



**OCTOBER 19, 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 & 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> Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor recognized the students who participated in the Mayor for a Day Program which invites students to submit essays on what policies and proposals they would promote in service to the City. The Mayor encourages the students to continue to participate in civic life and to stay involved in the public service.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - October 5, 2021

- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending October 15, 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, Key, 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:

- The Mayor introduced for passage a Proclamation for “Mayor for a Day” 2021. Alderman Bylut moved to pass the Proclamation seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion to pass the Proclamation carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor introduced a motion to approve the appointments of: Paul Hunt and Angie Pope to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term of 5 years. Alderman Lewandowski moved to approve the appointments seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor introduced a motion to adopt an Ordinance for the vacation and sale of the alley right-of-way immediately north and adjacent to property located at 12258 S. 75th Avenue. Alderman Clifford moved to adopt the ordinance 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 (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No report

C. Treasurer:

- B. Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending September, 2021 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$3,122,225  
Revenues \$2,285,019  
Expenses \$919,922  
Other \$6,1054  
Ending cash balance \$4,493,477

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$18,308,321  
Revenues \$3,501,802  
Expenses \$2,047,081  
Other \$363,267  
Ending cash balance \$20,126,311

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

- B. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman McGrogan alerted residents to criminals posing as water repair workers attempting to commit burglaries. City employees will always present proper credentials when assisting residents.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: Reported that the balance of all funds now exceeds 20 million dollars.
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on statistics for scam calls in the area and the attendant costs associated with these scams. 70 billion "robo calls" take place each year along with a similar number associated with robo texts. Residents are encouraged to attempt to block these calls and texts and to be alerted to these types of scams.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: Reported on the fine efforts from public works this summer and that chipper service ends October 25th.

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

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key:*

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to the Southwest Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) in the amount of \$7,623.13 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 (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to Upland Design in the amount of \$10,869.88 for professional services for Orchard Park and the OSLAD grant application 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 (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve a proposal from Upland Design in the amount of \$4,650.00 for the Palos Pool Landscape Plan seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that on October 28th from 5 to 8 in the swimming pool parking lot Touch and Truck and Treat will take place offering children the opportunity to see the trucks and receive candy.
- The Veterans breakfast will take place on November 10th from 9 to 10:30 at the

Rec Center free to all veterans.

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

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve reimbursement to IDOT for the 123rd Street Reconstruction project in the amount of \$94,483.50 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve reimbursement to IDOT for the Ridgeland Avenue Multipurpose Path project in the amount of \$16,318.81 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to M&J Asphalt Paving Company in the amount \$20,762.02 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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 (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to Morris Engineering in the amount of \$28,088.89 for engineering services for the month of September, 2021 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that 123rd Street Construction is on schedule and should be completed in November.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski:*  
Announced that effective November 1st Building Department hours will change to Monday to Friday 7:30 to 4 pm.

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

#### **XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - Thanked Rec Department staff for a job well done during the Farmers Markets along with all of the volunteers who assisted to make the program a success. Reported that the Kringle Market will return on Dec 3rd and 4th in the Municipal Parking lot offering many vendors and activities. The Chamber of Commerce will participate in the opening ceremonies.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Residents interested in volunteering at Channel 4 are encouraged to contact Ron Jankowski. Channel 4 was recently nominated as one of the best channels in Illinois.

#### **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Basso reported that Water Department personnel will not visit residents unless they are contacted and will appear properly credentialed and in City vehicles.

#### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Clifford reported on the feasibility of a traffic light at Route 83 and Oak Park Avenue. The Mayor reported that he followed up on the inquiry. Alderman Clifford reported that during the Christmas season he will place boxes at City Hall and at the Rec Center in support of the Veterans Home in Manteno and encouraged residents to donate items to the home. Alderman McGovern will assist with the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program as well.

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

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XVI. OPEN SESSION**

None

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

Thomas Kantas - by Margaret Cleary  
Thomas Kantas Deputy City Clerk

11-3-21  
Date