

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the April 8, 2014, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen were in attendance:

Present: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci
Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Clerk D. Greco, Interim City Administrator A. Marrero, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes Of March 25, 2014.
2. Budget Meeting Minutes Of March 19, 2014.
3. Budget Meeting Minutes Of March 26, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, Budget Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2014, and Budget Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2014 as presented was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

**Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: April 8, 2014 In The Amount Of \$158,778.77.
2. Approval Of A Request To Extend The Construction Schedule For The Hartz Construction/Oliviabrook PUD Until July 15, 2015.
3. Ordinance No. 14-16: An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, To Further Provide For The Duties Of The City Administrator.
4. Ordinance No. 14-17: An Ordinance Regarding Utility Service Connections, Amending Section 156.036 Entitled “Reserved” Of Chapter 156 Entitled “Zoning Code,” Of Title XV Entitled “Land Usage” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 14-18: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Stella’s Oakbrook Terrace, LLC. d/b/a Stella’s Place 17W454 22nd Street).
6. Accept A \$100 Sponsorship From Dana Investment Advisors For The City’s July 4th Celebration.
7. Approval Of Payout Number Eleven (11): Harbour Contractor’s Inc In The Amount Of \$10,860.86 For The New Police Department/City Hall Renovation.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for April 8, 2014 was made by Alderman Shadley and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

**Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

IX. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Shadley and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

**Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

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The Regular Meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

1. Ragucci invited everyone to attend the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at noon at Swartz School.
2. Ragucci stated brush pickup started April 7, 2014 and continues to October 27, 2014.
3. Ragucci said the City received a complaint about the Holiday Inn performing construction work after hours. Ragucci stated staff has discussed construction noise and the hours allowed for construction with the Holiday Inn's General Manager.
4. Ragucci said a residential fire occurred on Saturday and the community came out to support the family in need. Ragucci thanked the first responders, the neighbors, and the entire community for their efforts during the fire. Thomas said he could not thank the community enough for all of their support during this time.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Approving A Certain Plat Of Easement Benefitting AT&T Upon The Municipal Campus Within The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Marrero said when the Council originally approved the plat of consolidation for the municipal campus; the AT&T easement was not on the approved plat. Marrero noted the relocation of the AT&T cables were completed after the plat was approved, which is why this needs to be approved separately. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

2. Letter of Recommendation-Signage Variations 17W695-17W745 Butterfield Road/Oakbrook Business Center LLC and Stellco Properties, LLC.

Dragan stated the Council received the memorandum for the public hearing concerning signage for the Oakbrook Terrace Business Center located on Butterfield Road between Terrace Oaks Office Building and the office building west of Home Depot. Dragan noted the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the petitioner's request and voted in favor to allow three (3) freestanding monument signs and also agreed with the table of available signage for each of the buildings as presented.

Ragucci said the current owner purchased the property about six (6) months ago. Ragucci said the property already looks better and occupancy rates have increased. The property owner, Anthony Stella, stated occupancy rates increased from 60% to 70%. Ragucci stated he endorsed the signage variations.

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Mark Daniel, attorney for the property owner, addressed the Council and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission grasped the hardship conditions and practical difficulty. Daniel indicated the improved signage will serve to release this hardship.

The Council concurred to place this item on the next consent agenda.

3. Continuation Of The DCVB & Greater Oakbrook Chamber Of Commerce Budget Discussions.

Marrero stated staff needed direction from the Council as to what the DCVB and Greater Oakbrook Chamber FY 2015 budget amounts should be. Ragucci said the City pays the DCVB about \$55,000 in dues and membership and about \$158,000 for the hotel marketing campaign. Ragucci stated he has been reviewing the background of the DCVB since he became Mayor. Ragucci said the DCVB's efforts work to a point. Ragucci said the only other municipalities that contract with the DCVB for advertising is Willowbrook and the Village of Oak Brook. Ragucci said if the City cuts the DCVB budget there will be some pushback from some of the hotels. Ragucci said if the City cuts the DCVB budget it will not affect the hotel's business that much because the City's hotel will still receive DCVB services through the dues. Ragucci said the City is the second highest grossing in hotel tax revenues for all of DuPage County, only slightly behind Lombard.

Marrero said she requested the DCVB to prepare next year's budget on a project basis, because the current format is hard to read. Vlach suggested cutting the DCVB budget back by a bit and see if this impacts hotel bookings. Ragucci said the City can give the cutbacks a year and see if it impacts the hotel revenues.

Greco said since the City is number two (2) for hotel taxes which means that the City is paying more in dues than 95% of all the other communities. Greco said the DCVB will not disclose to the City what they are doing with the advertising money. Greco suggested adding stipulations to the contract because the DCVB will not tell the City what they are doing with the money. Greco added if the DCVB wants to disclose what they are doing with the money, then the City could renegotiate the contract. Greco also suggested reorganizing how the hotel advertising is done with possibly an existing staff position or hiring a new person for a fraction of what the City pays the DCVB.

Ragucci suggested decreasing the DCVB's marketing line item of \$158,000 by \$58,000 for a total of \$100,000. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the DCVB marketing line item. Marrero suggested that the DCVB agreement can be modified so the City can audit their financial records on a quarterly basis. Esposito said the budget should be performance driven and without the data,

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stipulations need to be made for the DCVB agreement. After further discussions, the Council concurred to budget the DCVB line item at \$100,000 for FY 2015 and the Chamber budget at \$35,000.

4. Water Fund Budget Amendments

Marrero indicated the FY 2014 year-end is upon us and some budget amendments are necessary in the Water Fund. Marrero referenced the budget amendment form included in the agenda packet. Marrero said the Water Fund budget needs to be increased by:

- \$33,000 for the contribution made to the developer Wendland;
- \$107,091 for the Regency Place watermain extension;
- \$105,500 for the DuPage Water Commission; and,
- \$3,000 for new water meters.

Marrero indicated the Water Fund budget needs to be increased in total by about \$249,000. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

5. An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses (Millhurst Charhouse & Banquets).

Ragucci referenced the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet and noted the DuPage Club has a new partner and they are changing the name to Millhurst Charhouse and Banquets. Ragucci indicated the owners would like to change the license from Class “H” to Class “A”. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

6. Consideration Of July 4th Sponsorships – Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (CBBEL), And Beppe’s Italian Deli & Café.

Ragucci asked the Council to consider the CBBEL sponsorship at the \$1,000 level and the Beppe’s Italian Deli & Café at \$500. The Council concurred to place these sponsorships on the next consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Esposito said a resident recently expressed concern about the creek’s debris. Sarallo suggested the City not send a water bill to the home that recently experienced a fire until they are able to return to their home. Ragucci indicated the City has done this in the past. After further discussions, the Council concurred to not send a water bill to the residence until it can be occupied again. Mike Fortuna, the resident who recently experienced a fire, thanked the Council and the community for their help during this difficult time.

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XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK GRECO

None.

XV. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

Marrero said Ramello created an incentive agreement for BP Amoco, but the City still needs information from BP. Marrero said the City is still in discussions with Harbour about this amendment to the agreement. Marrero said her and Ragucci will be meeting with them on Friday to go over the change. Marrero said she hopes to have this done for the next agenda.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene was made by Alderman Przychodni, and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

The Regular Meeting of the City Council reconvened.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XVIII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City, an pay and benefits for certain classes of employees was made by Alderman Shadley and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

The Regular City Council Meeting recessed to Executive Session.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Or Dismissal Of Specific Employees Of The City.
2. Pay & Benefits For Certain Classes of Employees.

See separate minutes.

XX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene was made by Alderman Shadley, and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

**Ayes: Przychodni, Sarallo, Shadley, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council reconvened.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Przychodni at 8:43P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett
Recording Secretary