

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON JUNE 28, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois held its regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney. Commissioner Pavlatos was absent.

Also in attendance were Marie Arrigoni, Village Clerk; Rick Boehm, Village Manager; Howard Jablecki, Assistant Village Attorney; Michael Sibrava, Public Works Director; Allen Altic, Finance Director; Joe Miller, Police Chief; Kathie May, Community Development Coordinator; and Lisa Boyle, Deputy Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON June 14, 2021:** Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 14, 2021, as presented.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**DIANA CAMPBELL APPOINTMENT TO SERGEANT:** Mayor Mahoney introduced and congratulated Diana Campbell on her appointment to sergeant. Diana Campbell was sworn in by Commissioner Polk and was presented with the Sergeant's insignia, pinned on by her husband, Tony. Sergeant Campbell said a few words and thanked her friends, colleagues of the Palos Park Police department, and the Village. She is the first female to be appointed to the rank of Sergeant in Palos Park.

**WESTERN GROWTH AREA-DESIGN GUIDELINES & PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PRESENTATION:** John Houseal of Houseal Lavigne Associates presented the presentation to the council as the Ordinances are to be considered later in the meeting. Commissioner Polk elaborated on the subject to confirm that the Guidelines are separate to the Western Growth Area and that there are no plans, proposals or submissions in the works at this point and time. Commissioner Polk also pointed out that any photos in the document are for illustrative purposes only to help visualize what the development could be. Mayor Mahoney reiterated that the approval process is completely different for the Western Growth Area than it is for the Village.

**HEARINGS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items on the consent agenda are routine or have been brought forward at the direction of the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted with one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to:

- A. approve payment of membership dues to Southwest Conference of Mayors in the amount of \$5,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

- B. approve payment of invoices on the Warrant List dated June 28, 2021, in the amount of \$86,037.43

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**WESTERN GROWTH AREA DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AMENDMENT:**

Commissioner Reed presented Ordinance 2021-17 – An Ordinance Approving a Western Growth Area Master Plan Design and Development Guidelines Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois, and Amending Part Twelve, Title Two, Chapter 1222, Section 1222.02 of the Palos Park Village Code in Relation Thereto. On May 20, 2021, the Plan Commission held a public hearing in regard to the proposed Western Growth Area Master Plan Design and Development Guidelines amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Palos Park. The Plan Commission recommended adoption of the amendment. Commissioner Reed explained that we came up with guidelines for the property out west to have some control on what the Western Growth Area will look like and developed standards related to aesthetics and design components for residential and commercial development. The PUD codifies the guidelines into the Code. A discussion was had by the Council.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve the Western Growth Area Master Plan Design and Development Guidelines Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois, and Amending Part Twelve, Title Two, Chapter 1222, Section 1222.02 of the Palos Park Village Code in Relation Thereto – Ordinance 2021-17.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**WESTERN GROWTH AREA PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT:**

Commissioner Reed presented Ordinance 2021-18 – An Ordinance Amending Part Twelve, Title Six of the Palos Park Village Code in regard to the Creation of a Western Growth Area Planned Unit Development Zoning District. He presented in conjunction with Ordinance 2021-17 that was approved.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve the Ordinance Amending Part Twelve, Title Six of the Palos Park Village Code in regard to the Creation of a Western Growth Area Planned Unit Development Zoning District - Ordinance 2021-18.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Milovich-Walters, Polk, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**INFORMATION & UPDATES:** None.

**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS/RECREATION & PARKS, NICOLE MILOVICH-WALTERS:**

**NO CHIPPER SERVICE IN JULY:**

Commissioner Milovich-Walters reported that chipping Service through Public Works will not be available in July but will begin on the east side of the Village on Monday, August 2, 2021. Please do not place branches at the street until the weekend before August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Branches should be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on June 21st. Once the chipper services your street, the chipper will not return until the next chipping date. Please see the complete list of dates and the regulations on the Village Website under the Department of Public Works – Tree Branch Pick-Up.

**HOT DOG DAY:** Commissioner Milovich-Walters announced that Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> is Hot Dog Day. We will be grilling hot dogs, chips and soda will also be available. Straw Dogs will be performing. The event is from 5:00 – 7:30pm on the Village Green.

**COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING & PUBLIC PROPERTY, G. DARRYL REED:**

**BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU:** Commissioner Reed encouraged residents looking to hire a trustworthy business to contact the Better Business bureau. The BBB helps people find and recommend businesses they can trust. Contact the BBB at (312)832-0500 or [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Commissioner Reed reported that the Building Department processed seventeen (17) permits from June 8, 2021 – June 21, 2021, resulting in \$2,785.00 in permit fees. Fifteen (15) inspections were completed during this time period. Fiscal year to date amount in permit fees is \$117,869.55.

**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, DANIEL POLK:**

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Commissioner Polk reported the Police Department received 2091 calls for service from June 14, 2021 through June 27, 2021. Palos Park Police also issued 36 adjudication tickets, 7 traffic tickets, 14 written warnings, 24 verbal warnings, completed 21 case reports, arrested 1 adult, 0 juvenile, 1 impounds, 12 senior checks, 23 citizen assists.

**COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF:** Commissioner Polk reported that Coffee with the Chief was successful.

**SCAMMING CONTRACTORS:** Commissioner Polk warned residents that reputable contractors will not knock on your door soliciting business. Some will have legitimate looking badges or neon vests to either get your out of the house or them inside. Call the police when faced with any suspicious activity. Never hesitate to call 911. That is what the Palos Park Police department is here for.

**COVID VACCINE:** Covid Vaccines are readily available at many locations. Variants need a host and unvaccinated people are the perfect host. The vaccine is effective and safe and will help with herd immunity. If you had your first vaccine, make sure you get your second vaccine. Any questions e-mail [dpolk@palospark.org](mailto:dpolk@palospark.org).

**COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES, JAMES PAVLATOS:** Commissioner Pavlatos was absent and had no report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**CONCERT IN THE PARK:** Mayor Mahoney thanked staff for a very successful Concert in the Park event held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Mahoney signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in April to support Monarch conservation and he informed residents that the Village has a limited amount of milkweed seed packets available for distribution as Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed.

**BEAUTIFICATION CHAIR:** Mayor Mahoney acknowledged the work of our Beautification Chair, Denise Cowan, and the Beautification Committee.

**ORLAND-PALOS VFW POST 2604:** Mayor Mahoney announced that the Orland-Palos VFW Post 2604 need our help. They are looking for Veterans that would like to help as Color Guards at local town events and other camaraderie. Contact Commander Ron Raimbault at 708-275-7864 for more information.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Arrigoni had no formal report this evening.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**RENEWAL OF HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, VISION INSURANCE:** Manager Boehm presented the renewal for the Village's August 1, 2021 employee health care program. Staff is recommending the medical coverage be provided through the current plan design Blue Cross Blue Shield program, remain with BCBS for life/AD&D coverage, MetLife for dental coverage, BCBS for voluntary life, and VSP for the voluntary vision program.

Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve the following for the Village's August 1, 2021, annual renewal employee health care program: Blue Cross Blue Shield for the medical, and core life/AD&D coverage; MetLife for the dental portions of the health program; BCBS for voluntary life insurance, and VSP for voluntary vision insurance.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT:** Manager Boehm presented the Second Amendment to Tower Lease Agreement between the Village of Palos Park and Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. This tower is also known as the Shadow Ridge Tower. Verizon Wireless requests the ability to change out certain equipment in the Lessee's ground mounted equipment shelter along with the removal of three of six existing antenna on the tower and the addition of nine new antenna. The amendment offers an additional \$300/month (\$3,600/annual) rent increase. The annual rent will be \$53,280. Tower rent from Verizon will increase later this year as the third extension term will occur, therefore rent could be \$61,272 if the lease amendment is approved.

Commissioner Milovich-Walters moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk to approve Ordinance 2021-22 An Ordinance Approving Second Amendment To Tower Lease Agreement Between The Village of Palos Park and Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Milovich-Walters, Polk, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM:** Manager Boehm presented an Ordinance authorizing the Village to award the residential electric aggregation program. The aggregation program allows us to control costs and where our energy comes from for our residents. NIMEC tested the market and received indicative bids for the Village. MC Squared (the Village's current aggregation supplier), again offers the Green Aggregation program for the Village while ensuring ratepayers will never pay above the ComEd rate. Manager Boehm introduced Sharon Durling from NIMEC. Ms. Durling informed the Council that the Village of Palos Park is number six ranked by the EPA in the United States in terms of percentage green power vs. total power consumed in all municipalities in the United States. The rates will be identical to the ComEd rates. The benefit is that the resource is green linked.

Commissioner Polk moved, seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to approve Ordinance 2021-21 An Ordinance Authorizing the Award of the Aggregation Program for Electrical Load.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, Reed, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

**AT&T CELLULAR SITE RETENTION OFFER:** Village Manager Boehm presented criteria for Cellular Site Retention as found in the May 24, 2021 letter from AT&T/MD7. The AT&T offer is to reduce the rent and extending the lease. The council had a discussion last meeting and the recommendation coming out of that meeting was to reject the criteria for cellular site retention as found in the May 24, 2021 letter from AT&T/MD7 – the recommendation did not change. Commissioner Reed also commented that the tower is 4G and 5G is very expensive to put in.

Commissioner Polk moved seconded by Commissioner Milovich-Walters to reject the criteria for cellular site retention as found in the May 24, 2021 letter from AT&T/MD7.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -3- Commissioners Polk, Milovich-Walters, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

ABSTAIN: -1- Commissioner Reed

**CITIZENS AND VISITORS COMMENT PERIOD:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** There being no further business, Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Polk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

On the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: -4- Commissioners Reed, Polk, Milovich-Walters, and Mayor Mahoney

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: -1- Commissioner Pavlatos

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa M. Boyle, Deputy Village Clerk