

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

**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	Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
City Treasurer	James Daemicke	Ward 3	Dolores Kramarski & Brent Lewandowski
City Attorney	Tom Brown	Ward 4	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019.

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending August 30, 2019.

C. Approval of a request for a Special Event Permit from the Humanitarian Relief Foundation to conduct their Rummage Sale on September 6-7, 2019 in accordance with the City's Code.

D. Approval of a Tag Day request from the Blue Cap Foundation for their Annual Tag Day fundraiser on October 4-5, 2019.

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

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

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, 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: No Report
- B. Clerk: No Report
- C. Treasurer: No Report
- D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Paul Behrman 12313 S. 74th Avenue spoke in support of a request for a special use application and thanked City personnel regarding the plans for his home which upon approval will make the home ready for his sons to live independently in the community. Mr. Behrman urged the City to revise the zoning ordinance to better recognize privately-owned homes intended as a personal residence for family members with special needs. The ordinance characterizes the request for a special use based on persons with disabilities needing support services from a third party and does not recognize that the home will remain privately owned and rented to these persons.

Pam Martin 12303 S. 74th Avenue spoke regarding the special use application in residential areas and that the ordinance intends to apply to commercial areas not residential homes. The City should consider a zoning change to apply to this situation.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan: No Report

B. Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman McGovern: Alerted residents to City signs urging drivers to use caution regarding children returning to school and the Lock it or Lose it program attempting to prevent vehicle thefts. Alderman McGovern thanked the police for their fine work over the Labor Day weekend.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso:

- Alderman Basso moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for the sale at auction of the 1996 Ford F250XL seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Basso moved to waive the rules to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Basso moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the replacement of the existing City Hall boiler with a new high efficiency hot water boiler through a purchasing cooperative with Trane U.S. Inc. for \$91,066.00 seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso moved to approve the installation, removal, and storage of 2019 holiday decorations by Temple Display for \$7,663.95 seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Basso reminded residents that chipper service will continue for the next couple weeks.

D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford:

- Alderman Clifford moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to allow for a Special Use Small Residential Care Home at 12313 S 74th Avenue seconded by Alderman McGovern.

Alderman Kramarski stated that despite any reservations she may have the ordinance allows for the approval of the request.

Alderman Key inquired if the ordinance prevents passage based on the nature of the corporate structure used. The City attorney stated that no such prohibition exists.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key: Alderman Key reported that on September 15, 2019 from 11 to 4:30 Lake Katherine will host its annual Butterfly Festival.

F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:

- Alderman Kramarski moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 76 of the City Code, Schedule IV: Stop Intersections, to correspond with changes made as a result of the approved 2017 Traffic Control Study seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (1) Lewandowski

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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

H. Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Bylut:

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve a 3% increase to the current water rates to compensate for the Alsip and City of Chicago rate increase seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

Alderman McGrogan stated that maintaining sufficient reserves is appropriate but that overall City finances are sufficient to engage in consideration regarding the need for future increases which are initiated by Chicago. Alderman McGrogan suggested future study of the issue to determine if these increases are necessary moving forward.

Alderman Basso stated that he urges alternatives to the billing structure for water billing moving forward.

Alderman Kramarski stated that certain of these funds are restricted and that future increases will only end if Chicago has stricter control of its expenditures.

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

Ayes: (6) Bylut, Clifford, Key, Kramarski, Lewandowski,
McGovern.

Nays: (2) McGrogan, Basso

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group for professional engineering service rendered through 7/19/2019 totaling \$53,193.54 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key reported that Welcome Back Trinity on August 23rd was successful and thanked local businesses who participated in the program.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern thanked the Trinity students who interned at Channel 4 over the summer months.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

9.17.19

Date