

**MARCH 19, 2019**  
**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	Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
City Clerk	Thomas Kantas	Ward 2	Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
City Treasurer	James Daemicke	Ward 3	Dolores Kramarski & Alan Fulkerson
City Attorney	Tom Brown	Ward 4	Michael McGovern & Jerry McGovern

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor recognized Anne Girzada for her many years of volunteer service to the Farmers' Market.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, March 5, 2019.
- B. Approval of Appropriation Public Hearing Minutes March 5, 2019
- C. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending March 15, 2019.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the above items on the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,  
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

**VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS**

None

**VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

A. Mayor:

- Urged residents to use caution while driving during the Spring weather.
- Requested a motion to adopt an Ordinance Increasing the Number of Class F Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Oak Hills Country Club – James Tourloukis, 13200 S. 76th Avenue (new owner).

Alderman Fulkerson moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bylut. On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGrogan, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Requested a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for construction and perpetual maintenance of a flood control project in the vicinity of 131st Street and Cypress Lane. Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the agreement seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGrogan, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2019 as follows:

General Fund:  
Beginning cash balance \$2,748,217.14  
Revenues \$1,239,882.75  
Expenses \$1,069,716.42  
Other \$7,508.55  
Ending cash balance \$2,910,874.92

Total of All Funds:  
Beginning cash balance \$15,387,836.55  
Revenues \$2,035,292.22  
Expenses \$1,639,339.35  
Other \$21,967.77  
Ending cash balance \$15,805,757.19

Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2019 seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote

- D. City Attorney: Thanked residents who supported the Manteno Veterans Home.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report  
B. Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report  
C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso:

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the purchase of 6 city entrance/welcome signs from Metalcraft Industries, Inc. for \$19,447.22 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,  
McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported on the installation of new welcome signs to the City.
- Chipper service will start on April 1st.
- Reported on the progress of potential new entrance signs to City Hall.

D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford: No Report

E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key:

- Alderman Key moved to approve the low bid and award a contract to Country Landscape and Supply, Inc. for the Swimming Pool Concrete Improvements project in the amount of \$99,948.13 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,  
McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the Upland Design proposal for the Palmer Park redevelopment project for \$60,225 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,  
McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a request from Spaceco, Inc. for reduction of bond retainage to the 15% maintenance bond of \$67,561.50 for the Park Villa Nursing & Rehab project seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve a partial payment to IDOT in the amount of \$66,333.82 for the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Improvements seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve proceeding to Phase 2, Design Engineering, for the 123rd Street project with Morris Engineering for \$138,656.90 seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to authorize the Public Works Director to go out for bid on the preliminary Roads list for the 2019 MFT Roads Program seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Reported that the traffic study regarding stop signs in the City has been completed and will be posted on the website.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:

- Alderman McGrogan to approve a request from Sertoma Centre for a Temporary Sign Permit to allow the placement of signs at various locations around the City, advertising a Housewares Super Sale being held on March 30-31 seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried

by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a request from Kathy Lachowicz/Alan B. Shepard High School to allow the placement of signs at various locations around the City to advertise their Craft Show held on April 6 seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

H. Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Bylut: Announced that next week’s committee meeting is cancelled.

**XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on the business occupancy rate in the City as compiled by the Business and Economic Development Committee.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

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Thomas Kantas

Date