

OCTOBER 16, 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	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting of October 2, 2018.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending October 12, 2018.

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

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:

The Mayor requested a motion to approve renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Cook County for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services for F/Y 2019.

Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the agreement seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No

Announced that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. at the Palos Heights City Hall to consider the proposed tax levy increase for the City of Palos Heights for 2018. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact the City Clerk at 708-361-1800.

C. Treasurer:

Delivered the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2018.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,425,139.50

Revenues \$639,501.24

Expenses \$868,331.78

Other \$6,597.80

Ending cash balance \$4,189,711.16

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$17,037,174.53
Revenues \$1,445,249.42
Expenses \$1,696,496.60
Other \$184,719.94
Ending cash balance \$16,601,207.41

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

None

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson:

- Alderman Fulkerson moved to approve the fund balance transfer of \$480,995 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$1,425,854 from the Water and Sewer Fund to the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund to help finance 2019 capital projects. The transfer is based on the Audited Financial Statement dated 12/31/17 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the transfer 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 approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for the Use of Right-Of-Way between the City of Palos Heights and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. (a subsidiary of Verizon) seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement 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:

- Alderman McGovern moved to adopt an ordinance declaring four (4) 2015 Tahoe Police vehicles as surplus and authorizing the sale of said vehicles 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

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso: Chipper service ends 10/29 and yard waste pickup ends 11/29.

D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford: No Report.

E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key:

- Alderman Key moved to reject the bid from Abbey Paving for the Public Pool Improvements Project in the amount of \$119,408.00 based on the engineer's review and recommendation seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve Change Order #2 for an additional 333 sq. yds. of landscape restoration in the amount of \$1,190.00 for the Tennis Court Renovation Project at Palmer and Community Parks seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve joining the ReNew Active Program for members of the United Health Care Medicare Advantage Plan seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve joining the AARP Medicare Fitness Program seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Key moved to approve the purchase and installation of a park

sign at Meyers Park in an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Pumpkin decorating contest will take place Thursday 10/18 at the Rec Center. 10/25 is the Touch a Truck in the Pool Parking lot. 11/8 is the Veterans Program breakfast at the Rec Center.

F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:

- Alderman Kramarski moved to approve entering into an engineering agreement with Morris Engineering Inc. (MEI) for the Roadway Improvements Project on 76th Avenue between 131st and 135th Streets seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement 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 entering into an engineering agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering Ltd. For the Lake Katherine Parking Lot Expansion and Green Infrastructure Project seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement 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 the purchase a Pelican Street Sweeper with SPC pricing (Suburban Purchasing Coop) from Standard Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$226,270.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

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:

- Alderman Key moved to approve payment to Big Tent Events in the amount of \$8,294.90 for the rental of two tents and related equipment in connection with the Kris Kringle Market to be held at the municipal parking lot on Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1. (To be paid for with the vendor fees) seconded by Alderman Kramarski.

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.

- Reported that there will be various holiday events taking place around the City beginning with the Christmas Tree Lighting. Farmers Market continues on 11/17 at the Rec Center.

B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: No Report.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bylut addressed an issue of procedure regarding the status of tied votes (2 in favor 2 opposed) on matters which appear during a committee meeting. Alderman Bylut disagreed with the procedural rules which treat the matter in such situations as a failure and is thus not addressed at the City Council meetings. Alderman Bylut stated that 2 Alderman would have the ability to prevent such matters from full review by the City Council. Alderman Bylut suggested that the City address the issue and permit matters resulting in a tie in the future to go before the City Council for full consideration. The City Attorney suggested that in the interests of full transparency and expediency all such committee votes should go before the City Council for consideration. The Mayor suggested that all such matters proceed before the City Council with the vote count and any recommendations deriving therefrom indicated on subsequent agendas.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date