

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the October 28, 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, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Absent: Sarallo

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 October 14, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, 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: October 28, 2014 In The Amount Of \$336,504.51.
2. Treasurer's Report September 2014.
3. Payroll Report September 2014.
4. Approval Of Payout Number One (1): Builders Concrete Services LLC In The Amount Of \$75,542.59 For Excavation Work Completed For The New Police Department/City Hall Renovation.
5. Approval Of Payout Number One (1): Builders Concrete Services LLC In The Amount Of \$94,860.00 For Concrete Work Completed For The New Police Department/City Hall Renovation.
6. Resolution No. 14-12: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Employment Agreement By And Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Amy Marrero.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for October 28, 2014 was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

**Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, 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 Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

Ragucci congratulated Amy Marrero on her new position as City Administrator.

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XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. ComEd Presentation – Smart Meters

Mr. George Gaulrapp, from ComEd, introduced Mike McMahan, Vice President of Smart Meters. McMahan indicated all the City's electrical meters would be replaced with smart meters as part of the \$2.6 billion 2011 Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act. McMahan spelled out how residents will be informed of the transition to smart meters. McMahan stated all residents will first receive a bill insert regarding the new meters and then 60 days prior to installing the new meter residents will receive a postcard. McMahan said 30 days prior to installing the new meters residents will receive a letter and then a robo-call one (1) week prior. McMahan explained in some cases the resident must be home while the installer switches out the meter if the electrical meter is indoors. McMahan noted Corex in conjunction with ComEd is handling the installation of the new meters. McMahan added the installers will carry badges and be in vehicles clearly marked Corex and ComEd.

McMahan indicated 111 smart meters have already been installed in the City and ComEd will continue to install these new meters until November 2014 and then come back in 2015. McMahan stated the three (3) phase meters required for businesses will be installed in 2015 and a deployment schedule is in development that the City could place on the website once it is completed.

Ragucci asked about the flame outbreaks associated with the new meters. McMahan responded during the pilot period for the new meters back in 2010, three (3) small fires did occur. McMahan explained the meters were sent to a forensic lab where they learned it was not the meter causing the fire, but rather the socket owned by the homeowner. McMahan clarified in some cases the sockets were old and not compatible with the new meters. McMahan said to correct this problem all the installers were trained to inspect the sockets to ensure they are safe and when the sockets needed to be replaced, electricians were called to repair them at no cost to the homeowner.

McMahan described some of the benefits of the smart meters including: no more manual reads which reduces labor costs, the meters are more accurate and estimates are no longer needed in cold months, and eventually the outage notification system will be integrated with the smart meters, meaning people will not have to call to report an outage. McMahan also noted that consumers can sign up for peak time savings on-line whereby about five (5) times a year; residents will receive an automated phone call asking them to reduce their electricity which will result in savings of about \$4 to \$12 per occurrence.

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Przychodni asked about informing the apartment complexes about the new smart meters. McMahan replied apartment residents will receive the same notifications and ComEd will be working with the building managers. Esposito asked if there will be any data interference or misreads with the new meters. McMahan responded the smart meters are very accurate.

Thomas asked how much the new meters will reduce the workforce. McMahan replied currently ComEd has 513 meter readers and once all the meters are installed only 40 meter reader positions will remain. McMahan assured Thomas these employees are well aware of this and are given the opportunity to apply for other positions within ComEd.

Vlach asked about the \$3 monthly average fee for the new meters over the next 20 year. McMahan explained ComEd estimated the infrastructure for the new meters will cost residents approximately \$3 a month over the next 20 years. However, McMahan added consumers will also incur savings of about \$3 a month with the new meter technology as well.

Greco asked if the electrical power could be shut-off remotely for non-payers. McMahan replied yes, but the current disconnection process still needs to be followed. McMahan noted it is much easier to turn-on and shut-off power with the new meters. McMahan estimated that all meters will be replaced by 2018.

Ragucci opened the discussion up to the residents in attendance at the meeting. Bruce Almeroth asked if consumers would still be required to call ComEd during a power outage. McMahan replied yes until the outage software is integrated with the smart meters technology in 2016. McMahan reported residents that do not switch to the new meter will be charged a monthly fee of \$21.53.

2. Letter Of Recommendation-17W632 Butterfield Road Lot 2 Proposed Temporary Parking Lot Along Summit Avenue.

Dragan stated the City Council previously approved an ordinance to allow construction of Specialty's on Lot 3 along Butterfield Road. Dragan said at this time the applicant is seeking approval of variations from the Zoning Code in order to allow construction of the temporary parking on Lot 2, along Summit Avenue. Dragan stated in addition to the parking area proposed on Lot 3 for Specialty's, the restaurant customers and employees will be allowed to park up to 22 vehicles on Lot 2. Dragan explained the Lot 2 parking area for Specialty's would occupy 22 spaces in addition to the required amount on Lot 3, and at some point when a building is to be built, it will be a joint parking area for a 4,000-5,000 square feet building. Dragan noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request. Ragucci polled the Council to determine if they would approve the request. Esposito, Przychodni, and Vlach favored the proposal.

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Thomas said he believes the property owner, John Wendland, is not thinking about the future of the development with this parking arrangement. However, Thomas indicated he would go along with the majority even though he did not think it was the best idea. Daniels said all three (3) property owners are satisfied and have signed the parking arrangement at this time. The Council concurred to approve this item during the reconvened meeting.

3. Status Report Payout Number Eighteen (18): Harbour Contractor's Inc.

Ragucci referenced Harbour Contractor's application for payment number 18 in the amount of \$33,285.05 for the new Police Facility and renovation of City Hall included in the agenda packet. The Council concurred to place this item on the next consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Esposito said a resident requested police surveillance at the corner of Monterey and Wainwright. Esposito indicated traffic has increased at this intersection and motorists are not stopping at the stop sign.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK GRECO

Greco wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

None.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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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 was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

The Regular City Council Meeting recessed to Executive Session.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Or Dismissal Of Specific Employees of the City.

See separate minutes.

XX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Ayes: Esposito, Przychodni, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 14-63: An Ordinance Approving A Site Plan And Granting Variations From The Requirements Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For 17W632 Butterfield Road In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion To Approve Ordinance 14-63: An Ordinance Approving A Site Plan And Granting Variations From The Requirements Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For 17W632 Butterfield Road In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito at 7:55PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett
Recording Secretary