



February 3, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, 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:

*Mayor* Robert Straz

*Ward 1* Dan Brennan & Jeffrey Key

*City Clerk* Shannon Harvey

*Ward 2* Jack Clifford & Robert Basso

*City Treasurer* Jim Daemicke

*Ward 3*

*City Attorney* Tom Brown

*Ward 4* Pat Scully & Michael McGrogan

*Absent:* Heather Begley & Brent Lewandowski

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes:
  - a. City Council Meeting – January 20, 2026
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 30, 2026.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Brennan.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford,

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS : None**

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

- Mayor:
  - General Remarks and Updates. Mayor Straz thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work during these last couple weeks during the deep freeze and snowstorms.
  - Request a motion to adopt an Ordinance for a Retailer's Class G License for LazyMe2Day LLC d/b/a Joe's Italian Villa at 12207 South Harlem Avenue.
    - The new owner, Melissa Martin, spoke to the city council and explained she is looking forward to taking over and will be keeping all the same recipes.

Alderman Key moved to approve the Motion was seconded by Alderman Brennan.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was:

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Clerk: No Report
- Treasurer:
  - Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2025.
  - Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2025.
    - General Fund:
      - i. Began November with \$4,650,315.50
      - ii. Revenue: \$898,622.94
      - iii. Expenses: \$86,186.77
      - iv. Other source use: \$(239,828,45)
      - v. Ending Cash Balance: \$4,448,923.22
    - Total of All Funds:
      - i. Began August with \$25,313,123.38
      - ii. Revenue: \$1,671,485.05
      - iii. Expenses: \$2,547,961.53
      - iv. Other Source Use: \$(308,435.74)
      - v. Ending Cash Balance: \$24,128,211.16

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion was seconded by Alderman Brennan.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was:

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Treasurer Daemicke mentioned that we expect the numbers to increase once the County submits the property tax payments
- City Attorney: No report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS:** Alderman McGrogan sent his condolences to his wife, whose father passed away this past week. He also sent his condolences to the family of Boz O'Brien, a community businessman who always helped others.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL:** None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Finance—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan: No Report**
- **Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman Basso: No Report**
  - Alderman Basso urged residents to reference the City newsletter where different safety tips, including safety tips to prevent scams are noted each month. Alderman Basso will leave hard copies of the newsletter at City Hall. Alderman Basso specifically noted that IRS will never call your house and to be aware of this scam.
- **Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Begley: (Read by Alderman Clifford)**

- Motion to approve CNC Lawn Care for a 3-year Maintenance Contract servicing the Art Park, Raised Planters, and Plant Beds for the months of April through November not to exceed \$2,930.00 per month or \$23,440 per year for the months stated.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Motion to approve Bannerville for the artwork design, purchase, and installation of 22 banners on Harlem Ave in the amount of \$3,520.00.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Brennan. Alderman Clifford this is conjunction with the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the County.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Motion to approve the purchase of a Sulzer/ABS Model XFP150G CB1.5 PE210/4 6” spare pump for the Lake Katherine Waterfall from Flow-Technics, Inc. in the amount of \$20,415.00.

Alderman Clifford this is for a back up pump that is needed if the old pump does not work.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Brennan.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Motion to approve the purchase of a Sternberg light pole with all parts included with The Lighting Digest in the amount of \$17,648.00.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Scully.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Motion to approve payment for professional engineering services to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd for the Cal-Sag Trail at Lake Katherine, Phase III project rendering through December 31st, 2025 in the amount of \$6,048.87.

Alderman Clifford noted this is for the new turn around on Lake Katherine Drive.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Brennan.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Motion to approve payment for the installation of the keyless door security system in City Hall with JMH Networks in the amount of \$25,181.83.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Scully.

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

Alderman Clifford noted this for tracking and security purposes at City Hall.

- **Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Scully:** No Report, but Alderman Scully noted he will be providing updated from consulting company MKSK re the Olde Palos Corridor.
- **Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key:** No Report
- **Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Clifford:** No Report, but Alderman Clifford noted that that the road program is out for bids.
- **License, Permits & Franchises—Alderman Lewandowski:** No Report
- **Motion to approve the purchase of Permit, Licensing and Code Compliance software from CivicPlus in an amount not to exceed \$58,650.00.**
- **Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Brennan:**
- **Motion to approve payment No. 15 approval to Calumet City Plumbing for the Water Meter Replacement Program in the amount of \$10,406.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve the purchase of 126 Touch Coupler Smart Points from Core & Main in the amount of \$19,782.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion for authorization to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve final payment to Era Valdivia for the Misty Meadow 250,000-Gallon Spheroid Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$39,894.87.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment No. 3 and No. 4 for the 300,000 Gallon Ground Level Storage Tank with Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$520,237.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to request approval of Change Order #2 for 131st St. Water Main Lining Project contract increase in the amount of \$30,934.33.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment #2 for the 131st Street Water Main Lining Project to Fer-Pel Construction in the amount of \$510,420.71, after the consent of the IEPA.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion for approval to outfit the 2025 Ford Transit van through Regional Truck Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion for approval for Gasvoda to replace 4 isolating plug valves and a 4” check valve at the Parliament Dr. Lift Station in the amount of \$11,000.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment to M.E Simpson Co., Inc. for conducting P-CAT-Nexus Pipeline Condition Assessment and Leak services throughout the City in the amount of \$4,500.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment for professional engineering services with Lockwood, Andrews, and Newnam, Inc. for the Southwest Hwy Lift Station Rehabilitation rendering through November 30th, 2025 in the amount of \$10,125.90.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services for watermain replacements throughout the City in the amount of \$4,733.80.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment for professional engineering services with RJN Group for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, 2025 On-Call services rendering through January 2nd, 2026 in the amount of \$26,437.50.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve the 2026 On-Call Sanitary, Storm, and GIS Engineering Services with RJN group not to exceed \$25,000.00.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- **Motion to approve payment for professional engineering services with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Alternative Water Supplier Analysis and 131st Street**

**Water Main CIPP Lining rendering through December 31st, 2025 in the amount of \$7,357.17.**

Alderman Brennan moved to approve the Motion seconded by Alderman Key

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

Ayes: (6) Brennan, Basso, Key, Scully, McGrogan, Clifford

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Alderman Key noted that the City is advertising that there is an email newsletter in the beginning of every month and urged residents to subscribe on the City website.
- B. Cable TV— *Chairperson Alderman Scully*: Alderman Scully noted that PHTV is airing a segment introducing the City to Clerk Harvey.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Alderman McGrogan noted that the City Council is looking into the Metra parking cost and revenue.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Alderman Clifford discussed possibly trying to get the Vietnam War Moving Wall to come to Palos Heights and other idea to commemorate the Veterans.
- Alderman McGrogan asked if the County is making any property tax payments, and Mayor Straz confirmed that the City has started to receive payments.

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

- Harlen Wiota: 7640 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street: Mr. Wiota asked about funding to art park and the City Council explained that the landscaping cost approval was for all City parks.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:25 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

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Shannon M. Harvey

Date