as unused surplus property and it is in the best interest of the City to vacate the right-of-way and sell to the adjacent land owner for their use and enjoyment.
- The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the City Engineer to prepare a plat of vacation for the alley right-of-way immediately north and adjacent to 12258 S.

75th

Avenue. Alderman McGovern moved to authorize the City Engineer to prepare a plat of vacation seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the plat of vacation was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- The Mayor requested a motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the vacation and sale of the alley right-ofway immediately north and adjacent to property located at 12258 S. 75th Avenue. Alderman McGovern moved to authorize the drafting of the ordinance seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- B. Clerk: No report
- B. Treasurer: No report
- C. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman McGovern stated that the water extension project taking place in Palos Pines is taking too long to complete and that measures need to be taken to address the delay in the project. The Mayor stated that the City will contact the appropriate parties to address the delay.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

Ann Girzadas (12243 S. Nagle) thanked the City for the bike rack at Lake Katherine. Ms. Girzadas stated that she along with many other bike ride at or near Lake Katherine and that for those entering and exiting the bike rack will be utilized and is necessary to accommodate the number of bike riders. Ms. Girzadas stated that additional space for bikes may be necessary as well.

Michael Higgins (6209 Princeton Lane) addressed the speed limit on Route 83 and specifically excessive speeding that occurs. Mr. Higgins inquired as to who set the speed limit. The Mayor advised that the State of Illinois controls the speed limit on Route 83. The specific agency addressing 45 mile per hour speed limit would be with IDOT operating out of District 1 in Schaumburg. Mr. Higgins stated that the speed limit is too high especially near Chicago Christian High School. The Mayor stated that the City can address this issue with District 1 as well.

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No Report
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Alderman Basso introduced Sgt John Parnitzke to provide an overview of the Flock Safety License Plate Reader program which was recently the subject of a grant opportunity. The program provides for the installation of cameras - fixed license plate readers or LPRs - which collect license plate vehicle information. The cameras do not monitor live traffic but are used for investigative purposes. Flock is a company that provides these cameras and the data is shared between municipalities that have these cameras. This sharing of data between municipalities allows for more effective

investigations to take place. The cameras are owned and maintained by Flock and can be mounted to existing poles or new ones. The cameras are solar powered. In addition to the license plate Flock also captures the make and model of the car which further assists in investigations. These cameras are consistent with law enforcement trends which seek photographic evidence to support and strengthen criminal investigations. Recent Flock data allowed for the apprehension of perpetrators of illegal dumping, a hit and run accident, and a commercial burglary at the Power Mart Gas station. The offending vehicles were in neighboring communities which utilize Flock in order to identify the suspects. The cost for installing the cameras is approximately \$50,000.00. The data is encrypted and not shared or sold privately. Future grant opportunities will arise and the police department would like to take advantage of those grants.

Alderman McGovern asked how the data is shared between police departments. Alderman McGrogan posed a question regarding who would maintain the

cameras

and at what cost. The proposed grant opportunity would have allowed for a two year lease covered by the grant which would include the installation costs as well. The City has the ability to modify the lease terms as well as the number of

cameras

sees no reason not

to pursue it. Alderman Clifford stated the program can be an effective law enforcement tool.

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

- Alderman Begley commended recent Beautification Committee efforts and that chipper service ends on 10/25.
- Alderman Begley moved to approve replacement of the roof on the Southwest Central Dispatch building through the OMNIA Partners Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (MICPA) #PW1925 with Garland/DBS, Inc. in the amount of \$77,434.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve roof replacement was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve the installation of double doors and windows at Lake Katherine Nature Center Auditorium in the amount of \$8,900 with Door Authority and \$4,600 with Bella Vita totaling \$13,500 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment for two Ford F350 trucks delivered on August 24, 2021 in the amount of \$91,742 to Roesch Ford seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to adopt an Ordinance declaring certain Public Works vehicles as surplus and approve to sell on IBID seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve holiday decorations at Community Park with Artistic Holiday Designs for a 3 year lease totaling \$41,757.85 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve the improvement of the bike path crossing at the City Hall/Pool Parking driveway to the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation (AASHTO) recommendation seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford: Reported that paving is underway on 123rd Street and that the salt supply in the City is sufficient.*

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

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve a Misty Meadows sanitary sewer service easement for a City-owned lot, east of 8144 Misty Meadows Drive seconded by Alderman Begley.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve an agreement and payment to Strand and Associates in the amount of \$20,000 for oncall engineering services seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group in the amount of \$12,092.50 for construction management and engineering reporting for the 2021 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - No report
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - residents interested in volunteering at Channel 4 are encouraged to contact Ron Jankowski.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS**

Ann Girzadas addressed the speed limit on Route 83 and supports a school safety zone at Oak Park Avenue or a stop light.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XVI. OPEN SESSION**

None

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:56 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Thomas Kantas*

10.20.21

Thomas Kantas

Date