

JULY 17, 2018
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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>	Dolores Kramarski & Alan Fulkerson
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting of June 19, 2018.

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending June 29, 2018 and July 13, 2018.

C. Approval of request for a Special Event Permit from Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church to hold their annual church picnic on Sunday, July 22, 2018 in accordance with the City's Code. The application had been reviewed by Department Heads and recommended for approval.

D. Approval of request for a Special Event Permit from St. Mary Orthodox Church to hold their annual Mediterranean Festival on July 27, 28 & 29, 2018 in accordance with the City's Code. The application had been reviewed by Department

Heads and recommended for approval.

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

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: Reminded residents to attend the annual Classic Car Event.
- B. Clerk: No Report.
- C. Treasurer: Delivered Report for the month ending June, 2018

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,046,171.63
Revenues \$737,106.09
Expenses \$954,678.66
Other \$5,896.42
Ending cash balance \$3,822,702.64

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$16,712,969.99
Revenues \$1,531,268.25
Expenses \$1,561,416.54
Other \$343,487.50
Ending cash balance \$16,339,334.20

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

- D. City Attorney: No Report.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Kramarski thanked City departments for their fine work surrounding the Fourth of July events.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Al Maggi - 7650 Carmichael Drive - addressed his concern regarding his neighbor's water runoff.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson:*

- Alderman Fulkerson moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus property (model cars) seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Fulkerson moved to waive the rules to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Fulkerson moved to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus property seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Fulkerson moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance providing for the regulation of an application for small wireless facilities, pursuant to Public Act 100-0585 seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Fulkerson moved to waive the rules to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Fulkerson moved to adopt an ordinance providing for the regulation of an application for small wireless facilities seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: Reported that 104 applicants applied for the position of police officer and alerted residents to fraudulent IRS schemes.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: No Report.
- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: No Report.
- Alderman Clifford moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for a zoning variance to allow for 75% B1 and Special Uses to operate in a building located in the B District commonly known as 13400-13450 S Ridgeland Avenue. Docket #2018-01, Heidner Property Management Co., petitioner seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - Alderman Clifford moved to waive the rules seconded by Alderman McGrogan.
 - Alderman Clifford moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Thanked the Recreation Department for their work on the Fourth of July events.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski*:
- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve releasing the 2017 Road Program retainage to D Construction in the amount of \$5,000.00 seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call, the motion to release the retainage 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 awarding the Rt. 83 Sidewalk Project to the low bidder, Triggs Construction Inc. in the amount of \$103,568.75 per the recommendation of Morris Engineering seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call, the motion to award the bid 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 sending out a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services for the following federally funded projects: 76th Avenue and Lake Katherine Parking Lot Expansion seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Kramarski moved to authorize the Public Works Director to submit Palos Heights' supplemental agreement to be included in MWRD's Joint Submittal in Support of Petition for Delay in Action of the Chloride Time-Limited Water Quality Standard for the Defined Chicago Area Waterway System/Des Plaines River Watershed seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- Alderman McGrogan to adopt an ordinance amending the City's Code, Section 91.11, Prohibited Animals, by adding the language "including, but not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese" seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a request from the Business/Economic Advisory Committee for a Temporary Sign Permit to display approximately 200 yard signs throughout the City from August 1 through September 15 to promote

the annual Welcome Back Trinity event being held August 17, 2018 seconded by Alderman Kramarski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a request from Circle K for a variance in the Sign Code of 24 inches to 36 inches overall on the canopy above the gas pumps and 47.25 inches for the “Shell” logo on 3 sides of the canopy on property located at 12121 S. Ridgeland seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut:*

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Kim Construction in the amount of \$79,935.75 for work completed on the Manhole Rehabilitation Project seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

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 Bylut moved to approve Spectrum’s Final Plat for Utility Easements seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Airy’s Inc. in the amount of \$47,220.55 for work completed on the 127th Street Watermain Improvement Project seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

On roll call, the motion to approve payment was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to adopt a Resolution for the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between the City and Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. for the Vactor 2100i Single Engine Combination Sewer Cleaner for a term of three (3) years with an interest rate of 3.99% with annual payments of \$93,970.75 seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on the Classic Car show, encouraged residents to contribute input on the Comprehensive Plan online, reminded residents that planning is underway for the Holidays on Harlem featuring an expanded Kringle Market.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: None.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on video gaming included the following:

- The Mayor indicated that per a 1994 ordinance the matter can only proceed if authorized by referendum.
- Alderman McGrogan stated that a local business owner requested that the City address possible video gaming and possible uses for potential revenues recouped from this source.
- Alderman Key stated that other establishments offer fantasy machines that circumvent the prohibition on video gaming which puts legitimate businesses at a disadvantage and that the residents should decide the issue via referendum.
- Alderman McGovern stated that the amount of revenues generated by video

- gaming is published online.
- Alderman Bylut and Alderman Kramarski stated that the residents should decide the issue.
- Alderman Basso stated that any potential revenue generated from video gaming should be designated for a specific purpose.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

- Alderman Fulkerson moved to convene the regular meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to real estate seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Fulkerson moved to reconvene the regular meeting seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date