

SEPTEMBER 17, 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:

<i>Mayor</i>	Robert Straz	<i>Ward 1</i> Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i> Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i> Dolores Kramarski & Brent Lewandowski
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i> Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. The Mayor presented a Proclamation congratulating Trinity Christian College for their 60th Anniversary to Trinity President Kurt Kykstra who addressed the City Council thanking the City for their mutually productive relationship over the past 60 years.

B. The Mayor delivered a proclamation recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution – Swallow Cliff Chapter and proclaiming September 17 through September 23, 2019 as Constitution Week.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, September 3, 2019
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending September 13, 2019.
- C. Approval of a request for a Special Event Permit from Trinity Christian College to conduct their Three Point One 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in accordance with the City's Code.

- D. Approval of a request for a Special Event Permit from Caring Patriots NFP to conduct their 11th Annual Veterans' Food Drive on November 23-24, 2019 in accordance with the City's Code.
- E. Approval of a Tag Day request from the Palos Lions Club to conduct their annual Candy Days on October 11-12, 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:

- The Mayor requested a motion to direct the City Engineer to prepare a Plat of Vacation and the City attorney to draft an ordinance for the vacation and sale of a portion of the 126th Street right of way between 69th Court and 70th Avenue. The Mayor stated that the original petition requested the purchase of half the portion but after the public hearing the petitioner indicated her willingness to purchase the entire portion.
- Alderman Clifford moved to pass the drafting the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Bylut moved to waive the rules seconded by Alderman McGrogan and adopt the ordinance.

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.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer:

- Delivered the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 2019 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,417,382.59

Revenues \$1,593,709.73

Expenses \$1,297,879.46

Other \$1,755.91

Ending cash balance \$4,714,968.77

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$17,821,957.77

Revenues \$2,801,399.64

Expenses \$2,217,938.00

Other \$48,260.76

Ending cash balance \$18,453,680.17

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 2019 seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Bob Grossart (12904 Golfview Lane) addressed the City Council regarding the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan stating the Business and Economic Development Committee strongly supports its adoption.

Michael Coogan addressed the City regarding the Gateway property located at the northeast corner of Route 83 and Harlem. On behalf of the BEAC Committee he recommended that the property located at the northeast corner of Route 83 and Harlem be improved as a "Gateway" to the City of Palos Heights. He stated that the area should create a visual sense of arrival and place as you enter the City from the north and that the area has a high value not in the financial sense but in a community character sense. This gateway parcel when thoughtfully improved will foster future enhancements to the character of the City. The Committee strongly opposes any consideration of a gas station at this location because it deviates from the comprehensive plan approved by the City.

The Committee encourages the City to discuss purchasing the property in order to allow discussion on the future development of this area taking into consideration the best interests of the City.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:*

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve renewal of the 10-year Comcast Franchise Agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman McGrogan moved to adopt the Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of the Comcast Franchise Agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report*

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Basso: Complimented the landscaping at City Hall and the recently installed lamppost.*

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford:*

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt the City Comprehensive Plan seconded by Alderman Key.

Alderman McGovern moved to refer the matter to committee seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

On roll call, the motion to refer to committee was:

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

Nays: (1) Key

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an Ordinance to allow for a Special Use Small Residential-Care Home at 12313 S. 74th Avenue seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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 Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the zoning code for group homes in sections 153.260 and 153.261 seconded by Alderman McGovern. Alderman Clifford stated that current applicable law as reviewed by the City Attorney would urge adoption of the proposed amendments. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key:*

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment of Contractor’s 2nd and Final Payment to Evans & Son Blacktop in the amount of \$33,998.00 for the Tennis and Pickleball Court project at Palmer and Community Parks seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:*

- Alderman Kramarski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance updating the City Code – Chapter 151 Flood Plain Development seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve Engineer’s Payment Estimate #2 to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$143,972.15 for the MFT Road Program seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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.

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve Engineer's Payment Estimate #2 to Triggs Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,035.88 for the Route 83 Sidewalk Project seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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.

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

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the rates charged for water and sewer seconded by Alderman Key.

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

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

Nays: (2) Basso, McGrogan

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: No Report
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman Kramarski complimented the landscaping around City Hall.

- Alderman McGrogan addressed the comprehensive plan and inquired on the process of acquiring the gateway property at Route 83 and Harlem.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford requested donations for the Veterans Home in Manteno and announced the Palos Lions Club First Responder Appreciation Night on October 16th.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION


None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

10-1-19

Date