

AUGUST 7, 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:

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	Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting of July 17, 2018.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending August 3, 2018.
- C. Approval of requests to conduct Tag Days in Palos Heights:
 - 1. American Heritage Sertoma - September 7th and September 8th
 - 2. POW-R Sertoma - September 14th and 15th
 - 3. Knights of Columbus - September 21st and 22nd
 - 4. Kiwanis Club of Palos Heights - September 28th

D. Approval of requests from the Teal Ribbon Foundation to display teal ribbons at various locations in the City during the month of September for National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

E. Approval of a Special Event Permit from Park Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - 12550 S. Ridgeland - to hold their annual Family and Friends Day on August 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in their rear parking lot.

F. Approval of a Proclamation for National Farmers Market Week - August 5-11, 2018.

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

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: Delivered a proclamation in honor of National Farmers Market Week and announced that the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the Farmers Market on August 8th from 9:45 to 11:25.

Requested a motion to approve a Real Estate Contract for the purchase of residential property located at 6597 W. 127th Street for the purchase price of \$235,000.00.

Alderman Key moved to approve the contract seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: Announced the annual meeting of the Joint Review Boards is scheduled for August 16th with the 127th and Harlem TIF taking place at 10:00 a.m. and the Gateway TIF at 10:15 a.m. at City Hall.

- C. Treasurer: No Report.
- D. City Attorney: No Report.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Kramarski recognized Brigadier General Daniel T. Lasica who was recently promoted to that rank and whose parents reside in Palos Heights. General Lasica is a highly decorated member of the Air Force and is the Commander of the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Force Base, Italy.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Barbara Pasquinelli (12210 Cheyenne Drive) spoke in opposition to video gaming in Palos Heights and urged the City Council to reject the passage of a resolution that would present the issue the residents via referendum.

Jim Steele (51 Elm Court) notified the City of water issues in his subdivision and thanked Public Works for their prompt attention to this issue.

Erin Mercer (12931 Sycamore) addressed her experience with Jim Vanderlaan on July 24th at City Hall. Mr. Vanderlaan followed Ms. Mercer to her car and confronted her regarding her presence at the meeting. Ms. Mercer stated that Mr. Vanderlaan confronted her at her home causing her to feel unsafe and alerted the police. Ms. Mercer believes that this was done to stifle her from expressing her concerns.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report.
- B. Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman McGovern: Announced the annual Night Out taking place at the Police Department and urged residents to keep their doors locked and to remember pets and children in parked cars during the summer.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso: No Report.
- D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford:

Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an ordinance rezoning property located at 12930 S. 76th Avenue from R to R1.

The motion did not receive a second and failed.

The attorney for the owner of the property, David Sosin, addressed his client's position regarding the property and applicable zoning laws.

E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key:

Alderman Key moved to award the Palos Heights Tennis Courts Renovation Project to the low bidder, Evans and Son Blacktop in the amount of \$236,730.00 based on the review of the bids and the recommendation of Teska Associates seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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 Key reported that the final concert in the park will take place on Thursday and the final movie in the park will take place on August 16th. The Monarch Butterfly festival will take place on September 16th at Lake Katherine.

F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski: No Report.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan: No Report.

H. Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Bylut: No Report.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Announced the return of the Welcome Back Trinity Program which will involve local business participation in support of the students returning to campus will take place on August 17th.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: Reported that Channel 4 received two additional remote controlled cameras as part of the council room renovation. These cameras are installed above each monitor on the north wall and will provide complete coverage of the meeting room. The Channel 4 control room will receive new carpeting and acoustical panels to reduce noise and will enhance editing and playback of shows on the air. The TV studio received a new audio wireless system, lighting and cameras and will provide the most current technology and equipment to accommodate multiple guests on any one show. Channel 4 in 2018 has produced 121 original shows to support government transparency, community awareness and economic development.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman McGovern moved to approve and adopt a Resolution Providing for the

Submission of an Advisory Public Question to the Electors of the City of Palos Heights Regarding Whether to Permit Video Gaming within the Corporate Limits of the City of Palos Heights in accordance with the Video Gaming Act seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

A resident spoke in support of reconsideration regarding the recently adopted ordinance on chickens and other animals. The resident indicated the merits of allowing live chickens in the City and urged reconsideration. The resident was advised that the matter must be addressed at the committee level before reconsideration can take place before the City Council.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date