



**MARCH 15, 2022**  
**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> 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> Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - March 1, 2022
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending March 10, 2022.

- Approval of request from the Classic Car Committee to waive the raffle license fee of \$25 for the annual split-the-pot raffle for the Classic Car Event on July 21, 2022.
- Approval for Palos South Middle School to put green ribbons on the light poles on Harlem Avenue for “Say Something” Week – March 14-18, 2022.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman McGovern.

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

Ayes: (8) Begley, Basso, Bylut, 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 will deliver the State of the City Address on March 22nd at Noon at the Recreation Center sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Mayor requested approval to reappoint Maria DeCaprio-Sunta, Lynda Schiappa, and Kathleen Peters to the Public Arts Commission for a 3-year term, expiring on 01-15-2025. Alderman McGovern moved to approve the appointments seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested approval to appoint Susan DeKoker to the Public Arts Commission for a 3-year term, expiring 03-15-25. Alderman McGovern moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested approval to reappoint George Jasinski to the Police Pension Board for a 2-year term, expiring on 02-4-24. Alderman Bylut moved to approve the appointment seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer:

Delivered Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2022.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,056,714

Revenues \$1,471,882

Expenses \$833,084

Other \$101,713

Ending cash balance \$4,593,797

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$20,813,197

Revenues \$2,317,072

Expenses \$1,481,660

Other \$307,067

Ending cash balance \$21,341,541

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

B. City Attorney: No Report

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman McGovern and Alderman Clifford discussed Ukrainian relief efforts taking place in the area.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the Menard Consulting Agreement for GASB 75 Actuarial Services for Fiscal Years 2021- 2024 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve and adopt the proposed FY 2022 Budget for the City of Palos Heights seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman McGrogan reported that the gross revenue is projected at approximately \$26.3 million and total expenditures at \$30.3 million.

On roll call, the motion to approve and adopt the 2022 Budget was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to adopt an Ordinance Providing an Appropriation for Corporate Purpose for the Period Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022 seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman McGrogan stated that the City's appropriation is \$31.9 million and the Library's is \$3.3 million.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Alerted residents to IRS scams.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*: No Report.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*:
- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an Ordinance allowing a 5-foot non-privacy fence on a corner lot to extend beyond the front building line along Comanche Drive, specifically twenty-three (23) feet beyond the building line at the northerly property line, and seven (7) feet beyond the building line at the western-most corner of the house, and connecting between these two points in a general straight line for the single-family residential home located at 7358 Pueblo Lane, which approval and variance is contingent upon the applicant submitting, and the Building Commissioner approving at his sole discretion, a landscaping plan that appropriately screens the fence, and preserves the character of the neighborhood. PIN: 23-36-216-023-0000 seconded by Alderman

McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an Ordinance allowing a seven (7) foot Side Yard Setback, in lieu of the required ten (10) foot Side Yard Setback along the westerly property line, which variance is limited to the distance of the length of the proposed addition to the principal residential building located at 12740 S Palos Avenue. PIN: 23-36-204-011-0000. seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

F. Roads and Construction - Chairperson Alderman Clifford

- Reported that the City responded to 11 snow events during the last season using 506 tons of salt. The 2022 MFT bids are due April 5th. Cook County will begin repairs on the bridge located at Cal Sag and Ridgeland on April 1st with substantial project completion scheduled for March of 2023 with road closures expected during the construction. 123rd Street punch list items are scheduled for completion this Spring. The crosswalk flashing permit on 127th Street near the Rec Center has been submitted to IDOT for approval. The Route 83 speed limit evaluation between 70th Court and the Hamptons subdivision is expected to be completed in May of 2022. The stop light proposal at Route 83 and Oak Park Avenue was completed and does not propose a stop light due to the amount of traffic coming off Oak Park Avenue.

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

- Reported on the public hearing video gaming hearing on March 7th which was well attended by over 70 residents and business owners. The committee has also received 50 emails from residents expressing their thoughts on the subject. The committee will

continue to evaluate the response from the community regarding this issue.

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 on recent Channel 4 Programming which covered the recent video gaming public hearing.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**



Thomas Kantas

4.5.22

Date