

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the September 27, 2016, 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: Alderman Esposito, Alderman Greco, Alderman Przychodni, Alderman Swartz, Alderman Thomas, Alderman Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Police Chief Casey Calvello, Sergeant David Clark, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator M. Sarallo, 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 September 13, 2016.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito.**

**Aldermen Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach**

**Aldermen Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

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**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: September 27, 2016 In The Amount Of \$266,588.47
2. Treasurer's Report August 2016
3. Personnel & Payroll Report August 2016
4. Ordinance No. 16-37: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Settlement Agreement By And Between Williams Associates Architects, LTD., Doing Business As Williams Architects, LTD. And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 16-38: An Ordinance Decreasing The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses By One (1), Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois As Amended (Hokkaido, Inc d/b/a Yummy Grill Buffet).
6. Approval Of Payout Number Five (5): FBG Corporation, In The Amount Of \$100,000.00.
7. Approval Of Payout Number Six (6): FBG Corporation, In The Amount Of \$70,000.00.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda for September 27, 2016 as presented was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Vlach.**

**Aldermen Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach  
Aldermen 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 Greco and seconded by Alderman Esposito.**

**Aldermen Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach  
Aldermen Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**X. MAYOR RAGUCCI**

None.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Letter of Recommendation – JRC East Plaza

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated the application relates to a text amendment to allow an additional special use for tutoring services not to exceed 2,000 square feet in the B-3 general retail district and to approve a special use to allow for the proposed business, which will be providing math lessons to operate in JRC Plaza East.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted the B-3 district allows various permitted uses including retail, restaurants, dance schools, and music. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted however the Zoning Code allows all other schools private or public in the residential district if a special use permit is granted. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated based on these factors a public hearing was required. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the applicant's request.

Omar Ali, of Mathnasium, stated he was excited to bring the business to Oakbrook Terrace. Alderman Esposito said there are many questions about parking. Alderman Esposito asked if the parents will drop off the students or wait while the students are tutored. Mark Daniels, attorney for the applicant, replied parents will be dropping off students at the Center. Daniels added the employees will be parking in the back of the building.

Alderman Esposito asked if the other locations were in retail centers. Daniels replied the other tutoring centers are located in mixed-retail shopping centers. Alderman Thomas noted it is not uncommon for a learning center to be located in a shopping center.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda. Mayor Ragucci congratulated Ali on his new business venture and wished him luck.

2. An Ordinance To Increase The Number of Class "A" Liquor Licenses In The City

Mayor Ragucci stated said the additional liquor license is for En Fuego located at the Off-Track Betting (OTB) facility. Mayor Ragucci said there are great strides taking place at the OTB and this is a great asset for the City.

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Gil Rangel, En Fuego's Marketing Director, stated his company is very excited to bring this restaurant to Oakbrook Terrace. Gil indicated it is an upscale restaurant offering authentic Mexican food. Rangel reported that all staff will be Basset certified and projected that En Fuego will open October 24, 2016.

3. Discussion Of Security Options For Residential Subdivision

Mayor Ragucci stated he and Chief Calvello have discussed options to improve the subdivision's safety. Chief stated what happened to the resident vehicles is an epidemic that is occurring in other suburbs as well such as Hinsdale, Oak Brook, and Naperville. Chief said in response to the vehicle burglaries, the Police Department increased patrols with officers walking driveways. Chief said the Police Department will increase the squad markings so that they do not appear so stealth. Chief indicated another option is to install cameras. Chief stated he is currently monitoring the situation and recommended that all residents lock their car doors, and leave the porch lights on.

Sergeant David Clark noted the City of Chicago continues to make arrests but it is a revolving door because the gangs send the juveniles out to the suburbs to commit these crimes. Mayor Ragucci said the appearance of the police vehicles will be changed to black and white and light bars will be added to make them more visible. Mayor Ragucci said some of the other options include: personnel changes, camera installation, and auxiliary police.

Resident Douglas Jackson asked how the appearance of the squads is going to change the 16 houses that were attacked. Chief Calvello replied it is not going to change what happened, but now the police cars will be highly visible and serve as a deterrent for criminal activity. Resident Bob Rada inquired about the neighborhood watch program. Chief Calvello replied he hopes the City already has a 24 hour neighborhood watch and it does not have to be an official neighborhood watch program.

Resident Arnold Noble asked about the cost for the cameras. Mayor Ragucci said he and the Chief are still discussing this. Resident Steve Caslin stated if we were a little more diligent during the course of the day, then maybe some of these criminals would see the squads around. Caslin indicated that he rarely sees squads drive past his home, but that he does see Officer O'Rourke. Caslin said the priority should be residents and manpower may need to be reallocated.

Chief Calvello noted if the City opts to install cameras there will also be signs indicating that cameras are in place. Chief Calvello added he recently sat down with the entire Police Department and requested they focus on the residential community. Resident Bruce Almeroth stated at least the cameras can provide some information and give the Police Department some leads.

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Alderman Esposito stated he has lived in the community for 40 years and it is a safe community. Alderman Esposito said the police do a great job. Alderman Esposito stated he agreed with Caslin's comments and that the City needs to build a stronger relationship between the residents and the Police Department. Alderman Esposito commended Officer O'Rourke's efforts at patrolling the neighborhood. Alderman Esposito indicated that cameras in Chicago and Baltimore have lead to catching criminals and these cameras may deter future crimes. Alderman Esposito said gating the community has been shown to increase property values in other towns. Alderman Esposito expressed that cameras would be a good start.

Alderman Greco indicated he loved the neighborhood watch idea to get the community involved. Greco said auxiliary police staff could provide coverage when a DUI arrest is taking place. Alderman Greco said he liked the camera idea and would like to know the costs involved. Alderman Przychodni stated he liked the camera approach as well as the large signs indicating that cameras are installed throughout the City.

Alderman Thomas said cameras are a good idea as well as extra patrols. Alderman Thomas said we have to do something. Alderman Vlach said at the minimum cameras should be installed at the entrances and exits of the City. Alderman Swartz also favored cameras at Berkshire where there are only two (2) entrances.

Mayor Ragucci said this has been a great discussion and a lot of ideas have been presented. Mayor Ragucci asked residents to call the Police Department at any time. Arnold Noble asked about the timeframe for the safety enhancements. Mayor Ragucci said staff will research the price of the cameras and report back to the Council. Chief Calvello noted there will be a high visibility patrol before we spend money on the problem. Mayor Ragucci said the City will continue to work on all these issues.

4. Extension Of The 4% Amusement Tax Rate Until March 30, 2018.

Mayor Ragucci stated Drury Lane contacted him and asked for a delay in the enforcement of the change to the 5% Amusement tax rate until April 1, 2018. Mayor Ragucci indicated that this will give Drury Lane time to modify their tickets. Mayor Ragucci said Drury Lane has been a great pillar in the community and puts Oakbrook Terrace on the map. Mayor Ragucci added that Drury Lane brings in a lot of revenues in terms of property taxes, sales taxes, and amusement taxes. Mayor Ragucci said it would be a good gesture for the City to consider extending the 4% Amusement tax rate until March 31, 2018 with the tax rate

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reverting back to 5% on April 1, 2018. Alderman Vlach asked to see the Amusement tax rates and revenues received by nearby comparable communities.

The Council concurred to extend the 4% Amusement Tax rate until March 31, 2018 and the 5% tax rate will resume on April 1, 2018 and place this on the next consent agenda.

5. Proposed FY 2018 Budget Action Calendar

City Administrator Marrero said every year at this time the budget calendar is adopted. City Administrator Marrero asked the Council to look closely at the budget meeting dates in March and get back to hear if they could attend these sessions. The Council concurred to place this on the next agenda.

6. An Ordinance Decrease the Number of Video Gaming Licenses (Hokkaido Supremeville Inc)

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

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Vlach indicated he noticed the Treasurer's Report included higher interest rates for the City's Harris bank deposits.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO**

None.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.**

**Aldermen Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach  
Aldermen Nays: None**

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**Motion passed.**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 16-39: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (En Fuego OBT LLC – 17W648 22<sup>nd</sup> Street).

**Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 16-39: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (En Fuego OBT LLC – 17W648 22<sup>nd</sup> Street) was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz.**

**Aldermen Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach  
Aldermen Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Przychodni at 8:11P.M.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett  
Recording Secretary