



**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS**

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**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>	Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - January 18, 2022
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending January 28, 2022.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut. On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

## VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

Ridgeland Ave Median Maintenance -135th Street to Route 83

Brothers Asphalt Paving	\$129,170.79	Bond Attached
Schroeder Asphalt	\$208,908.10	Bond Attached
Lindhal Brothers	\$166,790.00	Bond Attached
M&J Construction	\$138,943.30	Bond Attached

Alderman Clifford moved to refer the bids for consideration to the Roads and Construction Committee seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Bylut inquired regarding the scope of the work on Ridgeland with the Mayor responding that the work would remove and replace damaged median areas on Ridgeland with the work scheduled to take place during the summer. Existing medians which have been improved will remain.

## VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor urged residents to exercise caution from the pending snowstorm.
- The Mayor requested a motion to approve a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close a portion of Harlem Avenue on Monday, July 4, 2022 for the Annual 4th of July Parade between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Alderman Key moved to approve the resolution seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested approval to reappoint Shannon Harvey and John Hanley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5- year term, expiring 02-02-2027. Alderman Key moved to approve the appointments seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer:

Delivered Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$5,233,717

Revenues \$749,422

Expenses \$2,065,073

Other \$122,774

Ending cash balance \$4,040,841

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$21,493,016

Revenues \$3,597,237

Expenses \$4,641,448

Other \$655,925

Ending cash balance \$21,104,731

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

B. City Attorney: Reported that the City's purchase of the property at 12301 S. 71st Court has closed.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Clifford announced that Royalberry restaurant is undergoing renovations and is open for business.

Alderman McGrogan announced that the County is distributing K95 masks at local Walgreens. The Mayor announced that the City will also receive the masks and will set up a system for distribution.

**IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

**X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: Reported that Cook County real estate tax bills have been sent out and noted that the bill will include a breakdown of State and local tax liabilities.

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Announced a local news story regarding a potential fraud against a senior who notified police which led to the apprehension of the criminal. Reported on a recent scam involving attempts to defraud funeral assistance provided by FEMA to COVID fatalities. FEMA will not contact people directly and to be advised. Also in the news are recent scams involving gift cards associated with Valentine’s Day. Alderman Basso urged residents to read the information posted on the City website by the Police Department and to avoid plowing over fire hydrants.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*:

- Alderman Begley commended public works on their snow removal efforts.
- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment to Garland/DBS, Inc. for roof replacement at the former Southwest Central Dispatch building in the amount of \$77,434.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman Clifford inquired regarding the status of the building. The Mayor stated that the City owns the property.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve proceeding with TruGreen lawn services for the 2022 season in the amount of \$19,201.35 seconded by Alderman Bylut. Alderman McGrogan asked that area of the City this agreement will include. Alderman Begley indicated that it covers park areas including the City Hall area as well as easements.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve continuing with landscaping maintenance of the raised planters along Harlem Ave with CNC Lawn Care in the amount of \$2,775 month from April 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, totaling \$19,425.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve going out for bid for the 2022 Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services seconded by Alderman Clifford. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report*

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key: No Report*

F. Roads and Construction - Chairperson Alderman Clifford

- Reported that the City is prepared to address the anticipated snowstorm.

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

- Alderman McGovern noted that the February 8th committee meeting will address video gaming at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve final Payment to Sewertech LLC in the amount of \$29,374.59 for work on the City of Palos Heights 2021 Clean and CCTV Program seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

## **XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - Reported that Haven Indoor Golf is now open for business at 123rd and Harlem; Great American Bagel at 127th and Harlem is under new management and has been remodeled; Quality

Plus Photo has expanded into the adjacent space; Mechico Restaurant is about to open having passed various inspections.

- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Reported on a recent Regional article featuring Channel 4; Channel 4 has a new show featuring travel hosted by a local travel agent.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Basso thanked the police department and local alderman for support during a recent convalescence.

Alderman McGovern announced that the next Finance committee meeting will take place at 5:00 pm.

Alderman Clifford noted that a Misty Meadows park is under review.

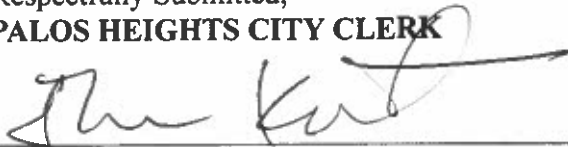
**XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS**

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:27 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**



Thomas Kantas

Date