

October 18, 2022
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

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 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

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor recognized the students who participated in the annual Mayor for Day Program. The students delivered essays and conducted a mock City Council Meeting before the meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting – October 4, 2022

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending October 7, 2022..

Alderman Bylut move to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the consent agenda was:

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

Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor reminded residents that on October 29th there will be an e-waste drop off at the Metra Parking Lot.
- The Mayor requested a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Harlem Avenue between 127th Street and Illinois Route 83 on Saturday, December 3, 2022, for a winter holiday parade in the City of Palos Heights between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Alderman Clifford moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. City Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer:

- Delivered Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2022.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$5,429,061

Revenues \$760,562

Expenses \$991,790

Other \$848,681

Ending cash balance \$6,046,515

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$23,164,274

Revenues \$1,766,254

Expenses \$2,234,515

Other \$718,655

Ending cash balance \$23,414,669

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

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Harlan Weivoda 7640 W. 135 Street stated that he opposed the proposed parking lot and requested reimbursement from the City for flooding damage done to his home from the neighbor's home construction.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance: Chairperson Alderman McGrogan - Inquired on when property tax revenue would be available from the County. The Mayor indicated that the anticipated time would be December.

B. Public Safety: Chairperson Alderman Basso - Reported on license plate renewal and cautioned residents on attempts to steal stickers and urged residents to be alert to car thefts and for residents parking their cars on their driveways to lock the car.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property: Chairperson Alderman Begley - Announced that chipper service will end the week of October 24th and updated residents that the bushes along 76th Avenue near Community Park have been removed with landscaping to follow.

D. Planning and Zoning: Chairperson Alderman McGovern

- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an Ordinance approving an Accessory Use Setback Variance to allow a five (5) foot Rear 2 Yard Setback along the westerly property line, in lieu of the required ten (10) foot Rear Yard Setback of an Accessory Use, which variance is for purposes of constructing a pool, pool house and mechanicals, and which variance is limited to the distance of the length of the constructed pool related improvements on the residential property located at 12540 S 70th Avenue, and contained with the following PIN: 23-36-204- 011-0000 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an Ordinance approving amendments to the Zoning Code, specifically Title XV, "Land Use", Chapter 153, "Zoning Code", Section 153.03, "Definitions" seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

E. Recreation: Chairperson Alderman Key

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to the Southwest Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) in the amount of \$6,849.23 for summer camp inclusion services seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve purchase of a replacement canopy shade for the waterslide from Splashtacular in the amount of \$7,150.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the City Code, Section 34.58 pertaining to the opening and closing of City parks. The change would be open at 7 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key reported on the opening of the Dream Big Park and thanked Kendall Coyne and Michael Schofield for their participation and support.

- Alderman Key announced that on Oct 27 the annual Touch a Truck at the pool parking lot will take place.

G. Roads and Construction: Chairperson Alderman Clifford

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to Superior Road Striping Inc., for restriping within City limits in the amount of \$12,565.98 seconded by Alderman Basso.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford announced that with IDOT funding median repair will commence around the City.

H. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski:

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance approving amendments to the Fence Code regarding residential properties abutting commercial properties and major thoroughfares seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to waive the rules to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt an Ordinance approving amendments to the Fence Code regarding residential properties abutting commercial properties and major thoroughfares seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health for the provision of environmental health inspectional services for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023

seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

I. Water and Sewer: Chairperson Alderman Bylut - No Report

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Announced that the outdoor Farmers Market season has ended and that the first Winter Farmers Market is scheduled for November 12th at the Rec Center from 8 to Noon.

B. Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman McGovern: Announced that Southwest Central Dispatch remodeling will take place and that Channel 4 will use that space.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Clifford announced that the Veterans Breakfast will be on November 10th at the Rec Center at 9:00 AM.
- Alderman McGrogan inquired on when early voting polling places will be set up at the Rec Center.

XIV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS*

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM which passed unanimously.

Thomas Kantas
Palos Heights City Clerk