



City of Palos Heights
Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
6:30 PM
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McGrogan called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Palos Heights City Hall, 7607 W. College Drive. In attendance were Aldermen McGrogan, Key, Bylut, and McGovern, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey. Also in attendance was Alderman Kramarski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on June 11, 2019, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

APPROVAL OF THOMAS BROWN BILLS

Chairman McGrogan presented invoices from Thomas A. Brown in the amount of \$1,267.50 for professional services.

Alderman Key moved to approve the invoices from Thomas A. Brown in the amount of \$1,267.50, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **VOUCHER LIST**

REVIEW OF THE GBC REPORT

Chairman McGrogan presented the current GBC Report. City Administrator Nisavic explained that the revenues and expenses are on track. We are still receiving revenue from the Cook County Treasurer and Sales tax and Income tax are in line. Alderman Bylut commented that department heads deserve appreciation for their accuracy in budgeting.

The Committee discussed the Dominick's property. Alderman McGrogan said at some point staff will need direction about how to proceed.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MOTOR FUEL TAX FOR NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPALITIES

City Administrator Nisavic brought this this up, not as a recommendation, but as information, and explained that new legislation now allows non-home rule municipalities, such as Palos Heights, the authority to impose a local Motor Fuel Tax of up to 3 cents per gallon. The tax can only be spent on road improvements and maintenance.

Alderman McGrogan suggested waiting to see how our gas stations are affected by the State gas tax increase. Alderman Bylut agreed, acknowledging that our gas stations are already competing with surrounding communities. City Administrator Nisavic suggested we watch other communities and also pointed out the tax increase would affect many non-residents who are just driving through, while benefiting our residents with the funds collected. The Committee agreed to take time to evaluate the situation further before making a decision.

City Administrator Nisavic also reminded the Committee about the proposed casino coming to the South Suburbs. Palos Heights would benefit from the revenue generated. This might be a good opportunity to roll back real estate taxes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman McGrogan moved to recess to Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Bylut to discuss labor negotiations under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. All in favor. The time was 6:46 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The Finance Committee returned to Regular Session with the same members present at 6:48 p.m.

Alderman McGovern moved to approve sending the FOP contract to the next City Council meeting for approval, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor. **AGENDA**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Bylut made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary